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## PREFACE

THE importance of placing in book form biographical history of representative citizens—both for its immediate worth and for its value to coming generations—is admitted by all thinking people; and within the past decade there has been a growing interest in this commendable means of perpetuating biography and family genealogy.

That the public is entitled to the privileges afforded by a work of this nature needs no assertion at our hands; for one of our greatest Americans has said that the history of any country resolves itself into the biographies of its stout, earnest and representative citizens. This medium, then, serves more than a single purpose; while it perpetuates biography and family genealogy, it records history, much of which would be preserved in no other way.

In presenting the Genealogical and Biographical Annals of Northumberland County to its patrons, the publishers have to acknowledge, with gratitude, the encouragement and support their enterprise has received, and the willing assistance rendered in enabling them to surmount the many unforeseen obstacles to be met with in the production of a work of this character. In nearly every instance the material composing the sketches was gathered from those immediately interested, and then submitted in typewritten form for correction and revision. The volume, which is one of generous amplitude, is placed in the hands of the public with the belief that it will be found a valuable addition to the library, as well as an invaluable contribution to the historical literature of the State of Pennsylvania.

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## NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA

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**JOHN B. PACKER.** The Packers trace their descent from Philip Packer, a native of England, who came to America and located in New Jersey, near Princeton. He married Rebecca Jones, a native of Philadelphia.

Philip Packer (2), son of Philip and Rebecca (Jones) Packer, lived for a time in the forks of Cooper's creek, opposite Kensington, Philadelphia, later removing to the vicinity of Yellow Springs in Chester county, Pa. He married Ann Coates, a native of Ireland.

James Packer, eldest son of Philip (2) and Ann Packer, was born near Princeton, N. J., on the 4th of the 2d month, 1725, and died Jan. 10, 1805, in Howard township, Center Co., Pa., whither he had moved about 1791. On Jan. 1, 1752, at East Caln meetinghouse, in Chester county, Pa., he married Rose Mendenhall, who survived him, dying at Bald Eagle, Clinton Co., Pa., in June, 1824, at the advanced age of ninety-one.

Amos Packer, fifth in the family of James and Rose (Mendenhall) Packer, was born Jan. 30, 1759, in Chester county, Pa., and married Elizabeth Jones, daughter of Joseph and Lydia Jones.

Samuel J. Packer, seventh child of Amos and Elizabeth (Jones) Packer, was born March 23, 1799, in Howard township, Center Co., Pa. He received a good education for the day, attending a local school of the Society of Friends, under the superintendence of his father, and while still a boy commenced to learn the trade of printer, serving his apprenticeship at Bellefonte, Pa. He was subsequently engaged in journalistic work at Harrisburg, this State, and while there reported the proceedings of the Legislature. There he formed the acquaintance of Hon. Simon Cameron, and the friendship then begun between these two strong characters lasted through life. Mr. Packer came to Sunbury in 1820 and established the paper called the *Publick Inquirer*, issued at that time principally to advocate the reelection of Governor Findlay. It was continued for several years.

During his career in the publishing business Mr. Packer took up the study of law, under the tutelage of the famous Hugh Bellas, and by devoting all his spare time to gaining the necessary preparation for the legal profession obtained admission to the bar of Northumberland county in 1823, being formally entered Aug. 23d of that year. From that time until his death he devoted himself to legal practice and to the duties of the various official positions to which he was chosen, and though he died at the comparatively early age of thirty-five years, on Oct. 20, 1834, he left a permanent impression upon the legal and public history of his county and State. He lived at Sunbury. By earnest and faithful attention to the law work intrusted to him, he soon earned a leading and unassailable position among the noteworthy legal practitioners of his time and locality, and he maintained that position by the most thorough and painstaking care of every trust reposed in him. He was popular as a public speaker, particularly at political gatherings, and possessed in a large measure the faculty of winning his audience to his views—a gift which made him a potent factor in the activities of the Whig organization, with which he allied himself. On Jan. 27, 1824, Mr. Packer was commissioned prothonotary, holding that office until 1829. From April 20th to November, 1829, he was deputy attorney-general. In 1836 he was elected to the State Senate, for a term of four years, and while a member a committee was appointed chairman of a special committee on the Coal Field of Pennsylvania. The report he presented, the first made on the subject, was remarkable for completeness of detail and exhaustive treatment of all its phases, and was largely responsible for the rapid development of the mining industry of the State. In fact, his great activity throughout the period of his legislative service was directed to the encouragement of enterprises for the development of the material resources of Pennsylvania, the Danville & Potomac railroad being

the most important project of this kind in his district which received his aid and support. Its construction from Sunbury to the Shamokin coal field was the direct result of a measure introduced by him into the Senate and passed through the exercise of his influence. In 1834 Mr. Packer was the Whig candidate for Congress from the district in which Northumberland county was included. As previously stated, he died Oct. 20th of that year, having achieved much in his short but active career. He married Rachel Black, daughter of James and Catherine (Cochran) Black, and they were the parents of five children, viz.: John B., Eliza J., Jane B., Samuel J., Jr., and Mary C. (who married Rev. F. B. Riddle).

John B. Packer, son of Samuel J. Packer, was born March 21, 1824, at Sunbury, Northumberland Co., Pa., and received an excellent education, principally at Sunbury Academy, then recently established and under the charge of two classical scholars, men of thorough culture and great ability as teachers. From 1839 to 1842 he was a member of a corps of engineers employed by the State in the survey and construction of public improvements. In 1842 he commenced the study of law under the celebrated Ebenezer Greenough, and was admitted to the Northumberland county bar Aug. 6, 1844. The year following he was appointed deputy attorney general, in which capacity he served three years. Though he attained more than local fame for his ability as a lawyer he was very prominent outside of his profession as well as in legal circles. He was prominent in the organization of and as counsel for many railroad companies launched in his day. In 1851 he assisted in the organization of the Susquehanna Railroad Company, since merged into the Northern Central, and served many years as counsel and one of its directors. It was originally chartered to connect York, Cumberland and Sunbury, and was eventually made a part of the Pennsylvania system. Mr. Packer acted as counsel for the Philadelphia & Erie, the Pennsylvania, the Lackawanna & Bloomsburg and several other railway companies, and was concerned in the sale and reorganization of the railroad properties of the Shamokin Valley & Pottsville railroad; in fact, there were scarcely any cases of the kind of importance in this county—in the litigation resulting from contested land titles and in railroad and other cases—with which he was not professionally connected.

In 1855 Mr. Packer became identified with the Northumberland Bank, of which he was elected president in 1857, serving as such until 1864. That year it was merged into the First National Bank of Sunbury, and Mr. Packer was elected president, continuing to serve in that capacity the remainder of his life. He was also connected as stockholder, director and adviser with the banks of Selinsgrove and Lewisburg, Pa. He was one

of the largest land owners in the State of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Packer's public services formed an important part of his well rounded career. He was a tariff Democrat prior to the formation of the Republican party, and represented his county as such in the State Legislature in 1849-50, serving on important committees both sessions. In 1868 he was elected to Congress, representing the Fourteenth district, and was reelected four times in succession, declining a fifth nomination after receiving it. He was a member of Congress from 1869 to 1877, during which time he did important committee work, the first term as a member of the committee on Banking and Currency, the second on Railroads and Canals (of which he was chairman), the third term on Post Offices and Post Roads (of which he was chairman) and the fourth term on Foreign Affairs. In his public life as in legal practice Mr. Packer always commanded attention as a speaker, his style being lucid and logical, his arguments strong, his eloquence notable on occasion. He died July 7, 1891, honored by all who had had the privilege of his acquaintance, and mourned as a public benefactor whose place was not easy to fill.

On May 22, 1851, Mr. Packer married Mary M. Cameron, who was born July 2, 1831, daughter of William Cameron, of Lewisburg, Pa., and five children were born to their union: William Cameron, Rachel (wife of Ferdinand K. Hill), James Cameron, Mary and Nellie C. The mother survived until Dec. 6, 1905. She was the founder of the Mary M. Packer hospital of Sunbury, named in her honor, an institution that has proved a great blessing to the community, filling a long-felt want. She contributed liberally toward its establishment.

WILLIAM CAMERON PACKER, of Sunbury, is one of the younger element prominent in business circles in that borough, where as secretary and treasurer of the Sunderland Lumber Company and secretary and treasurer of the Sunbury Burial Case Company he is identified with two of the most important concerns in their respective lines, in this section of the State of Pennsylvania. Mr. Packer has already demonstrated his right to be counted in the same class of citizens as his forefathers for several generations have been. He has all the intelligence, foresight and executive qualities for which his ancestors were famous, and he is doing honor to a name which has long been considered representative of the progress of this region, which in its development owes much to the enterprise of the Packers and their business associates. Public education, public improvements, philanthropic projects and all the movements which characterize the expansion of the community's interests have always received



their encouragement and support. He is a son of the late William Cameron Packer and grandson of John B. Packer.

William Cameron Packer, son of John B. Packer, was born in Sunbury May 1, 1852, and was identified with that borough throughout his life. He received his early education in the local public schools, later attending the Wilkes-Barre Academy and the Bloomsburg State normal school, from which latter institution he was graduated in 1871. He then entered upon the study of law under his father's tuition, was admitted to the county bar Nov. 5, 1872, and settled in Sunbury for practice. Mr. Packer was a thorough student and exponent of the law, for which he had a natural predilection, and though a young man at the time of his death had long been conceded to be one of the ablest legal practitioners in this section. His practice was large and responsible. Several years after his admission to the bar he was appointed solicitor for the Pennsylvania Railway Company in Northumberland county, and he retained that association until his death. He was connected with a number of important local business enterprises, being a director of the First National Bank of Sunbury, laid out the Cameron addition to Shamokin, this county, and took an important part in the public administration of Sunbury. In 1875 he became a member of the borough council, in which he continued to serve for several years, being assistant burgess in 1876-78, second burgess in 1879-80, and chief burgess from 1881 to 1883. During this period, as a result of his efforts, the river embankment was constructed, protecting the town from damage by flood, and the borough debt was materially reduced and refunded at a lower rate of interest, thus saving the taxpayers considerable. Mr. Packer was a Republican in politics. He died June 1, 1886, at the early age of thirty-four. The following was written by one who knew him well: "Running through his life was a vein of generosity that formed one of his prominent characteristics. The poor, into whose home his bounteous hand carried comfort and assistance, are among those who will miss him most in the days to come. His friends are numbered by thousands, including all classes of society. To know him was to love him, and few there are who have had that pleasure who do not recall some kindly deed performed or some cheering word uttered in the hour of adversity. To the sick and afflicted he is endeared by ties which even death can not sever, for his goodness supplied many delicacies and attentions otherwise beyond their reach. In all relations of life he was the same—honorable, upright, manly and charitable."

In 1875 Mr. Packer married Jennie H. Houtz, who was born Dec. 9, 1852, daughter of Dr. Henry C. and Harriet (Boob) Houtz, of Alexandria, Pa. She died April 1, 1882, the mother of the follow-

ing children: Mary C., who is married to Harry C. Blue, of Northumberland, Pa.; John B., born June 14, 1879, who was educated at Bucknell University and Yale Law School and is now in the lumber business in Philadelphia (he married Oct. 8, 1910, Mary C. Yorks, of Danville, Pa.); and W. Cameron. In 1884 Mr. Packer married (second) Laura A. Houtz, sister of his first wife. She survives him, as do all his children.

William Cameron Packer was born May 20, 1881, in Sunbury, youngest child of William Cameron and Jennie H. (Houtz) Packer. He received his early education in the local schools, graduating from Media Academy in 1898 and then entering Bucknell College, where he studied two terms. He next became a clerk in the First National Bank of Sunbury, where he was employed for six years. In 1907 he was one of the organizers of the Sunderland Lumber Company, of which John L. Miller was chosen president, P. R. Sunderland, vice president, and Mr. Packer, secretary and treasurer. The offices and yards of this company are at Sunbury. It is engaged in the manufacture and wholesaling of lumber, lat., flooring, siding, etc., handling one of the largest businesses of the kind in this portion of the State, and enjoys a trade which is expanding steadily. All the members of the concern are live business men, able to make the most of the opportunities afforded in this section, and the company has every prospect of a successful future. Mr. Packer is also secretary and treasurer of the Sunbury Burial Case Company, which has succeeded to the business established by the late Ira T. Clement. His achievements thus far entitle him to rank among the leading young business men of the borough. He is a director of the First National Bank.

Socially Mr. Packer has been quite active as a member of Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., of Sunbury; of Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M.; of Mount Hermon Commandery, No. 85, K. T.; and of the Temple and Americus Clubs. He was president of the Temple Club in 1910-11. He takes an active interest in the welfare of No. 1 Fire Company, of which he is a member, his uncle being one of its most enthusiastic supporters. He attends the Presbyterian Church.

On March 19, 1905, Mr. Packer was married to Esther Lucretia Seal, of Millersburg, Pa., and they had one daughter, Mary Cameron. Mrs. Packer died Feb. 24, 1906.

REV. JOSEPH PRIESTLEY, whose residence at Northumberland has probably given to the place a vaster celebrity than any other community. In connection with his history, was born at Fiddland, near Leeds, Yorkshire, England, March 13, 1733. His early education was obtained under the tuition of Reverend Hagne and Kibb, and at the age of sixteen he had acquired

a fair knowledge of Latin, Greek and Hebrew. In September, 1752, he went to the academy of Daventry, where he spent three years, entering the ministry as assistant to the Rev. Mr. Meadows, of Needham Market, Suffolk, at the conclusion of his academic course. There he remained three years; during this period his first published work, "The Doctrine of the Atonement," was issued. The following three years, 1758-61, were spent at Nantwick, where he wrote an English grammar and "Observations on the Character and Reasoning of the Apostle Paul." From 1761 to 1767 he taught elocution, logic, Hebrew and the civil law in an academy at Warrington. During this connection he met Benjamin Franklin at London, and, as the result of this association, began a series of experiments in electricity. He also gave much attention to the subject of political economy.

In September, 1767, he removed to Leeds, having accepted an invitation to take charge of Mill-hall chapel. Here the first of his controversial treatises was written; he also published an "Essay on Government," "A Familiar Introduction to the Study of Electricity," a "Chart of History," etc. His house at Leeds adjoined a brewery, and observations of fixed air produced in the process of fermentation led to a series of experiments upon the nature of the atmosphere, ultimately resulting in that discovery with which his name will always be associated. He began these experiments with but limited knowledge of chemistry, but this apparent disadvantage undoubtedly contributed largely to his success, as he was thus thrown entirely upon his own resources and led to devise new apparatus and modes of operation. His first publication on the subject of air appeared in 1772; it was a small pamphlet on the method of impregnating water with fixed air. In the previous year he had already procured good air from saltpetre; he had ascertained the use of agitation and of vegetation, as the means employed by nature in purifying the atmosphere for the support of animal life, and that air vitiated by animal respiration was a pabulum to vegetable life; he had procured factitious air in a much greater variety of ways than had been known before, and he had been in the habit of substituting quicksilver in lieu of water in many of his experiments. Of these discoveries he gave an account in his paper before the Royal Society in 1772, which deservedly obtained the honor of the Copley medal. In this paper he announced the discovery of nitrous air; he showed the use of a burning lens in pneumatic experiments; he related the discovery and properties of marine acid air; he added much to the little theretofore known of air generated by animal putrefaction and vegetable fermentation, and determined many facts relating to the diminution and deterioration of air by the combustion of char-

coal and the calcination of metals. It was not until June or July, 1774, that he made the full discovery of dephlogisticated air (oxygen air; the term was introduced to scientific nomenclature by Priestley), which he procured from precipitate *per se*, and from red lead. He announced this discovery publicly at the table of M. Lavoisier at Paris in October, 1774, and about the same time repeated his experiments before the scientific chemists of Paris.

In a sketch of this nature it is impossible to pursue his subsequent investigations; enough has been said to show that in the brief space of two years he announced to the world more facts of real importance and wide application in pneumatic chemistry than all his predecessors had previously made known. His attention was called to the subject purely by the accident of his proximity to a brew-house at Leeds, where he had ample opportunity to observe and determine the properties of fixed air; one experiment led to another, ultimately resulting in the discoveries upon which his philosophical reputation is principally founded.

After a residence of six years at Leeds, he entered the service of the Earl of Shelburne, with whom he traveled in Europe. In 1780 he became pastor of a dissenting congregation at Birmingham, where, in 1789, he became involved in a controversy regarding the "test act"; his expressed approval of the French Revolution provoked a violent attack from Burke in Parliament, and, to such an extent had his political views aroused the hostility of the Birmingham populace, that, on the 14th of July, 1791, his residence was burned by a mob. This called forth a number of addresses, among which were several invitations to become a member of the French Convention. During the next three years he resided at London and Hackney, but, finding the hostility of his enemies unabated, he decided to leave England, and embarked for America April 7, 1794. The considerations that induced his location at Northumberland are thus stated in his "Memoirs":

"At the time of my leaving England, my son, in conjunction with Mr. Cooper and other English emigrants, had a scheme for a large settlement for the friends of liberty in general near the head of the Susquehanna in Pennsylvania. And taking it for granted that it would be carried into effect, after landing at New York I went to Philadelphia, and thence to Northumberland, a town the nearest to the proposed settlement, thinking to reside there until some progress had been made in it. The settlement was given up; but being here, and my wife and myself liking the place, I have determined to take up my residence here, though subject to many disadvantages. Philadelphia was excessively expensive, and this comparatively a cheap place; and my sons, settling in the



neighborhood, will be less exposed to temptation and more likely to form habits of sobriety and industry. They will also be settled at much less expense than in or near a large town. We hope, after some time, to be joined by a few of our friends from England, that a readier communication may be opened with Philadelphia, and that the place will improve and become more eligible in other respects."

In the spring of 1795 he began the construction of a large house, suitable to his requirements and pursuits, on the estate which he purchased to the east of the borough. It was completed in 1797, and still stands in a good state of preservation on North Way, owned by Robert Scott, Esq. He laid out a beautiful lawn, sloping to the canal, and set out many shade trees, but the effect has been altered by the construction of the railroad and canal. Here he had a large library and laboratory, and on the roof an observatory, which disappeared some time ago, and he resumed his experiments and studies. He was offered the professorship of chemistry in the University of Pennsylvania, but declined, although he delivered two courses of lectures in Philadelphia. He corresponded with Presidents Jefferson and Adams, and, although a voluminous writer on political economy, never participated actively in the civil affairs of this country, of which he never became a naturalized citizen. In religious belief he was a Unitarian, and established at Northumberland the oldest church of that denomination in central Pennsylvania; he was also active in promoting the educational interests of the community and was one of the founders of the old Northumberland Academy, the first school of advanced grade in this part of the State. He became the owner of many thousands of acres in what is now Sullivan county, which he sold to his fellow countrymen very cheap in order to induce them to locate there. The last years of his life were free from the controversy and care that entered so largely into his experience, and thus he died, in peace and quietness, on Feb. 6, 1804. His remains were interred in the little Friends' burial ground at Northumberland. The "Memoirs of Dr. Joseph Priestley, to the year 1795, written by himself; with a continuation, to the time of his decease, by his son, Joseph Priestley," were printed by John Birns at Northumberland in 1805.

The centennial anniversary of the discovery of oxygen was celebrated at Northumberland in the summer of 1874, by a meeting of about fifty of the most prominent scientists of the United States and Canada. David Taggart delivered the address of welcome, and Professor Chandler, of Columbia College, New York, presided. Appropriate memorial exercises and scientific addresses were the features of the program. Cablegrams were interchanged with the Priestley Memorial Commit-

tee of Birmingham. This convention and the demonstrations of a similar nature in England attracted wide attention.

The following is taken from a Sunbury newspaper of April 10, 1910: "The old Unitarian Church in Northumberland famed for its connection with the Priestley family will remain a memorial chapel and library in the future.

"The steps taken by the American Unitarian Association, of Boston, toward keeping green the memory of Dr. Joseph Priestley, one of the foremost scientists of his day and one of the founders of Northumberland, are now being displayed in the renovation of the old Unitarian edifice in Northumberland, where the Priestley family long worshipped.

"The church was rapidly falling into decay, and had not been used for a long time. The trustees, who held possession, secured an order of court to transfer the property to the association, whose main purpose is the preservation of such spots of historic interest.

"It is the intention to make a memorial chapel and library out of the church. A cellar is being dug, a furnace will be installed, the building will be wired for electric lighting, and other improvements will be completed."

Joseph Priestley, a son of Rev. Joseph Priestley, was born in England in 1768, and after his marriage came to this country with his father. He, too, became interested in land speculations in Sullivan county, and the vast wilds which he and his father possessed have long since been converted into beautiful homes and farm land. His first union was formed in England, April 15, 1792, with Elizabeth Ryland, and they were the parents of five children, namely: Joseph Raynor; Elizabeth Raynor, born Aug. 28, 1798, who was the wife of Joseph Parker; Lindsay, born July 21, 1801; Marian, born July 26, 1803, who married Rev. William Bower; and Sarah, born April 28, 1807, who married Robert Wainwright. After the death of his wife Mr. Priestley returned to England, where he formed a second matrimonial alliance with Lucinda Barton and, as she was opposed to coming to America to live, he spent the remainder of his life there, dying September 3, 1833.

Joseph Raynor Priestley, son of Joseph, was born in England March 23, 1793, and upon reaching maturity succeeded to his father's property. Although a man of means he was largely engaged in farming throughout his life. On April 22, 1817, he was united in marriage to Frances Dundas, and they had eight children: Jane B., born Jan. 15, 1818; Joseph; Elizabeth, born Aug. 3, 1821; Mary Jane, born Jan. 17, 1823; Lindsay, born Feb. 9, 1827; Marianne, born Sept. 22, 1831; Jane D., born May 1, 1833; and Sarah A., born May 10, 1836. Mr. Priestley died Nov. 10, 1863, and only one survived him until Dec. 18, 1878. H.

was one of the founders of the First National Bank of Northumberland and for many years served as its cashier.

Dr. Joseph Priestley was born in Point township, Northumberland Co., Pa., Sept. 22, 1819, and attended the private school taught by the Rev. David Kirkpatrick of Milton. He then read medicine with Dr. James Dougal of Milton, and was graduated from the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania in March, 1844. He took up the practice of his profession at Northumberland and rose rapidly to a place in the foremost ranks of the physicians of that section. During the forty years of his practice he had a very large patronage and was at all times held in the highest esteem. He was an extensive owner of real estate, possessing several farms. He purchased the grand old brick building known at the time as the "Burr Hotel" and remodeled it into a fine home and office, in which his daughters now live. This property is at the corner of Market and Front streets, and faces Market Square park. He practiced at Northumberland until his demise, March 10, 1883. He was a member of the national, State and county medical associations, and served as president of the county association. He was an unswerving supporter of the Republican party from the time of its organization.

On March 4, 1847, Dr. Priestley was joined in marriage with Hannah H. Taggart, who was born Sept. 10, 1825, and died Sept. 28, 1894. This union was blessed by the following children: Hannah T., who married Hasket Derby Catlin, of Gouverneur, N. Y., by whom she had two children, Joseph and Lucy H., deceased; Joseph Raynor, who died in childhood; Frances D., wife of William Forsyth, of St. Paul, Minn.; and Annie S. and Jean B., who settled at the old homestead in Northumberland.

ROBERT HARRIS AWL, M. D., was for many years a leading medical practitioner of Sunbury, and his influence in the profession was far-reaching. But his usefulness went beyond its limits, though they are wide, for he was called upon to fill several public positions, and displayed such remarkable judgment in municipal affairs that he was consulted in various important movements. He lived to be over eighty-five and was active until a short time before his death.

Dr. Awl was born Dec. 27, 1819, on his father's farm along the old Reading turnpike, in Augusta township, about a mile east of Sunbury, Northumberland county, now owned by W. L. Dewart. He came of notable stock, his paternal grandfather having been of the Scotch-Irish race whose virtues have had so strong an influence on the development of Pennsylvania; his maternal grandfather, William Maclay, one of the most important figures in public life in the State in his

day, and one of the first two representatives of Pennsylvania in the United States Senate; while his great-grandfather, John Harris (father of Mrs. William Maclay), was the founder of the city of Harrisburg.

Dr. Awl's grandfather, Jacob, who came from the North of Ireland, spelled the name Aul, and it was originally spelled Auld in Ireland. He was born in the North of Ireland Aug. 6, 1727, and settled in Paxton township, Dauphin Co., Pa., before the Revolution, before and during which struggle he took an efficient part in Colonial military affairs. He was ensign and lieutenant in Colonel Elder's battalion of rangers in the frontier wars, from 1756 to 1764, taking part in Colonel Bouquet's victory over the Indians at Bushy Run, which prepared the way for the capture of Fort Pitt by the British and Colonial forces. When the Revolution came on he was active in the organization of the associated battalions of Lancaster county, which did much efficient service in that struggle. He was a contemporary of John Harris, mentioned above, and was one of the five commissioners who laid out Harrisburg in 1785, and Mr. Harris appointed him one of the trustees of the land reserved for public uses. Upon the formation of Dauphin county he was one of the commissioners by whom its boundaries were located. Mr. Aul was a tanner by occupation. In 1759 he married Sarah Sturgeon, daughter of Jeremiah Sturgeon, and to them were born twelve children. Mr. Aul died Sept. 26, 1793, in Paxton township, Dauphin county.

Samuel Awl, fourth son and seventh child of Jacob, was born March 5, 1773, at Paxton, Dauphin county, and was married April 27, 1795, at Harrisburg, to Mary Maclay, who was born March 19, 1776, at Harris' Ferry, second daughter of Senator William Maclay. In early manhood he was engaged in mercantile pursuits at Harrisburg, and in 1800 removed from Dauphin to Northumberland county, where Mr. Awl was to take charge of the extensive landed property of his brother-in-law, which included numerous tracts, located near Sunbury and in other parts of the county. They settled on the farm along the Reading turnpike, near Sunbury, already mentioned as Dr. Awl's birthplace, and Mr. Awl was engaged in farming there for many years. But he did not devote all his attention to agriculture, for he took part in public affairs, officiating in several important positions. In 1805 he was elected county commissioner, serving until 1808; he also served as county auditor, 1834-37; as justice of the peace of old Augusta township, and in other offices. He was one of the first Masons in the county, was a prominent officer of Lodge No. 22, at Sunbury, and was one of the few who remained steadfast to the fraternity when it was the object of public obloquy during the Antimasonic move-



ment. He died on his farm Jan. 1, 1842. His wife died in Augusta township, Aug. 13, 1823. Samuel and Mary (Maclay) Awl had ten children, the first, William Maclay, born before they came to Northumberland county. The others were born upon the farm in Augusta township namely: Mary Harris, born in 1802, married William C. Gearhart, of Rush township, and their surviving children are Maclay Gearhart and Mrs. Mary Ann Lenker (the latter is the widow of John B. Lenker and mother of the Lenker brothers of Sunbury); Charles Maclay died in childhood; Eleanor Maclay married Ezra Grossman, printer and publisher of New York City (their only child, John Ira, died of wounds received at the first battle of Bull Run); Charles Samuel went out to Illinois in early life, engaged in farming, and became a prominent resident of the section in which he settled, serving as a justice of the peace and taking considerable part in public affairs; George Washington died when nineteen years old; Sarah Irwin married Hon. George C. Welker, of Sunbury; Hester Hall married William Brindle, nephew of Governor Ritner; Elizabeth Jane married Daniel Rohrbach, whom she survived (she was living in Selinsgrove in 1903 at the age of eighty-six); Robert Harris was the youngest of the family. The oldest and youngest became physicians.

Dr. William M. Awl, the first-born in the family of Samuel Awl, studied under Dr. Agnew at Harrisburg, attended one course of lectures at the University of Pennsylvania, and graduated from Jefferson Medical College. He settled in Ohio, where he gained eminent standing in his profession, especially in connection with medical and benevolent institutions, he having been prime mover in the establishment of the Ohio Lunatic Asylum and the founder of the Ohio Institute for the Blind; he served as superintendent of the asylum from the time it was opened until he retired on account of age, and for many years was president of the Association of Medical Superintendents of American Institutions for the Insane. In fact, he was a national leader in his special line, being the first person in the United States to propose the training of the mentally deficient, at a convention held in Philadelphia in 1844. He was a skillful surgeon, and in 1827, when yet a very young man, he performed an operation then rarely attempted in America, taking up and tying the carotid artery. He died in 1876, at the age of seventy-seven.

Robert Harris Awl began going to school when about ten years old, at a schoolhouse located along the turnpike about a mile from his home. A small one-story log building on the Christian Shissler farm originally built for butchering, soap and apple butter boiling, and similar purposes. It had one door and two windows, and a large open fireplace, none too large, as school was held only in

the winter sessions and the cracks in the sides made the ventilation too thorough for solid comfort. The furnishings and equipment were as primitive as the building itself. The younger pupils occupied rough board seats without backs, placed in the center of the room, the older pupils sitting with their backs to the teacher at a long desk-like arrangement along one side. A bundle of whips within easy reach of the teacher was then as much a part of the school equipment as books themselves. Books, indeed, were expensive and therefore scarce. The beginners often studied their alphabet from letters pasted on wooden paddles. The teacher set the writing copies and mended the quill pens. When the number of pupils increased this school was provided with more commodious quarters, in the stillhouse of Adam Shissler, which stood along the creek road leading to Snyderstown, on the farm recently owned by Lloyd T. Rohrbach. Dr. Awl's first teacher, Aaron Robbins, of Sunbury, was a good arithmetician and an expert penman. A regular schoolhouse was eventually erected in the neighborhood, along the turnpike (on Mr. Gideon Leisenring's land), the residents of the vicinity sharing the expense, as there were no public school funds at the time, and young Awl attended there for some time, later going to a school in Sunbury, and to LeBrun's Academy. The idea of free schooling was highly unpopular in the locality in those days, being, in fact, but little understood. When the question of free schools was first submitted to a vote of the people in the neighborhood Samuel Awl, the Doctor's father, was one of the few—eight—who voted in its favor. Dr. Awl was very active as a youth, noted for his lively disposition and physical agility. His more ambitious efforts in the latter line were summarily stopped by his father when a neighbor boy, trying to imitate him, fell off a horse he was attempting to ride bareback, in a standing position, and broke his leg. But his mind was alert, too. When quite young he became interested in phrenology, and in the modest little schoolhouse on the Leisenring place, before mentioned, where the spelling bees and debating exercises were held, even attempted a lecture on that subject. When about nineteen he chose the medical profession for his life work and entered the office of Dr. John W. Peal, of Sunbury, who had quite a large class of students at the time. Later he became a student at the Medical College of Philadelphia, at which the celebrated Dr. George McClellan, chief of Gen. George B. McClellan's staff, was then practicing, and in connection with his work there had a year's study at the Pennsylvania Hospital. He graduated in the spring of 1847, in the class with Dr. McClellan's son, and another of the General's and Dr. Leisenring's pupils, of Sedona, and soon afterward joined the Department of Dauphin county, where

he remained for about two years, during which he made a fair start. Removing then to Halifax, same county, a more promising location, he gradually acquired a practice which entitled him to the first rank in the neighborhood in his profession, his practice extending for many miles over the adjoining territory. Meantime he also became identified with the public affairs of the locality, serving in 1843 as surgeon of the 16th Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia, and receiving the nomination for the State Legislature in 1845; he was defeated by about two hundred votes. Politics always interested him and he assisted in establishing the *Halifax Herald*, a Democratic paper. After the death of his wife he sold his practice and property to Dr. Brown, from Philadelphia, and moved West, settling at Columbus, Ohio. He engaged in general practice until he had established a residence in that State, which was necessary for his admission as assistant to his brother, then superintendent and head physician, at the Ohio Lunatic Asylum. After three years at that institution as second assistant he resigned, his health having become impaired by the close application to work and the trying nature of his duties. This was at the height of the gold fever excitement, and he intended to go to California, starting via the overland route. But he was taken sick, and turned back, returning to Pennsylvania in 1849. Settling in Sunbury, near his birthplace, he resumed practice, entering upon a career of professional and civic usefulness destined to make his memory cherished in this vicinity for years to come. The extensive acquaintance of his earlier life, his old friendships, the reputation he had gained in his Dauphin county home, his experience in the West, all combined to attract patrons, whose confidence and good will were held by his faithful and skillful treatment, his manly character and kindly, sympathetic disposition. It would have been difficult for any of his friends or patients to decide which held them most, the admiration for his conscientiousness and proficiency as a physician or the genial good nature which made him so welcome everywhere. Eight young men pursued their medical studies under his instruction. He had various professional associations primarily a recognition of his eminent worth and skill. For fourteen years—between 1855 and 1888 inclusive—he acted as physician at the county prison, in the old and new jails, by appointment of different boards of commissioners. He was an expert surgeon, performing numerous operations, principally those necessitated by railroad accidents, and was highly successful in this branch of his work. For several years he was connected with the surgical department of the Packer hospital in Sunbury as general consultant, having been elected and re-elected yearly. He practiced until a few years before his death, even after he

was eighty attending to office practice, for he enjoyed good health up to within a few weeks of the close of his life, and his mental faculties remained unimpaired.

Dr. Awl was a Democrat and an influential member of the party for years, working zealously in its interests, and he was honored with election as county treasurer, which office he held in 1864 and 1865, at the time the new courthouse was built, so that he had the handling of an unusually large amount of public funds. He was one of the three commissioners to whom was given the task of dividing the borough of Sunbury into wards, in 1885. He was also well known in other connections, having been president of the Northumberland County Agricultural Society, a member of Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., of Sunbury (he was probably the oldest Mason in the State at the time of his death), and a member of St. John's M. E. Church at Sunbury for over thirty years.

As an authority and writer on local historical matters Dr. Awl had considerable reputation and made a number of valuable contributions to that class of literature. He was instrumental, with other Democrats, in the establishment, in 1861, of the *Northumberland County Democrat*. In 1859 several party leaders, including Dr. Awl, raised a fund to enlarge the plant of the *Milton Democrat* and remove it to Sunbury; and though this plan did not materialize Dr. Awl later purchased the equipment of the *Democrat* at sheriff's sale, removed it to Sunbury, and allowed its use in the publishing of the German paper, and it subsequently proved the nucleus of the equipment of the *Northumberland County Democrat* outfit. His intimate knowledge regarding penal institutions, combined with his familiarity with the history of his section of the county, makes his history of "Northumberland County Prisons" (beginning with the lock-up built for Shikellamy by Conrad Weiser and concluding with an account of the present model penitentiary), published in Meginness's *Historical Journal*, an authentic and reliable production; he made interesting contributions to other publications of Meginness on subjects of local interest, "The Old Cannon," "The First Duel in Northumberland County," "The Brady Family," etc., and assisted in preparing other material for similar use; and he prepared some "reminiscences" concerning social life in the early days for the county history published in 1891. In this connection it might be mentioned that he himself was one of the adventurous youths of Sunbury who planned a midnight expedition to Selinsgrove to recapture the old Fort Augusta cannon which the Selinsgrove boys had stolen. The raid was successful, the cannon being restored to its rightful place on the river bank at Sunbury, and was fired the next Fourth of July with proper observances.



On March 9, 1813, Dr. Awl was first married, while at Gratztown, Dauphin county, to Eliza Bower, of that county, and they had one child, which died in infancy. Mrs. Awl died July 28, 1846, and on Nov. 21, 1849, shortly after his return to Sunbury, Dr. Awl married (second) Rebecca A. Pursell of that place, daughter of Peter and Rachel (Miller) Pursell. She died Dec. 11, 1897, several years before the Doctor, who passed away at his home on Market square, Sunbury, March 13, 1905, after a week's illness. He is buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery. Three children survived him: William Maclay and Ellen Emily, both of Sunbury; and Mary P., who married Edward G. Young and lives in Renovo, Pa. (her children are John B. Packer and Robert Harris).

**COL. DAVID TAGGART**, in his day one of the foremost citizens of Northumberland and, indeed, of this section of the State, a public man of high standing and influence, came of a family which has been identified with what is now the borough of Northumberland since 1775.

Thomas Taggart, the founder of this family in America and in Northumberland county, was born May 10, 1728, in Ireland, of Scotch-Irish descent, and emigrated with his brother Robert prior to 1759, the young men settling in Philadelphia, where Robert became a merchant. About 1775 Thomas Taggart arrived at the town of Northumberland, where he became a leading merchant. Settling at Queen and Front streets, near what was later the site of Morgan's shoe store, he was a well known resident of the place until his death, which occurred April 13, 1788. He married Mary Vanderbilt, a native of Philadelphia, who died in Northumberland in 1805. Their descendants have been prominent in public life, in business matters, and in the wars of the country. Their family was a large one, viz.: Elizabeth, born June 15, 1753, married William Bonham, and died about 1780 (her son, Thomas, was for many years a tanner at Northumberland, but finally removed to Wabash county, Ill., where he died); Christiana, born May 12, 1755, married a Mr. Sample, and settled in Allegheny county, this State; Robert was born Feb. 18, 1757; John, born June 30, 1759, died July 21, 1759; Catharine, born Sept. 6, 1760, married Capt. John Painter, and died in 1840; Thomas, born Oct. 22, 1762, died Jan. 16, 1780 (he was killed by Indians); Mary, born Jan. 19, 1765, married a Mr. Patterson, a noted frontiersman of Pennsylvania, and died Feb. 8, 1791; John, born July 11, 1767, died Feb. 8, 1773; David, born Feb. 21, 1769, died May 17, 1812; William, born Oct. 3, 1771, died Jan. 24, 1773; William (2), known as "old Major" Taggart, born Aug. 6, 1773, kept store at an early day in Northumberland and in the latter part of his life re-

sided in Chillisquaque township, where he died at the age of eighty years; and James was born Jan. 1, 1781.

David Taggart, son of Thomas, born in Philadelphia Feb. 21, 1769, died May 17, 1812. He was educated in Northumberland, followed merchandising, and was a prominent Democrat in his time. He married Mary McCalla, whose father, John McCalla, was born April 22, 1739, son of Andrew and Mary McCalla, and died Sept. 19, 1810; his wife, Tamar (Rich), daughter of John Rich, was born in 1742 and died Sept. 22, 1797. Mr. and Mrs. McCalla lived for some years in Bucks county, Pa., where some of their older children were born. They had the following family: Sarah, born Dec. 1, 1762; Mary, Sept. 13, 1764 (she was born in Bucks county and died in Northumberland county); William, April 20, 1767; Elizabeth, April 7, 1769; Ruth, Sept. 12, 1771 (Mrs. Welker); Margaret, March 6, 1774 (died March 17, 1798); Tamar, Feb. 7, 1776; Martha, Feb. 28, 1778; Ann, May 7, 1780; Susanna, June 27, 1782; John, Nov. 21, 1785. To David and Mary (McCalla) Taggart were born the following named children: John is mentioned below; James, who died in Northumberland about 1855, was a merchant and was engaged for some time running packets on the canal, and was collector of tolls on the canal at Huntingdon for many years (his son, Grantham L., became a coal dealer at Savannah, Ga., and another son, John, was a physician, and died at Salt Lake City; his two daughters were Mary, who married Marks B. Priestley, and Gertrude, who married Solomon Kreegar); Sarah married Samuel C. McCormick; Mary A. married Alexander Colt.

John Taggart, son of David, born April 12, 1796, in Northumberland, was reared and educated in his native county and began his business career as a brewer in the town of Northumberland, where he lived and died. His brewery was located near the present steamboat landing. When the canal was constructed his brewery was removed to give place to it, and he quit the business. He was appointed canal commissioner by Governor Ritner, but after holding the position about one year resigned, being succeeded by Thaddeus Stevens. He was a charter member, stockholder and director of the Northumberland Bank, of which he was president for a number of years, and he was regarded as an enterprising man in all his undertakings. At the time of his death he was a Republican in politics. His death occurred at Northumberland Aug. 23, 1877, and there he and his wife are buried. They were members of the Unitarian Church. Mr. Taggart married Hannah Cohen-Huston, a native of Philadelphia, born Feb. 22, 1796, on Queen street, that city, died Nov. 28, 1870, and they had children as follows: David - mentioned below; Matthew Huston, born Feb. 18,

1824, married Rebecca McCurley, (second) Eliza McCurley and (third) Ella G. Royer (in 1888 he purchased the plant of C. A. Godcharles & Co., at Northumberland, and on Oct. 1, 1889, the establishment became the property of the firm of Taggart & Howell, manufacturers of iron and of iron and steel nails, his interest in this business covering a long period); Hannah, born Sept. 10, 1825, married Dr. Jos. Priestley and reared four children, Hannah (wife of Rev. H. D. Catlin), Fannie D. (wife of William Forsyth, Jr.), Anna and Jennie; Capt. James, born at Northumberland Feb. 4, 1827, married Sarah Cowden, daughter of John H. Cowden (he entered the army in 1861, organizing the Taggart Guards, of which he was elected captain, and he was killed at the battle of Charles City Cross Roads, June 30, 1862); John K., born Nov. 12, 1829, was secretary and clerk to his brother David in the paymaster's department in the army, and died Sept. 8, 1868, in St. Louis; Mary was born June 13, 1831; Francis A., born Feb. 26, 1833, entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Philadelphia (he had children: John, William, Joseph and Mrs. Anna Christy).

Col. David Taggart, born at Northumberland, May 28, 1822, received a good education, attending the common schools and Dickinson and Milton Academies. He read law with the famous Ebenezer Greenough, was admitted to the bar of Northumberland county Nov. 7, 1843, and was prominent in public life for many years. In 1854 he was elected a member of the State Senate, in which body he served two years, during the last year of his term being speaker. In 1852 he was chairman of the Whig State central committee, and subsequently became a Republican. For some years he was president of the Pennsylvania State Agricultural Society. At the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted in the Union service, remaining to the close of the struggle. He was in the paymaster's department, and after the war entered the United States regular army as paymaster in the quartermaster's department, with the rank of colonel. He was stationed in this capacity at different points throughout the country for several years. Possessing rare gifts as a public speaker, he was frequently called upon to deliver addresses at patriotic and other celebrations, and he was popular and influential wherever known. He was prominently mentioned for governor, but he was as willing to give his time and efforts to local affairs as to those which would bring him more fame, and he took an active part in the affairs of the borough, serving as school director and doing his duty as a public-spirited citizen. He died at Northumberland June 30, 1888, and is entombed in the Taggart mausoleum in Riverview cemetery.

On May 5, 1848, David Taggart married Anna P. Cowden, daughter of John H. Cowden and

granddaughter of John Cowden, who was born in Ireland, and coming to this country settled in Northumberland county, Pa., in which section he was one of the earliest merchants. He was postmaster from 1795 until Jan. 12, 1837. He sold his store and residence in 1836, upon his retirement from business. He married Sarah Hope-well, and both lived to old age. They were the parents of children as follows: One son died in infancy, unnamed; Elizabeth married Dr. Wallace; Deborah married William McQuhae, a Scotch artist, who painted a miniature portrait of Robert Burns, the poet, from life; Sarah married Judge Merrill, of New Berlin, Pa.; Mary married Judge Bradford; Rebecca married James Hepburn; John H. is mentioned below; Anna M. married Judge Donaldson.

John H. Cowden was born in Northumberland county, became a very successful business man, and amassed a large competence. He was a merchant, was president of the West Branch Bank at Williamsport, Pa., and for some years was owner of the beautiful Packer Island. He died at the age of sixty-four years. Mr. Cowden married Hannah Pleasants, who died at the early age of twenty-seven, the mother of four children: John, who died at the age of forty-six; Anna Pleasants, Mrs. Taggart; Sarah H., who married Capt. James Taggart; and Hannah P., wife of William Potter Withington, living in West Virginia.

After Colonel Taggart's death Mrs. Taggart bought the Martin property on Queen street, Northumberland, where she took up her residence. To Col. David and Anna P. (Cowden) Taggart were born four children: Helen T. is the widow of David H. Clark and resides in Brooklyn, N. Y.; John C. died when six years old; Hanna C. H. is unmarried and makes her home in Northumberland; James is also a resident of that place.

JAMES TAGGART, son of Col. David Taggart, was born Feb. 22, 1862, in Northumberland borough, and there received the greater part of his education in the public schools. He completed the freshman year at the University of Lewisburg (now Bucknell University), after which he began to take an active part in the management of his father's affairs, the latter's property including three large farms, gardens, fine herds of cattle, etc., and being the only son he was given a large share of the responsibility from an early age. Though but twenty-six years old when his father died, the care of the large estate fell upon his shoulders, but he proved himself equal to the task, and has conducted all the details of its management in a most able manner. He is a prominent citizen of the borough, a Republican in politics, and influential in the various circles in business and social life with which he is identified.

On March 8, 1892, Mr. Taggart married Mary E. Gulick, daughter of William G. and Ellen (Zer-



fig) Gulick, of Northumberland, but earlier of Rush township, this county, where her grandparents, Charles and Hannah (Morgan) Gulick, resided. Mr. and Mrs. Taggart have no children.

Matthew Huston, father of Mrs. Hannah Collin (Huston) Taggart, was born July 21, 1759, in Warminster township, Bucks Co., Pa., and on March 25, 1786, he married Hannah Cox, who was born April 5, 1762, in Kingessing township, Philadelphia county. They lived in Woolwich township, Gloucester Co., N. J., for some time, the first two children being born there. They had the following family: Andrew C., born March 27, 1787; Mary L., born Aug. 10, 1788 (died Feb. 26, 1790); Cynthia, born July 28, 1790 (died Aug. 31, 1791); Charles A., born Aug. 31, 1793 (died March 17, 1795); Hannah Collin, born Feb. 22, 1796 (died Nov. 28, 1870).

**GREENOUGH.** The Greenough family represented at present in Sunbury by William H. Greenough, a business man of that borough, has not been a numerous one, but its members have been distinguished in local professional and financial circles, Ebenezer Greenough and his son, William I. Greenough, having been brilliant legal practitioners, whose association with the Northumberland county bar covered more than half a century. With the legal career of Eben William Greenough, son of William I. Greenough, the name was connected with the legal profession for the better part of a century.

Ebenezer Greenough, great-grandfather of William H. Greenough, was born Dec. 11, 1783, in Massachusetts, and graduated at Harvard in 1804. Soon afterward he left Haverhill on horseback for Pennsylvania, in which State he made his first location at Wilkes-Barre, accepting the position of principal of the academy at that place immediately after his arrival. During his connection with that institution he commenced the study of law under Ebenezer Bowman. Removing to Sunbury in the latter part of the year 1806, he completed his professional preparation under Charles Hall, was admitted to the Northumberland county bar Jan. 19, 1808, and was continuously engaged in the practice of the law from that time until his death, Dec. 25, 1847. He was a man of large education and high intellectual qualities, versatile, forceful, commanding, and he soon attained a position of pre-eminence among the legal fraternity which he maintained by his superior abilities and acquirements until the close of his life. His familiarity with the land law of Pennsylvania was so thorough that he was noted for his skill in the trial of ejectment cases for the determination of titles under conflicting surveys; but though concerned in almost every important case of the kind in his home county, and in all

joining counties he by no means confined his work to that class of litigation, being as frequently engaged and equally successful in general civil and criminal cases. So noted was he for his clearness, logic and force in argument, for self-possession under the most trying circumstances, that in his later years he was often asked by attorneys of other counties in the Northern district to assist in the presentation of their cases before the Supreme court. No distractions, no unforeseen and sudden difficulties, ever disconcerted him or took his mind off the issue at stake. In cross-examination he seldom failed to produce the desired testimony from a witness; in addressing a jury he appealed to their intelligence rather than to sentiment, and he had the faculty of making his views appear so logical as to be incontrovertible. With the exception of one term in the State Legislature, to which he was elected in 1831, on the Whig ticket, he held no public position, his fame resting upon his professional achievements, which won him a conspicuous place among the notable men of his day. He was a warm friend of Samuel J. Packer, and they worked much together in matters of vital interest affecting the public welfare. During his service in the Legislature he was a leading advocate of internal improvements in Pennsylvania and active in the formation of manufacturing and corporation laws and he was the author of the Lateral Railroad law, although this was probably written after he left the Legislature; though he was not subsequently interested officially in public affairs they interested him none the less, and his influence was an appreciable factor for or against any cause. He accumulated what in his day was considered a handsome fortune. Mr. Greenough married Abigail Israel, a native of Delaware, born Dec. 12, 1791, and she survived him many years, dying in 1868. Their family consisted of one son and five daughters.

William I. Greenough, son of Ebenezer, was born May 27, 1821, at Sunbury. He attended the academy at that place, and later those of Wilkes-Barre and Danville, after which he entered Princeton College, from which he was graduated in 1839. He studied law for three years under his father before his admission to the Northumberland county bar, Aug. 2, 1842, and from that time on was a successful attorney and counselor at Sunbury. Like his father, though interested in public questions and matters affecting the general welfare, he himself avoided official responsibilities, giving his entire time to the profession for which he gained so eminently fitted. He was best known as a counselor, and therefore his father was associated in the trial of many of the most important cases of the county. His methods in trying a case, in conducting an argument, in the same as those followed by his father. His arguments were noted for the clearness of his reasoning, logic and

irrelevant matter of any kind, presented as if they were facts that needed only to be stated, not logic laid before a jury to persuade them to his cause. For a number of years he was selected as master in chancery in many of the leading cases in Northumberland county, a tribute to "his judicial qualifications no less than a compliment to his sound deliberative judgment." Originally a Whig in politics, he became a Republican upon the organization of the party and supported its principles the rest of his life. He died in 1893.

On Sept. 21, 1852, Mr. Greenough was married at Danville, Pa., to Mary C. Baldy, who was born there Sept. 16, 1827, daughter of the late Peter Baldy, of Danville, and died May 20, 1910, at her home on Chestnut street, Sunbury. Mr. and Mrs. Greenough had two sons, William and Eben William, the former of whom died in infancy. They settled in Sunbury immediately after their marriage, so that Mrs. Greenough had been a resident of the borough for almost sixty years at the time of her recent death, and during the greater part of that time had occupied the home near the First Reformed church, where she died. In her eighty-third year at the time of her demise, she had been in failing health for some time, but was not seriously ill until the last three weeks. She was buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery. A devout member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, she was one of its most devoted workers and liberal supporters, and the present prosperity of the parish is due in large measure to her generosity. She built and equipped the parish house on South Fourth street, as a memorial to her husband. But her interest in her fellow beings was not limited to what she could do through the church. Her charity and sympathies were broad, extending to all who needed or deserved them, and though quietly and unostentatiously performed her many good deeds will live in the hearts of the recipients for all time. Her kindness and consideration made her benefactions doubly gratifying to the poor and distressed. She was a welcome presence among all classes. Mrs. Greenough encouraged many material improvements in the borough by her influence and support and her name will long be remembered with gratitude by all who knew her.

EBEN WILLIAM GREENOUGH, son of William I. and Mary C. (Baldy) Greenough, was born at Sunbury July 3, 18—, and died there April 1, 1905; he is buried at Pomfret Manor cemetery. He was a graduate of Princeton University, and like his distinguished father and grandfather entered the legal profession, practicing until his recent death. He laid out the borough of Marion Heights, in Mount Carmel township. He married Elizabeth Swann Hewitt, daughter of Horatio Hewitt, a native of England, and she died in June, 1889. They had three children, Mary, William H. and Suzette Reeves. Mary

and William H. living with their grandmother, Mrs. Greenough, until her death.

WILLIAM HEWITT GREENOUGH was born in Sunbury March 30, 1884. He received his early education in private schools in Philadelphia, later attending Trinity College, at Hartford, Conn., and from his youth has been in active business in Sunbury. He has large real estate holdings, in the borough, and is associated with various business enterprises. Since April, 1905, he has been a director of the First National Bank. Since March 20, 1909, he has been president of the Sunbury and Selinsgrove Electric Street Railway Company. He is a member of Maclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M., at Sunbury, and a member of the Temple Club, of which he was the first president. Mr. Greenough has one of the finest law libraries in the county, having his father's, grandfather's and great-grandfather's libraries, a most complete and valuable collection.

JOHN MCCLEERY, late of Milton, Northumberland county, was among the useful citizens whose memory will long be gratefully cherished in the borough where his entire life was passed. Coming of a family which had for two generations preceding him maintained its position among the leading influences for progress and good in the community, he lived up to its best traditions, and has left a name typical of the race from which he sprang and a credit to the life he led.

The McCleery family is of Scotch-Irish Presbyterian stock. The early ancestors left Scotland at the time of the religious persecutions and took refuge in the North of Ireland. Michael McCleery, a native of Coleraine, Ireland, came to America when a young man with his brother John. The latter served as a captain in the Revolutionary war, and was killed at the battle of Bunker Hill. Michael McCleery went first to Virginia and finally settled on the Conestoga, in Lancaster county, Pa. His wife's name was Jeanette.

John McCleery, son of Michael and Jeanette, born Oct. 13, 1767, at the forks of the Conestoga in Earl township, Lancaster county, grew up there, attending the subscription schools in his youth. When a young man he engaged in mercantile pursuits at Harrisburg, whence early in the nineteenth century he removed to Milton, Northumberland county. He was one of the pioneer business men at that point, opening a general mercantile establishment at the southeast corner of South Front street and Broadway, and his business was typical of the times, his dealings in produce and grain reaching large proportions. Transportation facilities in those days were very primitive, there being neither canals nor railroads, and he shipped his grain and produce down the river to market in large arks built for the purpose, trading them for merchandise in the larger cities. Retiring



from merchandising, he purchased a farm south of Milton, which later formed a part of the William Cameron estate and is now owned by J. C. Packer. He erected good buildings and followed farming there the rest of his days, dying June 21, 1851.

On Sept. 23, 1802, Mr. McCleery married, at Lytle Ferry, Mary Lytle, who was born there March 16, 1774, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Morrison) Lytle; the ceremony was performed by Rev. Nathan Souden. Mrs. McCleery's paternal ancestors were English, while on the maternal side she was of Scotch-Irish descent. Mr. and Mrs. McCleery are buried in the Harmony cemetery at Milton. They had children as follows: William; Sarah, born Feb. 18, 1805, who married John L. Watson; Joseph, born Jan. 10, 1807; Jane, born Feb. 4, 1809, who married Rev. David X. Junkin; Elizabeth, born Sept. 10, 1811; and Mary, born March 16, 1814, who married Rev. Nathan Shotwell.

William McCleery, M. D., eldest son of John, was born July 31, 1803, at Halifax, Dauphin Co., Pa. He was a young child when he came with his parents to Milton, where the remainder of his life was passed. He received his early education in the famous old Milton Academy, then under the principalship of Rev. Dr. David Kirkpatrick, which excellent school was the alma mater of many Pennsylvanians who became prominent. His higher literary training was received at Washington College, Washington, Pa., and he then took up the study of medicine under Dr. James S. Douglass, of Milton. He completed the course at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, graduating in 1827, after which he was associated in practice with his old preceptor at Milton for several years. His skill and personal qualities brought him wide popularity and patronage and he continued in the active practice of medicine until 1857, in which year he turned over his professional interests to his son, Dr. James Pollock McCleery, who was a prominent physician of the borough for almost fifty years, retiring in 1905 because of poor health. Dr. McCleery lived in retirement for a time after abandoning his profession, taking a much needed rest, but his mind was too energetic to find relief in complete inactivity. While practicing he had become interested in the lumber business, and in 1844 he erected the first steam sawmill ever established on the west branch of the Susquehanna, at Milton, on what is now the site of the American Car & Foundry Company's plant. He soon turned his attention to the operation of this mill, in which he was most successfully engaged to the end of his days, dying Dec. 4, 1867. He was a man of enterprising and progressive spirit, diligent in whatever he undertook, and was efficient in business as he had been in professional pursuits. He occupied the brick residence which at

time became the home of his son John (whose widow now occupies it) and in which he spent his later days. In political sentiment he was originally a Whig, becoming a Republican on the formation of the new party.

On Oct. 2, 1828, Dr. McCleery married Margaret Pollock, daughter of William Pollock and sister of James Pollock, one time governor of Pennsylvania, and to this union were born the following children: Mary, born Sept. 9, 1830, married Joseph D. Potts, of Philadelphia; James Pollock, born Nov. 13, 1832, was for years in successful medical practice at Milton; Sarah, born Nov. 5, 1834, is deceased; John is mentioned below; William P., born April 27, 1836, was a captain in the 18th Regiment, United States Infantry, during the Civil war, and later served against the Indians on the Western plains, but he resigned his commission in 1868, was for some time in business at Troy, Pa., and died May 31, 1907, at Milton, Pa.; Julia J., born Oct. 18, 1841, was the wife of Gen. Jesse Merrill. The mother of this family died in 1842, at the age of thirty-six.

John McCleery, son of Dr. William, was born April 8, 1837, at Milton, and there received his early education, attending the Milton Academy. Later he went to Tuscarora Academy, at Juniata, and took the classical course at Princeton University, graduating in 1858. His next few years were devoted to teaching and reading law. Immediately after graduating from college he became assistant principal of the Milton Academy under Rev. W. T. Wylie, and at the same time read law with Hon. James Pollock. Soon after he was admitted to the bar the Civil war broke out, and although he had entered upon the practice of his profession under the most favorable circumstances, with every promise of immediate success, he did not hesitate about entering the Union service when the calls for troops came. The Pollock Guards were organized at Milton under the first requisition, but were not accepted, the complement of the company having been filled. A second effort was made to enter the service, and on May 15, 1864, the company left for Harrisburg, going by canal boat. They were again rejected, and returned to Milton, but having signified their willingness to enlist for three years they were assigned to the Reserve Corps, and on June 1, 1864, they went to Harrisburg, where they were mustered in as Company H, 34th Pennsylvania (5th Reserve) Infantry, with John McCleery and Harry B. Paxton as captains. Captain McCleery took an active share in all the movements of his command, which saw service in the campaigns in Maryland and West Virginia in the summer of 1864, and in the summer of 1865 was engaged in the second battle before Richmond. He was at Mechanicsville and Gaines'

Mill, June 26 and 27, 1862, and in the fierce encounter at Newmarket Cross Roads (Glendale), June 30th, where he was twice severely wounded, being shot through the thigh and receiving serious injury to his spine by a fragment of shell. That day he fell into the hands of the enemy, and was confined in Libby prison, where he remained until released on parole, in July. In August he was exchanged, and in September reported for duty, rejoining his regiment near Fredericksburg, Md. But his injuries and imprisonment had rendered him quite unfit for field service and he was ordered home for further convalescence. Finding that his disability was apparently permanent, he reluctantly resigned on Nov. 25, 1862. Later, however, as his health improved somewhat, he was mustered in as a lieutenant colonel with the 28th Emergency Regiment, at Harrisburg, giving valuable service in that capacity during the invasion of the State in 1863.

As a soldier Captain McCleery measured up to the highest standards of efficiency, bringing to his duties such intelligence and good judgment as to win at once the approving notice of his superior officers. Though firm in matters of discipline, he commended himself to the members of his command by his strict impartiality and his manifest interest in their welfare. In every engagement in which he took part he gave convincing proof of flawless courage. His pleasant relations with his fellow officers gave him an enviable reputation for gentlemanliness which he well deserved and which won him universal respect.

His military service over, Mr. McCleery returned home and took up the practice of the law, in which he was actively engaged until 1891. His energy and intelligence also found an outlet in the promoting and pushing of large enterprises, many of which have been a substantial foundation for the prosperity which Milton enjoys to-day. His influence and encouragement were sufficient to gather support for a number of the most important undertakings in the place, and thus, as early as 1864, he was one of the founders of the Milton Car Works, with which he was long identified. He was also among the founders of the Milton Rolling Mills, a director of the Milton Water Works, and for years president of the Milton Trust & Safe Deposit Company, which was organized through his efforts Feb. 17, 1887. He continued as president of that concern until physically disabled for the duties of the office, his injuries finally resulting in paralysis, so that he was compelled to withdraw from all such activities. For the last twenty years of his life he suffered continuously, but though dependent throughout this long period upon those around him for the slightest office he was patient, never murmuring at his affliction or its cause, though he drew comfort from the thought that his suf-

fering was for the good of his country. His death, which occurred Dec. 29, 1907, at Atlantic City, was doubtless a happy relief to him, but it was a loss to his family, his friends and his community which will long be regretted. Mr. McCleery was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and in political faith a Republican. Socially he united with the G. A. R. and the Union Veterans' Legion.

On June 6, 1866, Mr. McCleery married Mary Helen Marr, and to them were born two children, Edward Heber and Margaret Pollock. Edward Heber McCleery was born July 25, 1867, in Milton, and there attended public school and a select school taught by Prof. Elias Schneider. Later he went to Lawrenceville Academy, in New Jersey, entered Princeton, in the class of 1888, and then entered upon his medical studies at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated in 1890. He has since been practicing medicine at Kane, Pa., where he has met with the most gratifying success. Margaret Pollock McCleery married Hazel Baldwin, and they reside in Corning, N. Y. They have one daughter, Mary Shaw Baldwin.

Mrs. McCleery still resides in the old home at Milton. She is a daughter of David and Hettie L. (Davis) Marr, granddaughter of William Marr and great-granddaughter of Joseph Marr.

Joseph Marr was born June 15, 1750, in Northampton county, Pa., and in 1793 came up the west branch of the Susquehanna river to Turbut township, Northumberland county, where he purchased of the widow of Francis Turbut a tract of 739 acres, a portion of the estate known as "the Colonel's reward." It being a choice piece of land, he paid five pounds per acre. In 1793 he settled thereon with his family, and there he passed the remainder of his life, dying Sept. 3, 1796. He married Susanna Price, who was born April 27, 1754, and died Dec. 27, 1826. They had six children: Mary, who married Robert Martin; Hannah, who married William Hull; David; William, grandfather of Mrs. McCleery; Joseph; and Alem, a prominent attorney, who served two terms in Congress.

David Marr, father of Mrs. McCleery, was born on the old homestead. He became a prosperous farmer, owning two fine farms, but later took up railroad contracting and eventually became a woolen manufacturer at White Deer Mills, in Union county, Pa. He died at the age of forty-seven. Mr. Marr was twice married, his first union being with Hettie L. Davis, by whom he had four children: Annie Eliza, who married John A. Grier; Mary Helen, widow of John McCleery; William, who died in infancy; and Rebecca, who also died young. By his second marriage, to Harriet Matchin, Mr. Marr had five children: William, Alem, Brainard, Alfred and Jeanette.



COL. GEORGE B. CADWALLADER, now living retired in the borough of Sunbury, was long prominent in the affairs of that community, in his earlier years in various business relations, for a number of years before his retirement as superintendent of the Sunbury Water Company, and for several years in his official capacity of chief burgess. He attained the rank of colonel by brevet during the Civil war, entering the Union service as first lieutenant and rising by merit.

Colonel Cadwallader is a native of Bucks county, Pa., born Oct. 20, 1830, near Doylestown. His grandfather lived and died in that county. Dr. Peter Cadwallader, his father, was also born there, died in 1832 at Doylestown, where he was engaged in the practice of the medical profession, and is buried there, in Buckingham township. He married Hannah M. Magill, like himself a native of Bucks county, and like him, also, of Scottish ancestry. She lived to the age of eighty. Dr. Peter Cadwallader and his wife had the following children: Peter died in infancy; John, who was a miller and a well known man in this section, lived in Montour county, but died in Sunbury and is buried in the old cemetery (he never married; he was a well known member of the Masonic fraternity here, belonging to Maclay Lodge and to the Knights Templars); George B. is mentioned below; Mary died young.

George B. Cadwallader spent his boyhood at his native place and there received his early education. He subsequently attended the academy at Danville, Pa., and having decided to become a druggist went to Philadelphia to take the course at the College of Pharmacy there. Having completed his preparation he established himself in the drug business at Danville, thence in 1857 removing to Shamokin, Northumberland county, where he carried on business as a druggist until the outbreak of the Civil war. In April, 1861, he entered the Union army, and for over five years was engaged in the service of his country, his army record being a notable one. Becoming first lieutenant of Company A, 8th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, he served three months, in August, 1861, re-entering the service with the same rank in Company K, 16th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Promotions came rapidly. On Sept. 17, 1861, he became first lieutenant and quartermaster of his regiment, serving thus until July, 1863, when he was advanced to captain and assistant quartermaster, U. S. A. In March, 1865, he was brevetted major and lieutenant colonel, and subsequently, for meritorious service throughout the war, was brevetted colonel, with which rank he was mustered out of the service, at Richmond, Va., Sept. 10, 1866. He served as quartermaster of Williams's Brigade, Army of Virginia, of the 1st Brigade, 1st Division, 2d Corps, Army of Virginia, and of the 1st Bri-

gade, 1st Division, 12th Corps, Army of the Potomac; as post quartermaster at Dechant, Tenn., and Atlanta, Ga.; was in charge of transportation during Sherman's memorable march; in charge of national cemeteries at Seven Pines (Fair Oaks) and Hollywood; in charge of quartermasters' depots at Cleveland, Ohio, and Richmond, Virginia.

In 1867, soon after the close of his army service, Colonel Cadwallader came to Sunbury, where he has since made his home. He and his brother John embarked in the flour and feed business under the firm name of John Cadwallader & Co., and prospered from the start, operating three mills at different points in Northumberland county. The business developed to large and profitable proportions. In 1869 Colonel Cadwallader purchased a drug store in Sunbury from Dr. John G. Markle & Co., and continued to carry it on until 1884, at which time he became general superintendent of the Sunbury Nail, Bar and Gunde Iron Company, manufacturers of considerable importance to this region. He retained that position until 1891, resigning to take the position of superintendent with the Sunbury Water Company, with which he was connected in such capacity until his resignation, over ten years ago. Though he has relinquished his more active responsibilities he is still associated with local interests as member of the official board of the Sunbury Safe Deposit & Trust Company, of which he was one of the original directors, having been a leading spirit in its organization. He is also president of the Sunbury Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of which he was a founder and the first vice president.

The Colonel has always held public spirited ideas regarding the duties of citizens to protect the interests of the community, and in his position as an influential business man has been able to accomplish much of benefit to his fellow citizens. They have recognized his efforts by electing him to responsible public office, and his popularity has won him the support of the best class of citizens. In 1887 he was elected chief burgess, in which office he served two terms, having been re-elected in 1889. In other respects he has also been a leader. For several years he was foreman of No. 1 Fire Company. He was first commander of the G. A. R. post at Sunbury, is a prominent member of the Loyal Legion, and also holds membership in the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Lodge No. 12, F. & A. M., and Northumberland Chapter, No. 114, R. A. M. He is a Republican in political sentiment.

In 1870 Colonel Cadwallader married Mrs. Georgiana (Markle) Wolverton, who died May 9, 1885. Two daughters were born to this union: Mary C., who is unmarried and at home with her father; and Anna, who married Simon P. Wolvers-



ton, Jr., son of S. P. Wolverton, and resides at Sunbury. Mrs. Cadwallader's mother was a Robins, a member of the first family to settle at Sunbury. The site of the Colonel's beautiful home, which he erected in 1883 at the corner of Fifth and Market streets, was taken up by the Robinses, and the property is one of the most attractive residences in Sunbury. The General has been active in building up the borough, having erected several residences.

**SAMUEL JOHNSTON SHIMER**, late of Milton, Northumberland county, was a name that stood for leadership in the manufacturing activities of that borough for many years. For almost forty years the name has been identified with the most important interests of the place and its representatives have shown themselves capable not only in the executive work of the enterprises but ingenious in the technical requirements, for their most valuable products are devices of their own invention and some of their output has probably attained a wider circulation than any other industrial products of Milton, certain of their specialties being used in practically every country of the globe. Samuel J. Shimer, long senior member of the firm which still bears his name, was a citizen of Milton for thirty years, during which time he did as much as any one citizen of the borough has ever done for its business advancement, especially along modern industrial lines. The Milton Manufacturing Company has also been owned by the Shimers for over twenty years.

Samuel Johnston Shimer was born Dec. 3, 1837, in Bethlehem township, Northampton Co., Pa. His parents, Abram B. and Margaretta (Johnston) Shimer, were natives of the same county. Mr. Shimer of German descent, Mrs. Shimer of Scottish extraction. He was reared on the old farm in his native township, where he began his education in the public schools, later attending an academy at Bethlehem. Upon leaving school he engaged in farming. In October, 1871, Mr. Shimer came to Milton, whither his brother George had preceded him in 1869, and with George Applegate and C. L. Johnston they formed the firm of Applegate, Shimer & Co., which purchased a tract of eighteen hundred acres of heavily timbered land in Union county, Pa., for lumber operations. They cut the timber and manufactured it into lumber, which was hauled to Milton, the nearest shipping point. Their operations were continued until over three thousand acres of timber had been cut and marketed, when in 1880, after the Milton fire, the firm continued under the name of Shimer & Co., Messrs. Johnston and Applegate retiring.

Meantime, in 1873, the Shimer brothers had invented and patented a matcher head which proved to be one of the most valuable devices of the century. In 1872 the firm had established a sawmill

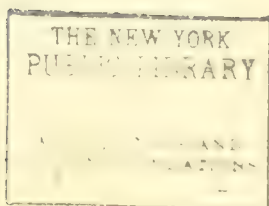
and small planing mill at Milton, at the present location, in the Third ward, and the necessities of the work there prompted the invention. The plant had been intended originally for the manufacture of lumber exclusively, but in time a small machine shop came to be run in connection, and after the destruction of the establishment in the great fire of 1880 it was rebuilt as a machine shop for the manufacture of cutter heads of their own invention, and other specialties. The establishment was a small one at the beginning, but energy and vigor were back of it, and the owners devoted their time and attention to pushing the business with such success that it soon needed to be enlarged and became one of the most completely equipped plants in this section. The main building, a two-story concrete structure, 72 x 140 feet in dimensions, is thoroughly prepared for all kinds of work in this special line, with engine lathes, planers, shapers, millers, drills, et cetera, and in another building, 36 by 315, two-story brick, are the lathes and planers upon which the heavier product is manufactured. The plant is equipped throughout for electrical transmission of power. The matcher heads made here are used in all parts of this country, as well as in Australia, England, Canada and elsewhere, having probably become more widely known than any other single manufactured product of Milton.

In 1884 a new plant was erected, in Northampton county, Pa., and that year George J. Shimer retired from the Milton business to assume control of the new establishment, S. J. Shimer becoming sole proprietor of the original plant, which he continued under his own name. Later he took his two sons, Elmer S. and George S., into partnership, the name then taking its present form, S. J. Shimer & Sons. In the fall of 1886 there was established the Milton Manufacturing Company for the purpose of manufacturing certain iron and steel specialties, but the business was unsuccessful and in the fall of 1888 the plant was purchased under lease by Samuel J. Shimer and his sons, who reorganized and continued under the same title, there being then employed about fifty men. This company has since developed until at present their employees number about eight hundred and their manufactured products are distributed throughout the world.

In 1889 Mr. Samuel J. Shimer originated and patented a device for cutting nuts and washers, and its production became the chief work of the Milton Manufacturing Company. After some years the manufacture of hot pressed and cold punched nuts was commenced. S. J. Shimer & Sons still continue the manufacture of cutter heads, cutter knives and bits, which are favorably known and used throughout the United States and Canada. It has always been the policy of this concern to des-



*Samuel J. Shimer*





sign and perfect machinery especially adapted to the manufacture of its products, and to maintain the highest possible standards in quality—a policy made possible by the inventive genius possessed by the members of the Shimer family, and by the interest they have always kept up in the perfection of mechanical devices generally. They are noted for high-grade products and for irreproachable business standards, a combination which has proved effective in winning success of the permanent kind. In the death of Mr. Samuel J. Shimer, which occurred June 18, 1901, Milton lost one of her foremost citizens.

Mr. Shimer was one of the incorporators of the Milton Trust & Safe Deposit Company, of which he served as vice-president many years. A gentleman of enterprise, public spirit and the highest integrity, he was widely known and universally respected.

On Sept. 27, 1860, Mr. Shimer married Catharine A. Stout, a native of Northampton county, Pa., and three children were born to this union: Elmer S.; Mary C., wife of William A. Heinen; and George S. Mr. Shimer and all his family united with the Presbyterian Church. He was a Republican in political matters.

Isaac Stout, Mrs. Shimer's father, was born in Northampton county, followed farming there, and died Jan. 5, 1857. He married Catharine Clemens, a native of Bucks county, but like himself a member of a Northampton county family and of German origin. They are buried at Bethlehem, Northampton county. To them were born the following children: Fredericka Amelia, widow of Charles Christian, is now (1911) in her ninety-sixth year; Mary married Samuel Reigel; Barbara died in infancy; Elizabeth married William Steckler; Anna M. married Jacob Lillie; Louisa E. died at the age of twenty-six years, unmarried; Dr. Abraham served as a surgeon during the Civil war; Lewis H. was also in the Civil war, in the commissary department; Catharine A. is the widow of Samuel J. Shimer, and continues to make her home at Milton.

ELMER S. SHIMER, eldest son of Samuel J. Shimer, was born Sept. 19, 1862. He received the greater part of his education in the public schools of Milton, and at the Milton Academy under Professor Schneider, and later attended the Eastman Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He began work in his father's employ, and remained with him continuously, in time becoming a member of the firm. When the Milton Manufacturing Company was established by his father, in 1886, he became treasurer of the new concern, and upon the incorporation of Samuel J. Shimer & Sons, in 1903, he was made president. As the executive officer of this company he holds an important place in the industrial life of the borough, where the value of his establishment and its influence on

the prosperity of the community are thoroughly appreciated. He is a director of the Milton National Bank, and is at present serving as a member of the school board. In politics he is a Republican, in religious connection a Presbyterian.

Mr. Shimer married Margaret S. Lawson, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Finney) Lawson, and they have had three children: Elizabeth, Samuel J. and Harold.

GEORGE S. SHIMER, younger son of Samuel J. Shimer, was born March 26, 1866, and received his education in Milton, graduating from the high school. Like his brother, he has always been associated with the Shimer interests at Milton, and upon the incorporation of Samuel J. Shimer & Sons, in 1903, he became vice president and treasurer. When the Milton Manufacturing Company was established, in 1886, he was made manager, and in 1901 became president, and he is also a director of the Milton National Bank. Though a man of large business interests, he has always maintained a strong interest in the general welfare of the borough, and he is at present serving as councilman. In politics he is a Republican, and like the rest of the family, a Presbyterian in religious connection.

Mr. Shimer was married to Libba S. Moore, daughter of John Moore, of Milton, and their family consists of three children: Miriam C., Florence E. and George S.

JOHN P. HELFENSTEIN, of Shamokin, who is engaged in the practice of law and the management of various important business interests, is a native of that borough, born Nov. 26, 1856, son of Charles P. and Caroline H. (Perkins) Helfenstein. In pursuing the legal profession and in the prosecution of business he is following in the footsteps of his immediate ancestors, the Helfensteins having been identified with both. His father and uncle were not only eminent lawyers but among the most enterprising leaders in the development of the Shamokin and Trevorton coal fields, the introduction of railroads, and the promotion of many undertakings which marked the beginning of modern industrial conditions not only in Shamokin and vicinity but also throughout this section of Pennsylvania.

After graduating from the Shamokin high school in 1872 John P. Helfenstein attended a private school in Shamokin, for three years, his teacher the first year being Herbert Lathe (graduate of Yale, 1873), and the second year Charles F. Joy (Yale, 1874). In 1876 he entered Yale College, from which he was graduated with the degree of B. A. in 1880, with honors, immediately thereafter matriculating at the law school of that university, from which he was graduated in 1883. He was entitled to practice law in the Superior courts of Connecticut, and returning to his home in

Pennsylvania was admitted to the bar of Northumberland county the following year, 1884. Meantime he had settled down to business at Shamokin, becoming superintendent of the Gas Company, which position he held until 1886, when he resigned it in order to give more time to his professional interests, which were growing to such an extent as to demand the greater part of his attention. However, his time at present is principally occupied with the management of his own real estate and that of his father's estate, though he retains interests in different concerns included in the field of public utilities, including the Gas Company, the Electric Light Company, the Mount Carmel Gas Company (of which he is treasurer), the Telephone Company and various banks.

Mr. Helfenstein maintains numerous social relations, being a member of Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M.; Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M.; Shamokin Commandery, No. 77, K. T.; Bloomsburg Consistory (thirty-second degree); LuLu Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Philadelphia; the Craftsmen's Club of Bloomsburg; the Cresco and Temple Clubs of Shamokin; the Livingston Club of Allentown; and Shamokin Lodge of Elks, No. 355. He holds membership in the Episcopal Church and has served in a number of the church offices. Politically he has been active in the Democratic party, having served sixteen years as committeeman of his ward. He has availed himself of many opportunities to show his broad public spirit on questions of general interest and projects affecting the welfare of the community.

In 1883 Mr. Helfenstein married Carrie Atwood Northall, daughter of John Northall, of Pottsville, Pa., and they had two children: Esther C., now the wife of Roger K. Williams, of Cynwyd, near Philadelphia, and the mother of one son, Roger; and Gretchen E., who died at the age of six years. Mrs. Carrie Atwood (Northall) Helfenstein died in 1902. On Aug. 12, 1908, Mr. Helfenstein married (second) Helen C. Holl, daughter of Thomas Holl, late of Shamokin, and to this union have been born two children: Helen Leonard, on July 28, 1909, and John Philip, on Aug. 4, 1910.

HELFEINSTEIN. There are few names which have more significance in the history of the development and opening of this region than that of Helfenstein. The achievements of Judge William Leonard Helfenstein and Charles P. Helfenstein, brothers, in the promotion of the early coal and railroad companies, the forerunners of organizations and systems of such strength and importance that the history of the State and even the nation is bound up in their successful and proper administration, may rightly be classed as a solid part of the foundation upon which the in-

dustrial prosperity and fame of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have long rested. Her coal fields have constituted one of the most valuable sources of her wealth; and their operation is so closely associated with the expansion of and progress of railroads that the two can scarcely be separated. From 1849 on through the most trying period of their evolution Judge Helfenstein was at the head of many of the most ambitious enterprises of the kind set on foot. As time has proved, he was ahead of his generation in his ideas and in the possibilities he foresaw. All his hopes were not realized in his own active career in this region. But he paved the way for those who took up his work after him, and he deserves the praise of the pioneer in any field, the man who has the courage to act upon his convictions. He and his brother withdrew from active connection with the coal interests of this section about 1872.

WILLIAM LEONARD HELFEINSTEIN was born in 1801 in Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa., son of John P. and Elizabeth Helfenstein, and grandson of Rev. Conrad Helfenstein, who came to this country from Germany as a missionary of the German Reformed Church. William L. Helfenstein was a small boy when he removed with his parents to Carlisle, Pa., and there he grew to manhood and received his education, graduating from Dickinson College in 1823. Subsequently he studied theology at Princeton, with the intention of entering the ministry, but his health failing he was obliged to abandon his studies, and thus the whole after current of his life was changed. Shortly afterward his parents moved to Dayton, Ohio, to which place he accompanied them. He there entered the law office of Judge Crane, one of the eminent jurists of the Miami Valley, was admitted to the bar and practiced his profession in Dayton for several years quite successfully. Meantime he became prominent in the local councils of the Democratic party, which nominated him for Congress against his old preceptor, Judge Crane, and, though the district had a Whig majority of over two thousand, his great personal popularity cut down the majority to within thirty votes of election. After this favorable expression of public opinion he was, in 1835, elected by the Legislature judge of the court of Common Pleas of the Dayton district, which position he filled in a satisfactory manner for the full constitutional term of seven years, until 1842. He then removed with his parents to Milwaukee, Wis., but finally settled in Chicago, Ill., where he opened a law office and continued the practice of his profession for a few years. About this time his attention was directed to the undeveloped anthracite coal fields of Pennsylvania, and, urged by some of his friends to undertake their development, he came East in 1849 and commenced the great work with which his name is intimately connected. There



is hardly any other one man who did so much in this special field. He was the principal promoter of the company that founded Trevorton the following year. He organized from time to time a number of coal companies, among them the Zerbe Run, Mahanoy Improvement, Carbon Run, Big Mountain, Green Ridge, Locust Gap, Locust Summit, and others, and displayed wonderful energy and enterprise in the development of the coal fields between Trevorton and Mount Carmel. As one of the first to appreciate their immense value he became largely interested in nearly all the best coal lands from Mount Carmel to Trevorton, and these were the basis of the several coal companies organized by him. He organized and partly built the railroad from Trevorton to the Susquehanna river, being the leading spirit in this undertaking, and laid out the town of Trevorton; he was a leading member of the company that purchased the Dapville & Pottsville railroad at sheriff's sale, changed the name to the Philadelphia & Sunbury railroad, and organized the company that rebuilt the road and, aid it with T. rails; he was the leading spirit and president of the company that rehabilitated the line from Sunbury to Shamokin, built the extension from Shamokin to Mount Carmel and the branch to Locust Gap; he was a member of the company that laid out Mount Carmel, and was proprietor of the towns of West Shamokin, Helfenstein and Gowen City. While president of the Philadelphia & Sunbury road, and eager to carry the road through successfully, he risked a large part of his personal estate in the enterprise. Being far ahead of the times in which he lived, his hopes were not realized, and his coal estate and railroad interests were consequently sacrificed. He then united with his brother, Charles P., in the Helfenstein coal lands, and during their development laid out the towns of Helfenstein, 1868, opening a colliery there, Gowen City, and West Shamokin, from which enterprises he realized a handsome fortune.

Judge Helfenstein resided in Shamokin and Trevorton up to 1860 and then removed to Pottsville. In 1872 he removed from Pottsville to New York City and purchased a residence at Mott Haven, in the neighborhood of the metropolis. He subsequently became interested in silver and iron ore mines in the republic of Mexico, and spent the remaining years of his life between New York and Mexico. He died of Mexican fever at Durango, Mexico, in March, 1884, in the eighty-third year of his age, and his remains were interred in that distant land.

Originally a Democrat, the Judge in 1861 united with the Republican party and was ever afterward an ardent Republican. He was a member and vestryman of Trinity Episcopal Church while at Pottsville, Pa., and superintendent of their mission Sunday school at Fishback, Schuyl-

kill county, during his residence in Pottsville. Judge Helfenstein never married. Wherever he made his home he left a wide circle of the warmest admirers and friends, and his death was deeply mourned by all who knew him. The early impressions made upon his mind while studying for the ministry at Princeton influenced his whole after life, and his character was deeply imbued with the most sincere religious sentiments. He was a truly charitable man, and was a spontaneous and frequent contributor toward the support of religious and charitable objects. He was a fluent and logical speaker, and was well versed in the current literature of his day. His lecture on Mexico, its mineral resources, and its people and their habits and customs, delivered in Shamokin, Pottsville and other places, was an able historical address, highly spoken of by the local press, and still favorably remembered by his many friends throughout the coal region.

CHARLES P. HELFENSTEIN was born Sept. 12, 1819, in Carlisle, Pa., and spent most of his boyhood in that town. His family moved from there to Dayton, Ohio, whence he went to Yale College, graduating from there in 1841. He subsequently read law for two years in the office of his brother-in-law, Judge Benjamin Patton (subsequently of Trevorton), in Pittsburg. In the meantime his family had removed to Milwaukee, Wis., and he went to that place and entered the land office of his brother Albert. About 1850 he came to Northumberland county to assist his brother, Judge Helfenstein, in his Trevorton operations and in the development of his coal lands. While in Trevorton he had charge of the lumber interests of the companies which his brother had organized, and made the acquaintance of Jeremiah Perkins, who was in charge of the lumber interests of another of Judge Helfenstein's coal companies. Mr. Perkins was a native of New Hampshire, was one of the pioneers of Northumberland county, and resided for a number of years in Sunbury. In 1855 Charles P. Helfenstein married Caroline H., eldest daughter of Jeremiah Perkins, and settled in Shamokin, where he built himself a home in the best of woods between the eastern and western portions of the village, as it then was. Having in the meantime purchased the interests of his brother and David McKnight, in the town of Shamokin and surrounding country, he engaged for several years in the real estate business, and was for several more years in the lumber business. He also turned his attention to the development of the Helfenstein coal lands, and, in connection with his brother Judge Helfenstein, laid out the towns of Helfenstein and West Shamokin. After disposing of most of his coal lands in 1872 he retired from active business. He resided in the home which he erected in 1855 until his death, which occurred Feb. 15, 1909, when he was in his eighty-



first year. He is buried in Shamokin cemetery. His widow still occupies the old home in Shamokin, her daughter and son-in-law, Rear Admiral Forsyth and wife, making their home with her. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Helfenstein: John P., attorney at law at Shamokin; William L., president of the First National Bank of Trevorton, also a resident of Shamokin; Elizabeth, wife of T. Pershing, of Philadelphia; and Carrie A., Mrs. Forsyth.

Mr. Helfenstein was actively interested in many of the institutions of his adopted home. He was a director of the Northumberland County Bank, vice president of the Shamokin Banking Company, a stockholder in the Shamokin Water Company, one of the incorporators and president of the Shamokin Gas Light Company, and one of the incorporators of the Shamokin Cemetery Company, as well as the first president of the institution. Although a member of the Reformed Episcopal Church, he was one of the leading spirits in the erection of the First Presbyterian Church of Shamokin and a liberal contributor to same. He was a Republican from the time of the Civil war, but never held any political office except that of chief burgess of Shamokin for two terms. He was one of the members of the committee of creditors of the Jay Cooke estate.

REAR ADMIRAL JAMES MCQUEEN FORSYTH, U. S. N., retired, has long been well known in Shamokin, where he has made his home since 1903. He was born Jan. 1, 1842, on Long Island, in the Bahamas, British West Indies, son of James and Catherine Ann (Taylor) Forsyth. His father was a planter and magistrate in the Bahamas, where he died in 1855. In September, 1853, James M. Forsyth came to the United States, spending the following few years in Philadelphia, where he was graduated from the Central high school in 1858. He went to sea as a sailor before the mast, serving as such from 1858 to 1861, when he entered the volunteer navy, with which he served during the Civil war. On Sept. 25, 1861, he was appointed acting master's mate. He took part in the capture of Forts Clark and Hatteras, Aug. 27, 1861, engagements under Farragut on the Mississippi, the engagement with the Rebel ram "Arkansas" and at Sumter, Moultrie and other fortifications in Charleston harbor. He was promoted to acting ensign, Sept. 5, 1862, and to acting master, Aug. 1, 1864. Entering a competitive examination for admission to the regular navy he passed as No. 23 of sixty-five admitted out of nine hundred competing; was made commanding master March 14, 1868; lieutenant, Dec. 18, 1868; lieutenant commander, May, 1878; commander, March, 1889; captain, March 3, 1899; and placed upon the retired list at his own request, Sept. 25, 1901, after forty years of service, with the rank of rear admiral. He commanded at various times

the U. S. S. "Tallapoosa," U. S. protected cruiser "Baltimore," U. S. armored cruiser "Brooklyn" and U. S. battleship "Indiana;" and was chief of the staff of Rear Admiral J. C. Watson, commanding the Philippine fleets, 1899-1900. Admiral Forsyth is six feet, four inches in height, and very erect, a typical officer of the naval service. He is a member of the order of the Loyal Legion, the Naval Order of the United States, the G. A. R., the Union League of Philadelphia and the United Service; and as a Mason he holds membership in Union Lodge, No. 121, F. & A. M.; Shamokin Chapter; Shamokin Commandery; Caldwell Consistory, thirty-second degree, at Bloomsburg, Pa.; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. In 1873 the degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon him by the Central high school at Philadelphia.

The Admiral's first marriage was to Mary J. M. Perkins, of Philadelphia, the ceremony taking place Aug. 1, 1871, and they had one son, James Perkins, born Aug. 20, 1878, now living at Concord, N. H.; he married Harriet Gilmore, and they have two children, Fores McQueen, born June 22, 1905, and James Huntington, born July 17, 1906. On Oct. 7, 1903, the Admiral married (second) Caroline A. Helfenstein, daughter of the late Charles P. Helfenstein, of Shamokin, Pa., and there he has since resided. He has made trips to Shamokin since 1873. From 1880 to 1885 his home was in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

CLARENCE G. VORIS, late of Milton, was for years one of the leading attorneys of Northumberland county, where he was in practice for over thirty years. His professional connections were of the highest and most honorable character, and his achievements and methods were of the kind that reflect credit on the legal fraternity, his own high standards making a permanent impression for good on such procedures generally.

Mr. Voris was born Jan. 29, 1851, in Danville, Montour county, son of Archibald Gray and Rebecca N. (Frick) Voris and grandson of James Voris. His father, born Nov. 14, 1817, in Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, died at Danville in 1894. He was a contractor and builder by occupation, and in 1840 moved to Danville, where he followed that business to the end of his days, becoming one of the prominent citizens of that place. His wife, born in the borough of Northumberland Jan. 15, 1815, died at Danville Aug. 25, 1887. Five of their children grew to maturity: Elizabeth A. (now deceased), Mary, Clarence G., Louisa and John G. The parents were members of the Presbyterian Church, which Mr. Voris served as elder.

Clarence G. Voris was reared in Danville and there received his early education, attending the public schools and the academy. He then entered

Lafayette College, from which he was graduated in 1872, after which he read law with Silas M. Clark, who later served on the Supreme court bench. He furthered his preparation for the law at the Law School of Columbia University, New York City, and was admitted to the bar in Indiana county, this State, in the spring of 1876. In 1877 he opened an office at Sunbury, this county, was admitted to the bar of Northumberland county Oct. 3, 1877, and continued to practice at his original location until Jan. 1, 1887, when he removed to Milton. At the new location he formed a partnership with Col. John McCleery, under the firm name of McCleery & Voris, and the combination proved very effective, the firm receiving a large share of the best legal work in this section. The Milton Trust & Safe Deposit Company was among their patrons, that institution retaining their services for many years. Mr. Voris continued in successful and lucrative practice until his death, which occurred at Philadelphia July 2, 1902. He is buried at Danville. In religious connection he was a Presbyterian. He was a Republican on political questions.

On March 28, 1888, Mr. Voris married Mary G. Bruner, daughter of Capt. Charles J. Bruner, late of Sunbury, a great-grandson of the noted Capt. John Brady. Two sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Voris: Clarence Archibald, who is attending Haverford College, Haverford, Pa., and Charles William B., who is still a pupil in the public school. Mrs. Voris continues to make her home in Milton. Like her husband she is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

**CAPT. CHARLES J. BRUNER** (deceased), long a distinguished citizen of Sunbury, Northumberland county, was born there Nov. 17, 1820, son of Rev. Martin and Mary (Gray) Bruner, the former a native of Philadelphia, the latter of Sunbury. The father, a clergyman of the German Reformed Church, came to Sunbury when twenty-one years old, moved thence to Hagerstown, Md., and thence to Lancaster, Pa., where he died in 1852. The mother lived to the age of seventy-five years. Captain Bruner was descended in the maternal line from the celebrated Brady family, he having been a great-grandson of the noted Capt. John Brady.

Charles J. Bruner came to Sunbury to live in 1840. He received his literary education in Lancaster, and received a thorough training for the legal profession, studying law under Judge Alexander Jordan. He was admitted to the Northumberland county bar Jan. 3, 1843, and at once opened an office of his own in Sunbury. For some years in the earlier part of his professional career he was associated with Maj. William L. Dewart, latter practicing alone. He took a prominent part

in the Civil war, responding at the first call for troops as the leader of Company F, 11th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, organized as the Sunbury Guards, his command being the first detachment of troops to leave Northumberland county for service in the Civil war, April 20, 1861. He served about six months, during which time he took part in the battle of Falling Waters and was afterward in the emergency service for a short time, when after the disastrous second battle of Bull Run the Confederate army moved toward the North. In this service he was captain of Company D, 3d Regiment, which regiment was organized Sept. 11-13, 1862, and discharged Sept. 23-25, 1862.

Captain Bruner was appointed collector of internal revenue for the Fourteenth Pennsylvania district by General Grant, and served successively under Hayes and Arthur, holding the office fourteen years in all. He died March 15, 1885. Of his legal standing and reputation, we have excellent evidence in the resolutions adopted at the meeting of the bar held at Sunbury Monday March 30, 1885, for that purpose, which we quote:

The bar of Northumberland county, having convened to take recognition of the death, and to pay some seemly tribute to the character and memory of the late Charles J. Bruner, Esquire, whose relations as a member thereof have always been so honorable, but whose untimely decease it has been so suddenly and unexpectedly called to deplore, doth resolve,

*First*, That his spotless career as a lawyer while in active membership of this bar, his exemplary courage when in camp and field, while he served his country as a soldier in the early and trying days of the late Civil war, his enviable record for efficiency and integrity as an officer in the civil service of the Federal government during the fourteen years or more he held the important trust of collector of internal revenue for the Fourteenth district of Pennsylvania, and his fair promise of honorable achievement on his recent return to and renewal of active employment in his profession of the law, have made his name and character well worthy to be held in active memory, and render his fame well worthy of perpetuation among the historical records of our bar and his virtues and achievements in public and professional life well worthy of righteous emulation.

*Second*, That his learning, the high order of his natural abilities, his discriminating judgment and quickness of perception, and the noble virtues of his public and private life, have largely contributed to place him in high rank among the just and honorable of his profession.

*Third*, That by his genial manners, his amiable temper, his affable disposition, his generous impulses, as well by his unwavering fidelity in pure and disinterested friendship as by his kindly and beneficent influences in social and professional intercourse, he has won his way to the strongest feelings and best impulses of our hearts.

*Fourth*, That a committee of four members of the bar be appointed to convey to his family the assurance of our heartfelt sympathy with them in this sudden and great bereavement, and to commend them in the great depth of their sorrow to the strong staff tendered by him "who tempers the wind to the shorn lamb," and fails not to remember the widow or the orphan,



but notes in tenderness of mercy even the fall of the sparrow.

Signed, W. A. SOBER,  
G. W. ZEIGLER,  
SAMUEL HECKERT,  
P. L. HACKENBERG,  
*Committee.*

Though Captain Bruner began life in humble circumstances, and accumulated whatever property he had through his own efforts, he left a fair competency, and, more than that, he had always been liberal in giving to those less fortunate than himself. His success never developed in him a greed for wealth or selfishness of any kind, his prosperity being to him a welcome opportunity to gratify the impulses of a naturally kind and generous disposition. He belonged to the Reformed Church and was a prominent member of the I. O. O. F. The G. A. R. post at Sunbury was named in honor of his brother William.

Captain Bruner was married June 3, 1852, in Sunbury, to Louisa Weiser, a direct descendant of Conrad Weiser, the noted Indian interpreter so prominent during the early settlement of the region around Shamokin, at what is now Sunbury. Six children were born to this union: Mary Gray, now the widow of Clarence G. Voris, of Milton; Elizabeth, who died when less than a year old; Louisa, who died when four and a half years old; Charles, who died when one and a half years old; William W., who died Dec. 7, 1901, in Sunbury, Pa.; and Franklin, who died when eight years old.

AMOS ELMAKER KAPP was one of the leading citizens of the borough of Northumberland for over fifty years. In his day he was undoubtedly one of the best known men in central Pennsylvania, particularly in the period preceding the advent of the railroad, when his connection with stage lines and canal packets, as a member of the firm of Kapp & Calder, gave him an unusually wide acquaintance. He was one of the most enterprising residents of the borough, being the organizer of the First National Bank, a director of the Northern Central Railroad Company, a member of the lumber firm of Kapp & Co., and in many ways identified with important interests of various kinds.

Mr. Kapp was born Aug. 27, 1809, in Harrisburg, Pa., son of Michael Kapp, one of the pioneers in the mercantile business at Harrisburg. Michael Kapp was born Aug. 1, 1770, in Schaefferstown, Lancaster Co., Pa., and died at Harrisburg July 1, 1830. He owned valuable property in Harrisburg, upon what is now the Square, and there did business until his death. He brought his goods from Philadelphia by team. Mr. Kapp married Mary Elmaker, who was born May 13, 1776, daughter of Leonard and Elizabeth (Baker) Elmaker, and died at Harrisburg Oct. 28, 1844. Two children were born to this union, Catharine and Amos E. The daughter, born Feb. 8, 1799,

was the first pupil to graduate from Linden Hall Seminary, at Lititz, Lancaster county. She never married, and was very well known in Harrisburg, where she remained at the old homestead until her death, Sept. 18, 1880.

Amos E. Kapp was born in Harrisburg in a building which stood in the northwest corner of Market square, adjoining the present "Bolton House." He spent his early years in his native city, which he left Dec. 30, 1832, for Northumberland, making the journey by stagecoach. He passed the remainder of his life there. Immediately after his arrival, on Jan. 1, 1833, he took charge of the stagecoach business there, becoming identified with the famous old line which carried passengers up and down the river. Forming a partnership with William Calder (?), under the name of Kapp & Calder, he built up a large business. They had two offices, one in Harrisburg and one in Northumberland, Mr. Calder looking after the Harrisburg office, and in addition to carrying passengers did an extensive business in hauling from Philadelphia to central Pennsylvania, having as many as one hundred horses, the best that could be obtained.

When Mr. Kapp came to Northumberland the stagecoach was the only means of transportation, and he and his partner not only ran stages but also packets on the canal, following this business until they were bought out by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. There were few men in this section who witnessed so much of its progress as Mr. Kapp, and there were few who had more to do with its opening up and advancement. He organized the First National Bank of Northumberland and served as its president; he was identified with the Northern Central Railroad Company for many years and served as one of its directors; he was active in the lumber business as president of Kapp & Co., and deeply interested in the agricultural development of his State, serving as president of the Pennsylvania State Agricultural Society.

Mr. Kapp purchased two hundred acres of valuable land in Point township, adjoining the borough of Northumberland, and there he made his home, dying on that place Sept. 22, 1887. It is a very fertile tract and under his management was kept in a high state of cultivation. He kept registered Jersey cattle, and in many other ways displayed his advanced ideas in agricultural lines. The original house on this farm known as Hummel's Inn was built in 1799 and repaired in 1852. The barn was built in 1851, and at the time of its erection was the largest barn in the State, being 100 by 50 feet in dimensions. Mr. Kapp retired from active life in 1875.

On Feb. 16, 1841, Mr. Kapp was married at Sunbury, by Rev. Mr. Fisher, to Margaret Wighington, who was born Dec. 10, 1818, in Mifflinburg, Union Co., Pa., daughter of George and Catharine (Youngman) Wighington, and died



June 13, 1868. She was the mother of the following named children: Clara M., Amos E. (deceased), Horace E. (deceased), William C. (deceased), Maggie (living in New Jersey, widow of Samuel Trump; she has one daughter, Margaret), Laura (deceased in infancy), Helen, Mary E. (wife of Frank L. Sheppard, of New York City, general manager of the United Railroads of New Jersey), Bertha (who is married to P. Leisenring and has one son, Frank), Annie (living in New York City), Cameron (deceased).

Though over half a century elapsed from the time Mr. Kapp left Harrisburg until his death, it was his custom to visit his native city yearly on the anniversary of his departure and spend the day with his friend, William D. Boas, of Harrisburg, who had accompanied him to the coach when he set out to seek his fortune up the river. He was active and energetic to the close of his long life and interested in the events of the day, the social and political changes which had taken place during his mature years affording him much pleasure. He was present at the inauguration ceremonies of sixteen different governors of Pennsylvania, and as six of them served two terms each he attended twenty-two inaugurations—a record which few citizens of the State can equal.

The Misses Clara and Helen Kapp lived upon the home farm just outside of Northumberland until July 20, 1909, when they moved into the borough, having sold the old place to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, the property being very desirable for yards, which were established there in that year. The station known as Kapp's, on the Pennsylvania road, was named for the family. The Misses Kapp are members of the D. A. R. and active and prominent in the social life of the borough, being very hospitable and noted entertainers.

**FRAMPTON.** The Framptons have been a prominent family in Pennsylvania, especially in the early days in Philadelphia, from Colonial times, and some of the descendants of William Frampton, a Friend who was a member of Penn's first Provincial council, are living in Northumberland county at this day. They are of English stock.

In Burke's "Genealogical and Heraldic History of the Commoners of Great Britain and Ireland" the Frampton family of England are spoken of as "Frampton of Moreton in 1355. John De Frampton was returned to serve in that year in Parliament for the borough of Dorchester in the County of Dorset. His son Walter De Frampton acquired the manor and estate of Moreton by marriage. It was entailed and is in the possession of the family still. There seems to be a William in almost every generation. Mr. James Frampton built the present house at Moreton in 1746 on the

site of the ancient mansion, also the church in 1776 on the site of the former church. He died in 1784 and was succeeded by his only son, the present James Frampton of Moreton. Col. James Frampton served as high sheriff for the County of Dorset in 1793." They have arms and a crest, the latter a greyhound; the motto is "Perseverando." The family seat is at Moreton in Dorsetshire.

John Frampton of England, born in 1581, was a merchant and a compatriot of John Hampden, Oliver Cromwell and other members of the Parliament which resisted the aggressions of Charles I., and founded the English Commonwealth. He was probably the grandfather of William Frampton, the ancestor of the American branch. In the Pennsylvania Archives, and in the Colonial Records, we find numerous references to his services and participation in important affairs. He was a brother-in-law of Robert Turner (a prominent member of Penn's council), with whom we frequently find his name associated in public service. His business was evidently that of merchant, as his name first appears in the Provincial records in the year 1683, as a merchant to whom certain bills (given) were due for merchandise; and among the proceedings attending a common council meeting March 1, 1683-84, from minutes of the common council, City of New York, 1675-1696, we find the following:

"Pursuant to an order from the Mayor and aldermen and common Council, bearing date the 23rd of Feb. 1683-4 appointing us underwritten as A Committee to make a list of all barques, sloopes, and open boates, Belonging to this Porte, and to inquire wt vessels are in Areare for their Dockage doe returne this underwritten as Our Report (233) and cannot understand what vessels are in Areare. 2 Sloopes—Francis Richardson, Wm. Frampton." Then follows a long list of other boats and owners.

In New York is also found a record, 27th day of 9th month, 1678, showing that William Frampton was present at the marriage of George Masters and Mary Wills. [Item found in Lenox Library, New York City.] At the Hall of Records, New York City, there are two deeds, both long documents, one from William Frampton to Alexander Farley, Lib. XIII, page 42; date of instrument Oct. 17, 1681, recorded May 16, 1684; place of residence, New York City; Merchant. The second is from "Wm. Frampton & Elizabeth his wife, Grantors, to Daniel Butts, Grantee 43 Lib., 14th Page. Date of Instrument, May 15th, 1681. Recorded May 27th, 1684." This property was on New street, a short street two blocks long, extending from Wall street to Exchange place. The deed is dated thus: "15th day in the six and thirtieth year of the reign of Sovereign Lord Charles the 2nd by the grace of God of Eng., Scot., France & Ireland, Defender of the faith."

William Frampton was a large landholder in Philadelphia county, as shown in the Pennsylvania Archives, where lists are preserved of the first purchasers of lots in Philadelphia. In a list of those purchasing lots of less than one thousand acres, "& placed in the back streets of the Front of Delaware, beginning with No. 5 at the South Side, and so proceed north as numbered in the Draught," we find the name of William Frampton as purchaser of No. 10. In a list of "Old Rights," consisting of the first purchases of land from William Penn, we find the following: Under "William Framton" the following quantities of land in Philadelphia county—"Return, 10 acres, 2nd of Oct., 1684"; Warrant, "500 acres, 13th day, 1st Mo., 1683"; Warrant, "Bank Lott, 2nd day of 6th Mo., 1684"; Warrant, "2 City-Lotts, 17th day of 1st Mo., 1683"; Warrant, "City Lott, 17th day of 1st Mo., 1683." In Bucks county William Frampton had a warrant for 1,500 acres, 5th day of 5th Mo., 1686; and in Chester county "Wm. Frampton & ors" had an order for 289 acres, 3rd day of 6th Mo., 1686. Besides, it appears that William Frampton was the owner of land in Kent county, Del., and in Burlington, N. J. He died insolvent, however, in 1686, and it would seem that his death was premature, and somewhat sudden; had he lived longer he would probably not have been insolvent. In further confirmation of the theory that his death was rather sudden we have the record of his nuncupative will, "spoken before Samuel Spicer, Samuel Bulkley at Phila., 9th of 7th month, 1686, Proved 8th of 9th month, 1686, by said witnesses, Robert Turner having a knowledge of the matter. Release of interest by Elizabeth Frampton, acknowledged before Robert Turner, same date. Wm. Frampton, Robert Turner, Wm. Southby, Registers." With the copy of this nuncupative will there is on file the last will and testament of William Frampton made the same date and properly executed. There are three seals to the signature: (1) A Griffin head; (2) a head pierced by an arrow; (3) a lion passant. Wills proved at Philadelphia. [Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, Vol. I, No. 1, June, 1900; New York Library—Lenox.]

Philadelphia was laid out in 1682, and as previously noted William Frampton was a member of William Penn's first Provincial council, for the government of the Province of Pennsylvania (and the lower counties, now called Delaware), and he represented Kent county, Del., in that council. During the time he was a member of that body Penn was not in this country, Thomas Holmes acting as president of the council alternately with Thomas Lloyd, for a time, after which the latter presided altogether. From the time William Frampton became a member of the council he was invariably present, his name always appearing in the list of the seven or eight members comprising

that body and recorded as present. He was also one of the peace commissioners for the county of Philadelphia, and was one of the three persons who jointly filled the office of register general, and was keeper of the Great Seal. In the "Colonial Records, Vol. I," which contains the minutes of the Provincial council of Pennsylvania from March 10, 1683, the date of its first organization, to Nov. 27, 1700, we find the following items regarding William Frampton:

Page 82, record of meeting 12th of 7th Mo., 1683: Accounts and bills due to "Wm. Frampton" are given from seventy-eight persons. They are for tobacco, pork, Indian corn, wheat, etc., chiefly tobacco.

Page 91, record of meeting 20th of 2d Mo., 1683: "Wm. fframpton being sent for before this board, his petition was read, and it was Ordered that James Claypoole, Robt. Turner, Jno. Greene, Jno. Jones, and Wm. fframpton, or any two of them, to have the Keys & to take into Possession the estate in the hands of John Vanborson, and to Inspect his accts in psuance of the same, and to make a returne distinctly of said goods & accts to this board."

Meeting 21st of 12th Mo., 1683: "James Claypool, Jno. Joanes, & Wm. fframpton made their return to this board Concerning the Estate of John VandBorsons."

"Whereupon James Claypool & Wm. fframpton were appointed to Inspect and make up accts of John Vanborson, & to give an acct of it to this board when they make up the Cr. & Dr."

"Wm. fframpton makes a report of the reference of the Council covering estate of John Vanborson Lately deceased."

"The provll Council Ordered Wm. fframpton & Saull Carpenter of th's town, Marchts, to administer on ye behalf of ye creditors and Heirs of Jno. Vanborson, & to make report of what they doe there in to this board."

Page 127, meeting 1st day of 2d Mo., 1685: Wm. Frampton appears for the first time as a member of the council. The minutes say: "Wm. Clark being attested deposeth that he saw ye returne of the Sherriff of ye County of Kent for a member of Council, & he did read in the returne that Wm. fframpton was ye man Chose for the membr of Council."

"And it being put to the Question whether that was sufficient for him to Sit, past in the Affirmative."

"Wm. fframpton was this day attested to keep secrecy."

"Ordered that Wm. fframpton, Phin. Pember-ton & John Cann doe draw up a Bill that all pay may be made in kind acc. to contract, also that they bring in the Distance of takeing up of Servants."

Meeting 4th day of 2d Mo., 1685: "Ordered that



Wm. Frampton draw a new Bill for the Size of Caske Exported, and also to be used within the Province" etc.

"Ordered that Jno. Symcock, Jno. Cann, Wm. Frampton & Phinehas Pemberton be a Committee to draw up the former bills."

Page 133: "Richard Ingelo Cl. Concy Appointed for a Committee Jno. Symcock, Wm. Wood, Jno. Cann, Phi. Pemberton, Wm. Frampton & Tho. Holmes, to receive proposals from the Assembly."

The council was notified of the death of King Charles II.; council ordered that Richard Ingelo, clerk, read a "publication of King James the 2nd as King." This proclamation is given, and ends with the words: "AND SO GOD SAVE THE KING."

Page 141, meeting 28th of 3d Mo., 1785: In the list of members noted as present on this date, the same is printed "Wm. Frampton." Later it is sometimes written "frampton," "Framptone," and "frampton."

Page 162, meeting 6th day of 9th Mo., 1685: "Ordered that James Claypool, Robt. Turner, Saml Carpenter, John Jones, Wm. frampton, Patrick Robinson, John Test, John Songhors be writt to desiring them to come forthwith to the Councill, they having urgent business with them about the Subscriptions."

"The persons above mentioned all Came to ye Councill, where they Discoursed about ye subscriptions. Concluded amongst themselves to meet together in ye afternoon to Consult about methods how to proceed in order to discharge their Obligation and give in acc't thereof at next Sitting of ye Councill."

"James Claypool, Wm. frampton," and seven others, were made "General Commission of the Peace for the County of Philadelphia."

Meeting 16th day of 9th Mo., 1685: Ordered that "ye Respective Indian Kings be sent for to the Council with all speed to answer their Complaint."

Page 163, meeting 17th day of 9th Mo., 1685: "The undertakers of ye subscription Came to ye Councill according to their promise ye Sixth Instt. and Presented their Report with a list of ye Subscribers and what Subscribed, ye whole amounting to 201,19,2 to wch Chris Taylor at ye board subscribed 6,00,00. The Councill Commended their Diligence and promised them their furtherence & Assistance therein."

Meeting 9th day of 11th Mo., 1685: A new Commission for Kent County was appointed, as the old would not serve, inserting the names of "Wm. Southersby, Wm. frampton" etc. in the list.

Meeting 1st day of 12th Mo., 1685: The Justices for the County of Philadelphia appeared, consisting of "Wm. frampton," James Claypool and others. "Wm. frampton's petition was read requesting Removall of ye Caves before his Door,

he being about building a Wharfe. It was Granted, & a fortnights time given for ye Removall of ye Goods out of ye Caves."

Meeting 5th day of 5th Mo., 1686: "Ordered that Robt. Turner, Wm. frampton, & Wm. Southersby take charge of ye office of Register Genll, in as full and ample a manner as Christop Taylor had in his Life Time."

Meeting 6th day of 5th Mo., 1686: "Commission impowring Robt. Turner, Wm. Frampton, & Wm. Southersby to manage ye Register Genll office of this Province & Territories, New Castle only excepted, was this day signed."

Page 176, meeting 1st day of 3d Mo., 1686: "Robt. Turner & Wm. frampton were attested as Justices of ye Peace for the Towne and County of Philadelphia, they having had a Commission Lately made."

Page 178, meeting 11th day of 3d Mo., 1686: "Councill Ordered John Symcock & Wm. frampton to go with ye promulgated bills to ye Assembly."

"Wm frampton having urgent business had leave for this day's absence."

Page 179, meeting 12th day of 3d Mo., 1686: "The petition of ye frenchmen sent over by — Bellases was Read Complayning agt Bellases agents for not performing ye Contract between Bellases & ye frenchmen: it was Ordered yt Arth Cook John Symcock Robt. Turner Wm frampton should Examine and Redress the same with all Expedition."

Pages 189-190: On the 3d day of the 7th Month, 1686, council, after a morning session in the usual place, adjourned for an afternoon session "at Robt Turner's house" "he being sick." "Wm frampton" is recorded as being present at both sessions, this being his last recorded attendance (evidently being ill).

Page 195, "At a meeting of Councill in the Councill House ye 18th 9th Mo. 1686, P. M.": "The Commission upon ye Death of Wm frampton one of ye persons Commissioned for ye management of ye Registry office etc., it was unanimously [word missing?] that ye Genll Registry be proposed to the acception of James Claypoole Senr having lately Requested ye same: Upon his consent thereunto, a Commission be Drawne to Impowr him to act therein During ye Courts Pleasure."

Meeting 30th day of the 1st Mo. 1687, P. M.: "Returne of Kent County send returning Griffith Jones to serve in Provll Council the Remaining part of the time Wm Frampton Deceased was to have served; signed ye Obligation & took his place in ye Council."

The Friends' records referring to William Frampton show that he was present at a monthly meeting at Philadelphia, 10 Mo., 3d, 1684, when he was appointed with others to have charge of



building a meeting-house for the accommodation of Friends. 8th Mo., 7th, 1684, he was appointed with another to take the account of what is collected for poor Friends and give information to next meeting. 12th Mo. 3d, Friends belonging to the meeting were desired to meet at William Frampton's house "to consider what to do in relation to poor Friends." 12th Mo., 9th: It is agreed that subscriptions for the poor be paid to Wm. Frampton, "who is to pay it to whom the meeting shall order." He was also appointed with others to assist the poor in providing work for them, etc. 3d Mo., 4th, 1685: William Frampton "acquainting the meeting that he is going to divide his house and desires Friends that some other place be considered and provided against the Quarterly Meeting he and others were appointed to provide such a place etc." He is also appointed at this meeting to prepare a certificate for certain Friends who were about to remove out of the Province. He is also desired "to speak to poor Friends that are like to be in want and that they advise them the properest way for the getting of a livelihood." 2d Mo., 5th, 1686, he is named with another to see about the money rights of a certain child; 3d Mo., 3d, appointed on a certain property matter; 4th Mo., 7th, he is desired to pay out certain money belonging to the Meeting. This entry of 4th Mo., 7th, 1686, is the last one relating directly to him, and it appears that he must have died soon afterward, for in the Monthly Meeting held 7th Mo., 24th, 1686, the following minute was made: A. B. "is appointed by Friends to go to the widow Frampton and get those books that belong to this meeting, which her husband had in his custody." Elizabeth Frampton is mentioned as having been appointed on certain matters of business in the meeting on the meetings held 12th Mo., 25th, 1686, 1st Mo., 25th, 1687, 3d Mo., 29th, 1687, and 3d Mo., 27th, 1687.

In William Penn's "Further Account" of the Province of Pennsylvania, published in 1685, he mentions the fact that he has built a brick house to "encourage others and that from building in wood." He adds: "many have brick houses now going up with good cellars." He enumerates houses built by Arthur Cook, William Frampton, John Wheeler, and others, on Front street chiefly. He says: "All these houses have balconies."

The "History of Philadelphia County" says: "Robert Turner's brick house on Front and Arch Streets was built in 1685." The history says further: "Bristol Township adjoined Bucks Co. having Tacony Creek on the east, and Germantown south and west of it. The lands in this township were taken up by such men as Samuel Carpenter, Richard Townshend, William Frampton, Samuel Benezet, Griffith Jones, etc."

William Frampton married Elizabeth, sister of Mary, wife of Philip Richards, but as we find no

record of his marriage it was presumably lost or destroyed, as he was too prominent a man for the record not to have been made. His widow remarried, as in the meeting held 8th Mo., 26th, 1688, Richard Basnet or Bassnett and Elizabeth Frampton declared their intentions of marriage. Elizabeth was desired "to make what reasonable provision she could for her children before the next monthly meeting." 9th Mo., 13th, the Friends finding nothing to obstruct their marriage set them at liberty to accomplish it "according to the good order of Truth." No record appears to have been preserved of their marriage certificate, though there is the following record: "At the Philadelphia monthly meeting, Elizabeth Frampton to Richard Bassnett, 9th Mo., 30th, 1688." [There must be another record.]

Thomas Frampton, son of William, married an Ellis, first name unknown, who was probably the daughter of Thomas Ellis of Burlington, N. J. They had three children: John, Hannah (who married David Price) and another child, name unknown. [The death of a Thomas Frampton, 10th Mo., 27th, 1726, is mentioned among the Friends' records.]

John Frampton, son of Thomas, lived and died in Cumberland county, Pa., in Derry township, near the town of Carlisle, which was then little more than a trading post. He owned a farm. He married a Critchfield, first name unknown, and they had sons: William, John, Samuel, Nathaniel and Arthur, who have numerous descendants in various parts of the country. One of Nathaniel's descendants became a Mormon. John, Arthur and Samuel served in the Revolutionary war, as members of the "Cumberland County Rangers."

William Frampton, son of John, was a very successful and wealthy farmer of Mifflin county, Pa., living near what is now Lewistown. He married a Staley, and died in 1829, in Clarion county, when over eighty years old, and is buried near Churchville, in that county. Previous to his time the family had all been Quakers, but he became a Baptist, and all his numerous descendants have clung to that faith. He had an only son, David, and several daughters, whose descendants are numerous.

David Frampton, son of William, born near Lewistown, Pa., removed to a farm near Reidsburg, Clarion Co., Pa. He married Hannah Lobach, who was of Holland-Dutch lineage, and they had sons Samuel, William, Abraham, Jonathan, David and Reid, and a number of daughters.

Samuel Frampton, son of David, born in 1810, died in 1887. He was a well-to-do farmer residing near Clarion, Pa. He married Eveline Reynolds, granddaughter of a Revolutionary soldier, and of Scotch and English descent. They had children: Richard; Thomas; Byron Hays; and several daughters, one of whom, Ida, is the wife of

J. S. Wrightnour, D. D., a graduate of Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

Byron Hays Frampton, of Clarion, Pa., youngest son of Samuel, married Nellie Mohney, and they became the parents of three children: James Villiard (who was a student at Bucknell University), Samuel and Romaine.

JOSEPH DEPPEEN, though one of the oldest citizens of Mount Carmel, is still one of the most prominent business men in that borough, and is probably one of the best known men in Northumberland county. As proprietor for a number of years of the "Deppen House" of Mount Carmel, he came in contact with many citizens of the locality in his earlier days, and at one time he owned most of the ground now included in the borough limits. He was the organizer of the Mount Carmel Savings Bank and has been engaged in the real estate business for many years.

Mr. Deppen was born Dec. 2, 1837, in Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, near Greenbrier. His parents, Abraham and Mary (Snyder) Deppen, had a family of six children, four of whom are living: Louise, who married Dr. Reuben Muth; George, born in 1836, at Locust Gap, this county, who married Mary Mertz (he lives in Herndon, Jackson township); Joseph; and Alexander. In 1844 the parents took their family out to Wayne county, Ohio, making the journey by wagon. The trip was a remarkable one, always remembered with interest by all the family. They took up farm land, but not finding conditions favorable returned to Pennsylvania in 1846 and located at County Line, Lower Mahanoy Township, Northumberland county. In the spring of 1848 Abraham Deppen bought land at Greenbrier where he followed farming and tanning, selling this place in 1851 and locating at Mahanoy, now Red Cross, near Herndon. In the fall of 1852 he purchased the well known island opposite Herndon, where the family lived for a period of fourteen years. It was during this time that the bridge was built connecting the island with the shore at Herndon, and Joseph Deppen was the first to drive a horse over the bridge. It was torn down about 1875. During the time the Deppen family lived on the island occurred the disastrous flood of 1865. From March 17th to March 21st the island was all under water and the Deppen family had to live in the barn for a week, during which the floating sawlogs entered the second-story windows of the dwelling house. The flood was one of the worst which have visited this district and the Deppens lost nearly all their possessions. In 1866 they moved to Herndon and rented the island. Abraham Deppen died Aug. 13, 1899, his wife Nov. 5, 1868.

Joseph Deppen attended an old pay school typical of the times. It was located in Dauphin coun-

ty, near the Northumberland county line, and was held in the building of a gristmill. The grinding of grain and the grinding of an education occurred at one and the same time. The seats or benches were arranged in a circle around the teacher, each pupil with his or her back towards the instructor. When the family moved from near Greenbrier and located near Herndon the old Trevorton railroad was in process of construction, and he found employment on the job. After attaining his majority he was in the droving business for three years, and in the mercantile business at Herndon for two years. From 1867 to 1869 he was in business with his brother George at Herndon, Pa., in April, 1869, locating in Mount Carmel, with which place he has since been identified. For fifteen years after settling here he was engaged in conducting the "Deppen House," now known as the "Commercial," and after abandoning that line of business was devoted principally to real estate. He at one time owned most of the ground on which Mount Carmel is situated, and he sold his property off in lots, making a success of his transactions, which have covered many years. In 1872 he organized the Mount Carmel Savings Bank, which began business at his hotel April 9, 1872; Amos Vastine was president of this institution. Upon the expiration of the bank's charter the stockholders discontinued business and a new institution, now known as the Union National Bank, was formed.

Mr. Deppen was not only prominent in business but also in the public life of the borough, which he served as treasurer, as treasurer of the council, and as school director. In all his relations with his fellow men he gave evidence of public spirit and an intelligent insight into local needs which made him a valuable public servant.

On Sept. 7, 1867, Mr. Deppen married Eva Elizabeth Hoffman, daughter of Jacob and Eva Elizabeth (Weiser) Hoffman, of Jordan township, Northumberland county. Mrs. Deppen died June 17, 1896, and is buried at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jackson township. She was a lifelong member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, which Mr. Deppen and their children joined Nov. 2, 1890. He is a Democrat in political faith. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Deppen: (1) Lizzie E. is at home. (2) Mary Ada married Dr. F. D. Raker, of Shamokin, who was at one time treasurer of Northumberland county, and they had four children, Conrad, Joseph, Moses, Ralph Edward, Susan Eva and Alma Elizabeth. Mrs. Raker died May 8, 1898. (3) Joseph Henry is mentioned below. (4) Gertrude Jane is at home. Mr. Deppen resides with his daughters at Nos. 109-111 South Chestnut street.

JOSEPH HENRY DEPPEEN, son of Joseph Deppen, was born Dec. 19, 1874, at Mount Carmel, and there received his preparatory education. He graduated from the high school in 1893, and subsequently



attended the business college at Shamokin, graduating in 1894. For two years he was secretary for Judge Voris Auten, in 1896 entering Bucknell University, at Lewisburg, Pa., graduating in 1900, with the degree of Sc. B. Thereafter he studied law in the office of Judge Auten, and was admitted to the bar of Northumberland county Dec. 29, 1902. He has since been engaged in practice in Mount Carmel, his office being at No. 32 North Oak street. Mr. Deppen has won high standing at the bar as a lawyer of thorough training and reliable intelligence. He has established an excellent practice, which is being steadily augmented by reason of his conscientious attention to all the work intrusted to him. He is a member of the Lutheran Church. At the present time he is treasurer of the Mount Carmel school district and is now completing the last year of his third term as school director.

TRUMAN HARVEY PURDY was born June 26, 1830, in the village of Purdytown, Wayne Co., Pa., and died April 4, 1898, in Sunbury, of which place he had been a citizen for thirty-six years. The measure of his influence upon that community and upon the various other communities with which his interests were linked cannot, however, be expressed in a simple statement of time. One whose versatile abilities brought him into contact with many phases of the progressive period in which he lived, whose diversity of talents made him known to almost every class, he had a well-rounded career—a life unusually well spent and lived close to high ideals. His professional work as journalist, lawyer and writer won him high reputation and popularity and gained wide recognition of his mental attainments; in the years of his early manhood he was a successful political leader; throughout his mature life he displayed rare business qualities, his accomplishments in the way of industrial development showing a degree of foresight and executive faculties of surpassing strength. He prospered in his business operations, which were not confined to Sunbury, his interests in Sunbury being extensive and important to the evolution of that place into a modern, progressive city; and in association with J. B. Ewing he founded the town of Steelton, Dauphin county, where he retained large interests.

Mr. Purdy was a son of Harvey and Ruth (Clark) Purdy, both natives of Pennsylvania, born, respectively, in Wayne and Lackawanna counties. They traced their ancestry in this country back to Colonial days. The father died Nov. 9, 1847, aged forty-six years, the mother Dec. 31, 1852, at the age of forty-eight. They had a family of four children, three sons and one daughter, namely: Drusilla, Myron E., Truman Harvey and Dr. Nathaniel C., the last named of Allenwood, Pennsylvania.

Truman H. Purdy spent his youth at Lewisburg, Union county, and there received his early education, also attending Madison Academy at Factoryville. He took the collegiate course at Lewisburg University. Leaving that institution about 1858, he was for the next three years engaged in newspaper work at that place, having established the *Union Argus*, a weekly Democratic paper, which he edited until induced to move to Sunbury in 1861. In the stormy days preceding the outbreak of the Civil war when party lines meant much, the need of a Democratic newspaper was felt at Sunbury, and selling out his interests at Lewisburg Mr. Purdy founded the *Northumberland County Democrat*, with which he was associated, as editor and proprietor, until the winter of 1866-67, meantime publishing also the *German Democrat*, which went out of existence upon his retirement. At the time of his death the following paragraph appeared in the *Democrat*, which is still one of the leading newspapers of this section: "On this page is announced the death of Hon. T. H. Purdy, of Sunbury. He was the founder of this paper. He was a Democrat of Democrats, and never wavered in support of the principles of his party. During the war he suffered for opinion's sake, but he was as unbending as the sturdy oak. He died as he lived, true to himself, his family and friends and all humanity. We deeply mourn the death of our friend and benefactor." Such was the opinion his successors were able to voice after a lapse of over thirty years, when time had shown the wisdom and integrity of his conduct of that paper in its early days. Under his management the paper grew in circulation from three hundred to thirty-five hundred. Reference was made to the staunchness of his Democracy. Always a zealous worker in the councils of his party as an organizer or in meeting during the period of his active association therewith, he was a forceful influence in its local triumphs. In 1862 he made sixty-five speeches, and at the election that year the party had one thousand majority as against sixty-four in 1861. He was elected to represent his district in the State Legislature twice, serving in 1864-65 and 1865-66, but thereafter bore no working part in political affairs.

Throughout his career as a newspaper man Mr. Purdy had been engaged in the study of law, which he began before establishing the *Argus*. He studied at Lewisburg under Judge Bucher, and continued his studies at Sunbury under Alexander Jordan, being admitted to practice in 1866. When he disposed of the *Northumberland County Democrat* in the winter of 1866-67 it was to have all his time for the practice of law, in which he was most successful. In 1881 he was the choice of the Democrats of the county for president judge, but "was defeated for the nomination by the sheer overconfidence of his friends."



From the early sixties to the close of his life he was prominent in the development of industrial enterprises of various kinds, a field in which his executive ability had ample scope. He was not afraid to trust to his foresight in real estate investments, and thus in 1863 he purchased much of the land upon which what is now East Sunbury is located, reserving a piece of about two and a half acres, upon an elevation overlooking the town, for the site of his own residence. He built several houses there at a time when there were only one or two other buildings on all the ground which now forms about a fourth of the entire greater Sunbury. His own palatial home, built some twenty years before his death, was sold to the Mary M. Packer hospital organization at the time the latter body was formed.

In 1876, in association with J. B. Ewing, Mr. Purdy purchased many acres of land adjoining the growing town of Steelton, a venture which proved highly profitable. A few years later he started an addition to Lewisburg, when he built the nail and forge works and a furniture factory, being president of the Lewisburg Furniture & Planing Mill Company, treasurer of the Lewisburg Nail Works and a director of the Lewisburg Steam Forge. He was the organizer and for many years manager and treasurer of the Sunbury Gas Company. Public improvements of all kinds, those changes necessary to keep a community abreast of the material progress of the day, always received his encouragement and support, but he was particularly favorable to projects affecting the advancement of public education, and the establishment of the high school at East Sunbury was due principally to his influence.

Mr. Purdy had literary gifts of a high order, and though a busy man never neglected his intellectual pursuits, in which he found his keenest pleasure. His historical oration, "Sunbury," delivered at the centennial celebration July 4, 1872, "a delicious bit of local history, colored with the master hand of one who dearly loved his subject," was published in pamphlet form and widely read. It is "a most interesting and exhaustive pen picture of the town's history from the time it contained but a few cabins up to the time of the centennial. It was the only authentic history of Sunbury ever prepared and delivered." His "Legends of the Susquehanna" is rich in charming verse, in which the lore and the legends of the Indian inhabitants of the region are beautifully told; another work, "Doubter," a long poem, a religious argument of great depth, was also published in book form, but is now out of print. At the time of his death he had in preparation a novel, which never reached the press.

Though gentle in disposition, and tolerant of the opinions of others, Mr. Purdy was noted for his unyielding defense and advocacy of what he

believed to be right, and he had the courage of his convictions on any question. This trait was especially noticeable during the Civil war period. His greatest political activity was at a time when party differences often came between the best of friends, and though he himself was unswerving in his allegiance to the standards of his party, men who had been his strongest political opponents became his warmest personal friends and admirers. His true nature appealed to intelligent men of all minds. This characteristic marked his relations with his fellow men throughout life, and his support was often solicited when an able and influential champion was needed. It is seldom that traits conducive to success in so many lines are combined in one man, or that talents so diversified are so well employed. His name will be revered in many circles for years to come. Mr. Purdy is buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery.

On Dec. 19, 1861, at Lewisburg, Mr. Purdy married Mary E. James, daughter of the late Dr. Robert E. James and sister of Robert E. James, the latter of Easton, Pa. Her father was a native of Bucks county, Pa., and lived at Centerville, Northampton county, where he died. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Purdy: (1) Robert Harvey died in infancy. (2) Carrie M. is engaged in missionary work under the auspices of the Methodist Church, having since 1895 been located at Pueblo, Mexico, where she has charge of 430 girls. (3) Truman J. received his early education in the public and select schools of Sunbury, graduated from Bucknell University, Lewisburg, and after a course of law study was admitted to the bar of Northumberland county, where he is now engaged in legal practice. He has been particularly successful as a counselor in corporation law, and holds rank among the leading junior practitioners at the Northumberland county bar. (4) Hiram L., who lives with his mother at Sunbury, received his early education in the public schools of that borough and was graduated from Bucknell University. He is a civil engineer by profession and one of Sunbury's enterprising young business men.

VAN ALLEN. The Van Alens have played so important a part in the prosperity of the borough of Northumberland for the past forty years and more that no mention of its industries would be complete without the record of their achievements. Throughout this period their establishment has been one of the mainstays of the place, for in times of financial depression it has been kept running for the benefit of employees when other plants closed rather than operate at a loss. At present about one hundred and fifty men find profitable employment with the Van Alen Company.

The first of the Van Alens in America emigrated to this country from Holland, settling in Co-

lumbia county, N. Y. There was born his son Gilbert, who followed agricultural pursuits all his life. The latter married Annis Moore, of Columbia county, and they had two children, Reuben and Catherine. The daughter married John J. Van Volkenburg, a farmer and merchant of Columbia county.

Reuben Van Alen, son of Gilbert, followed farming and merchandising at Chatham Center, Columbia county, N. Y., for a number of years. In 1827 he moved to Salisbury Mills, Orange Co., N. Y., where he engaged in the manufacture of paper, continuing in that line for many years. He was a man of intelligence and superior business ability. The closing years of his life, after his retirement from business, were spent with his son Timothy at Danville, Pa., where he died. He married Mary Oakley, daughter of Timothy and Sallie Oakley, and they became the parents of three sons and one daughter, Gilbert R., Timothy O., Sallie O. (who died at the age of thirteen years) and Lewis O.

Timothy O. Van Alen was born in Chatham Center, Columbia Co., N. Y., Aug. 19, 1819, and there passed his early years. He was ten years old, in 1829, when his father employed a private teacher for him, for two years, and at the age of twelve he entered the academy at Kinderhook, Columbia county, N. Y., where he studied for two years, during that period residing with the family of Dr. Henry Van Dyke. Subsequently he returned to Orange county, N. Y., where he attended the school of Nathan Stark, at Goshen, one year. At the age of fifteen he went to New York City, where he served as apprentice in a hardware store until 1839. Returning home, he engaged in the manufacture of paper and agricultural implements and in the mercantile business with his father, continuing thus for five years.

In 1844 he went to Danville, Montour Co., Pa., to represent the Murdock, Leavitt Company in the Montour Iron Works, acting as resident agent of that company. The same year he built at Danville what was afterward known as the "company store," and in 1846 engaged in the mercantile business in association with individual stockholders of the company, under the firm name of T. O. Van Alen & Co. In 1866, in company with George M. Leslie and A. H. Voris, Mr. Van Alen built a nail factory at Northumberland, Northumberland county, establishing a business which has since been one of the features of the industrial life of the place. At the time it was opened the mill contained five puddling furnaces, one coal heating furnace, and fifteen nail machines. In 1872 Mr. Van Alen purchased the interest of Mr. Voris, and in 1886 that of Mr. Leslie. He then enlarged the plant, putting in five more puddling furnaces, one thirty-ton Smith's gas heating furnace and thirty-eight more nail machines, bring-

ing the annual capacity up to one hundred and fifty thousand kegs of cut iron and steel nails.

In 1891, upon the death of Mr. Timothy O. Van Alen, his five sons took the business, which they continued until the plant was destroyed by fire in 1894. In that year three of the brothers, Cornelius G., Gilbert R. and Edmund G., with William B. Waples purchased the mill property of Taggarts & Howell, and rebuilt the mill, opening it for business in May, 1895. That year the Van Alen Company purchased the plant of the Keystone Forge Company, located at Elizabethtown, Lancaster Co., Pa., and moved it to Northumberland; this plant is now owned by the members of the Van Alen Company, Isaac Cornwall and J. D. Weekes. In 1908 the Van Alen Company devoted the entire mill to forge work and the manufacture of nail products, in which they give employment to about one hundred and fifty men. This establishment has been one of the thriving interests of Northumberland throughout its existence, bringing prosperity to owners and employees alike.

Mr. Timothy O. Van Alen always took an active interest in his home town, Danville, of which he was one of the foremost citizens for many years. He kept his business in operation through periods of financial depression as well as in prosperous times, and the appreciation of his generous policy was shown in the high esteem in which his fellow-citizens of all classes held him. For many years he was a director of the First National Bank of Danville, and he served many years as a trustee of the State Hospital for the Insane at that place. He was a prominent member of the Presbyterian Church, and acted as president of the board of trustees for a number of years.

In 1846 Mr. Van Alen married Miss Anne Catherine Garretson, daughter of Cornelius Garretson, an ironmaster of Shippensburg, Pa., and their union was blessed with eight children: Cornelius G., Gilbert R. (deceased in infancy), Gilbert R. (?), Alexander Oakley (born 1850, died 1893), Edmund G. (deceased in infancy), Edmund G. (?), Mary A. (died young) and George L. Of these Edmund G. married Margaret Bibby.

Cornelius G. Van Alen, born Sept. 25, 1846, is vice-president of the First National Bank of Danville, and has served as a member of the borough council. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church. He married Marion Beveridge, of Newburgh, N. Y., and to them were born seven children, Thomas B. (deceased), Marion B. (married J. D. Weekes and has two children, Rachel and Marion), Catherine B. (married John E. Van Devender), Henrietta (deceased), James S. (married May Peters and has one child, Charles), Gilbert B. and George L. The mother of this family died, and Mr. Van Alen has since married the widow of his brother Alexander O. Van Alen.



GILBERT R. VAN ALLEN was born Sept. 10, 1848, in Danville, Montour Co., Pa., son of Timothy O. Van Allen. He married Frances Withington, daughter of M. J. D. and Elizabeth G. (Forsythe) Withington, and they are the parents of two children, Timothy O. and Helen W. Mr. Van Allen was the first eminent commander of Mount Hermon Commandery, Knights Templar, of Sunbury, Northumberland county.

JOHN FREDERICK SCHAFFER, of Sunbury, is considered one of the foremost legal practitioners of his section of Northumberland county, where as borough solicitor for Sunbury from 1899 to 1907, and since in the capacity of corporation lawyer, he has taken part in some of the most important litigation of recent years. His success in a number of involved and notable cases has gained him high reputation and enviable standing. Mr. Schaffer was born in Sunbury Sept. 20, 1867, son of John F. and Sarah A. (Houghton) Schaffer, and is a great grandson of Jacob Schaffer. The family name is now frequently spelled Snafer.

Jacob Schaffer was born at a small town called Soffenburg, on the border line of Germany and Switzerland, about three miles from the city of Basel. His father was in the silk business in Soffenburg, where he lived and died. His children, besides Jacob, were Frederick and Hans (John), neither of whom came to America. Frederick fought under Napoleon, serving as one of his bodyguard, was taken prisoner, and died on the island of Corsica. The other brother, Hans, lived at Soffenburg and corresponded with his brother Jacob after the latter settled in America, his letters being now in the possession of his great-niece, Catherine Rowland. Jacob Schaffer also fought in Napoleon's army, for seven years, leaving the army after receiving a serious wound in the chest. He was married in Germany to Catherine D. Fossinger, who was born May 8, 1771, at Frankfort, and they came to this country in 1801 with one daughter, Catherine, who died when two years old, shortly after their arrival here. They settled in Reading, Pa. The other children of this couple, all born in this country, were: Samuel, born in Reading in 1805, who died Nov. 14, 1891, at the age of eighty-six years, and was buried in the Charles Evans cemetery in Reading (he served in the Civil war, being one of the oldest soldiers who enlisted in the Union service, and was a corporal in Company H, 31st Regiment, State Militia); John, the grandfather of the present John F. Schaffer; Frederick, who died young; and Anna, who married Levi Wunder and died in Reading.

John Schaffer, son of Jacob, was born in Reading and early in life learned the trade of tailor, which he followed in that city all his life, becoming very well known in that connection. He died

in Reading about 1859. Mr. Schaffer was quite active in the Democratic party in his day, giving of his time and means to help desirable men to local positions, and he was a leading member of and worker in the Reformed Church, serving as superintendent of the Sunday school. He was twice married, and by his first wife, Louisa Winckler, had a family of four children: John F.; Francis, who died young; Catherine E., who married Daniel W. Rowland (she is the only one of her generation now living, and supplied the information concerning the early generations used in this article; she lives in Reading); and Anna L., who died young.

John F. Schaffer was born Aug. 3, 1831, in Reading, and there in his youth learned the tailor's trade under his father's instruction. In 1855 he located at Lewisburg, Union Co., Pa., where he followed merchant tailoring until 1864, and then returning to Reading remained there until his removal to Sunbury, in the spring of 1865. There he was in business until his death, which occurred Aug. 3, 1878, and he is buried in Pountret Manor cemetery. He prospered well in his work, giving employment to a number of people, and was also an artist of more than ordinary ability. About 1852 he was married at Lewisburg to Sarah A. Houghton, daughter of James Houghton, of Lewisburg, and they became the parents of four children, namely: Anna M., who is unmarried; Irma H., born in 1862, who died in 1866; John Frederick; and Helen L., born in 1872, who died in 1892.

John Frederick Schaffer grew to manhood in Sunbury and received his education in the public schools, graduating from the high school in 1884. He then became a clerk in the office of the register, recorder and clerk of the Orphans' Court, at Sunbury, under George D. Bucher, and also served under his successor, Urias Bloom, until August, 1887. That year he went West, spending about three years in California, Colorado and Arizona. For a short time he was employed in the office of an abstract and title company at Los Angeles, later finding employment as cashier with Fred Harvey, the celebrated proprietor of a chain of restaurants from Kansas City to San Bernardino, Cal., for whom he worked at four different points, San Bernardino, Cal., Williams, Ariz., Needles, Cal., and La Junta, Colo. Before going West Mr. Schaffer had passed the preliminary examination, and on his return to Sunbury, in May, 1890, he took up the reading of law under Hon. John B. Packer, a distinguished practitioner of that borough. Mr. Packer dying in 1891, he completed his studies under George B. Reimensnyder, a prominent lawyer of Sunbury, finishing the course in January, 1894. He was admitted to the bar in December of that year. Meantime Mr. Schaffer had entered the office of the prothonotary, S. P.



Fausold, under whom he served three years as chief clerk. After his admission to the bar he remained in the office of his preceptor for a year and a half, in May, 1896, opening an office of his own in the Masser building, where he has since been located. From 1899 to 1907 Mr. Schaffer was solicitor for the borough of Sunbury, and as such successfully defended a number of suits for the municipality. He is now the legal representative of the Sunbury & Northumberland Electric Railway Company and the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Sunbury, which has the first plant installed by Mr. Edison personally, he having superintended its construction, the installation of all machinery, etc. As the attorney for the Sunbury & Northumberland Electric Railway Company Mr. Schaffer's most important work was in connection with the injunction suits instituted against the corporation by Guy Webster, acting for the Sunbury & Selinsgrove Electric Railway Company and the borough of Sunbury. In both instances the Sunbury & Northumberland Company scored a complete victory. After failing in the injunction suits the prosecutors made application to the attorney general for a *quo warranto* proceeding in the Dauphin county courts, but the matter was never brought to an issue. It was largely through Mr. Schaffer's efforts as attorney for the Sunbury & Northumberland Company that the bridge over the north branch of the Susquehanna river, between Sunbury and Packer's Island, was constructed, in 1910. He is a valued counselor and an authority whose opinion commands general respect.

On June 20, 1906, Mr. Schaffer married Gertrude Lindsay Gervin, daughter of Charles and Jane M. (Brown) Gervin, late of Northumberland, and they have had one daughter, Helen Josephine. Mr. Schaffer is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Politically he is a Democrat, but he takes no active part in the work of the party.

**CHARLES C. LEADER**, of Shamokin, Northumberland county, is connected with so many business interests in that city, of private and public importance, that his name is synonymous with all that represents its progress and well-being. As merchant and banker he has been a leader in the business life of the city for years. As promoter, stockholder and officer of important financial institutions his name and reputation have given the confidence needed by such concerns at the outset of their career and they in turn have benefited the community and increased its possibilities of expansion and sound development.

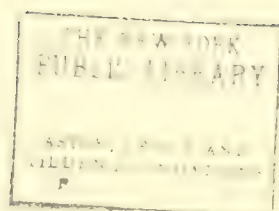
Mr. Leader was born July 13, 1843, in Alsace township, Berks Co., Pa., son of Edward Leader, and grandson of George Leader, both of whom were natives of Montgomery county, this State. The grandfather removed to Reading, Berks Co., Pa., where he resided until the time of his death.

Edward Leader, father of Charles C. Leader, was a farmer by occupation. He died in 1859 in Alsace township, Berks county, at the age of forty-five years, and he is buried at Alsace Church. He was twice married, his first wife being Catherine Snyder, his second Hettie Wanner.

Charles C. Leader was reared on his father's farm in Berks county, and there received his education in the local schools, having also the advantages of one year's study at Schuylkill Haven, Pa., before he commenced work. In 1860 he became a clerk in the general store of A. J. Medler, in Schuylkill Haven, where he was employed for about three years, at the end of that time removing with his employer to Pottsville, Pa., where he continued with him as clerk for three years more. Returning to Schuylkill Haven in 1865, he opened a store of his own, carrying a stock of general merchandise, and remained there ten years, doing remarkably well. However, feeling that he had exhausted the possibilities in that line at Schuylkill Haven, he resolved to try his success elsewhere, and in 1875 he established himself at Shamokin, where he has continued to reside to the present time. During his first three years in that city he was the head of the firm of Leader, Muir & Co., who had a store at Liberty and Independence streets. After the firm was dissolved, by mutual consent, in 1878, Mr. Leader opened a dry goods store of his own at Shamokin and Sunbury streets, two years later, in 1880, removing it to Independence street. In 1881 he formed a partnership with R. G. Eisenhart, the firm name being Leader & Eisenhart, and they were associated for three years, until Mr. Leader bought out his partner and took his brother, Edward M. Leader, into partnership. When he entered into the partnership with Mr. Eisenhart a clothing department was added to the original business, and Leader & Brother continued both lines until 1889, when they divided the trade, Charles C. Leader retaining the dry goods branch, and Edward M. Leader the clothing branch. Mr. Charles C. Leader, at the time of the separation, established himself in a new building, built in 1889, in which he has ever since continued the dry goods business, his brother remaining at the old stand on Independence street. The business was incorporated in 1908, as the C. C. Leader & Sons Company, Mr. Leader's two sons, Harry K. and Edward R., and daughter, E. May Leader, being now members of the firm. He himself continues to act as president of the concern. Mr. Leader has always been known as a progressive man in his methods and ideas, and when he erected his present dry goods store, in 1889, it was one of the finest buildings used for the purpose in the State, modern in construction, commodious and complete in equipment, pleasant, attractive, and convenient beyond the ordinary. The building is 48 by 125 feet in dimensions, three stories and basement, and is devoted entirely to the



*O. C. Leader*





accommodation of this business, which has enjoyed a career of uninterrupted prosperity.

As the founder of one of the largest and most successful dry goods houses in this section Mr. Leader would be entitled to front rank among the enterprising business men of Shamokin. But he has not devoted himself entirely to this one undertaking. As an extension of his first interests, he had a dry goods store at Mount Carmel, Northumberland county, which when the Shamokin store was incorporated he sold to his son C. F. Leader, who is conducting it on the same scale and in the same progressive style characteristic of the Shamokin store. An earnest desire to please their patrons may be said to be the keynote of the success of this concern, and the results commend the policy. Liberal management has also been a leading feature of Mr. Leader's code, and its wisdom has been made apparent by his continued prosperity.

Several of the most important financial corporations in Shamokin count Mr. Leader among their promoters and founders, and he has been identified with their conduct in various capacities, his connection and influence being considered important factors in their welfare. He was the leading promoter of the Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Company, capitalized at \$250,000, which was organized and began business in March, 1896, and has been its president since the organization; he is also president of the First National Bank of Schuylkill Haven, of the W. P. Zartman Lumber Company (with offices at Shamokin), of C. C. Leader & Sons Company (dry goods and carpets), and of the Hillsboro Telephone Company of Hillsboro, Texas. He is a director of the Cement Block Company, of Shamokin, of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Shamokin, of the Mississippi Telephone Company and of the Auburn Shale Brick Company of Shamokin; and a trustee of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., and of Bethany Orphans' Home, Womelsdorf, Pa. Mr. Leader was the prime mover in the establishment of the First National Bank of Schuylkill Haven, which was organized in 1899, with a capital of \$50,000, and held the office of vice president until 1904, when he became president. He is a member of the building commission for the State hospital, including the district of Trevorton, Shamokin and Mount Carmel. His services in every position of responsibility have shown his selection to be a wise one. Few men have done more for the community, though he has not gone into the realm of public life, confining his efforts to doing the best he can for his fellow men in his capacity of private citizen. His gifts to charity have been generous and well distributed, his interest in benevolent projects leading him to support worthy organizations, and his sympathy for less fortunate fellow beings prompting many private beneficences.

In May, 1867, Mr. Leader married Amanda R. Ketner, of Schuylkill Haven, daughter of Benjamin Ketner, and they have had a family of five children: Emma May is at home; Charles Franklin married Cora Pensyl; William C., born in 1874, was manager of the Mount Carmel store at the time of his death, in 1899, in a terrible railroad accident on the Lehigh Valley road at Duncellen, N. J.; Harry K., a member of the corporation of C. C. Leader & Sons Company, married Bertha Dress and had two children, Charles C. and Richard; Edward R. succeeded his brother William in the management of the Mount Carmel store and is a member of the corporation of C. C. Leader & Sons Company.

In politics Mr. Leader was originally a Democrat, but he now votes independently; he is a man of strong Prohibition tendencies, and a staunch advocate of reforms which have for their object the permanent elevation of the human race. He has long been a member of St. John's Reformed Church, and has served many years as elder. For twenty-five years, from 1880, he served as superintendent of the Sunday school. During the Civil war he responded to the call when the invasion of the State was threatened, enlisting at Harrisburg and serving in an emergency regiment at Wrightsville, York Co., Pennsylvania.

SIMON PETER BROWN was a resident of the borough of Milton for forty years, during which period he was not only considered one of the substantial citizens of that place but also one whose influence counted for much in the promotion of progressive enterprises. He made a great success of his own undertakings, and when he became interested in public institutions, those bearing on the general welfare of the community, he gave them the same thought which had made his personal affairs prosper. Intelligent, broad-minded and public-spirited, he was a man whose life, though unassuming and avoiding rather than seeking notoriety, was one of continuous usefulness to his fellow men as well as to those who had the right to claim his attention.

Mr. Brown was a native of Union county, Pa., born Aug. 11, 1843, son of Cyrus and Elizabeth (Wooltrout) Brown whose children were as follows: Mary Ann (who married Aaron Van Burskirk), Daniel, Reuben, Abram, Obediah (died young), Jeremiah (died young) and Simon Peter. The last named was a pupil in the schools of his home locality in Union county, and later went to school at Lewisburg. He came to Milton about 1867 and there spent the remainder of his days. He began work in the borough as a clerk in the store of William Heinen, remaining there when it was conducted by the firm of Heinen, Etzler & Rausb, and later by the Heinen & Senneker Company. But he did not continue long in the firm.

ble capacity in which he began his connection with the business. He became a partner, and after the death of Mr. Heinen the firm became Schreyer, Brown & Co., continuing thus until Mr. Brown withdrew from the association, in 1894. Though unostentatious in everything he did Mr. Brown was recognized as a most efficient worker by all who had any dealings with him. Many of the most important movements in Milton counted him among their most effective promoters. He was one of the organizers of the Milton Water Company and served as director; was for years president of the Milton Gas Company and was one of the directors of the Milton National Bank. He was a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church, and in politics a Republican. His death, which occurred April 28, 1907, was a distinct loss to the community.

On March 14, 1882, Mr. Brown married Laura B. Knauff, daughter of John and Susan (Clinger) Knauff, and she survives him, she and her mother occupying the beautiful home on East Broadway erected by Mr. Brown.

JOHN KNAUFF, late of Milton, who served as assessor of the Second ward of that borough, was born in 1833 in Lycoming county, Pa., but was long a citizen of Northumberland county.

Frederick Knauff, his father, was born in 1809 in Germany and was only a boy when he came to America, in 1817. He followed farming all his life. His wife, Anna, of Schuylkill county, Pa., was born in 1810 and survived him, dying in 1885. Mr. Knauff's death occurred in 1875. He was a Lutheran in religion and a Democrat in politics. To Mr. and Mrs. Knauff were born children as follows: John; Henry, who lives in Lewisburg; Peter, living in Jersey Shore, Pa.; Daniel, who lives in Scranton, Pa.; Abram, deceased; Susan, who married John Zere and died in 1860; Margaret, Mrs. Wagner; Julia Ann, who married Peter Heilman and lives in Indiana (they have two children, Fred and Lloyd); Catharine, who married Edward App; and Matilda, who married Harry Noll.

John Knauff followed farming in his early life, later engaging in lumbering for a number of years. For over twenty years he was connected with the Milton Car Works as foreman, during the time that plant was under the management of Murray, Donald & Co. Although a Democrat in a ward which is normally Republican by a majority of 100 Mr. Knauff was elected assessor a few years ago, the second time by a majority of 168, which statement needs no comment. He held this office during his last years, dying Aug. 1, 1910. His trustworthy character and efficient services were well appreciated by his fellow citizens.

On Feb. 9, 1856, Mr. Knauff married Susan, daughter of Henry and Susanna (Wagoner) Cling-

er, and their union was blessed with the following children: Laura B., who is the widow of Simon Peter Brown; Amanda V., Mrs. Crane; Carrie (deceased); Mrs. Hanam; and Robert C., who married Bessie May Hottenstein and has two children, John A. and Robert S. Mrs. Robert C. Knauff is the daughter of Allen S. Hottenstein, granddaughter of Charles Hottenstein and great-granddaughter of Henry and Catharine (Spohn) Hottenstein.

Though Mrs. Knauff has passed the threescore and ten mark she enjoys good health and is active beyond the ordinary, and the same was true of Mr. Knauff. They made their home with their daughter, Mrs. Brown, spending their days in well deserved peace and contentment, surrounded by all that goes to make life worth living.

VORIS AUTEN, of Mount Carmel, judge of the courts of Northumberland county, comprising the Eighth Judicial district, occupies a conspicuous place among the leading citizens of that section of Northumberland county and the State of Pennsylvania. His success in both professional and business lines indicates the strength and versatility of his makeup, and his services as judge have established him firmly in the confidence of the people.

Judge Auten, son of William Maxwell Auten and Sarah (Allison) Auten, was born in Chillisquaque township, this county, July 8, 1856. His original paternal ancestor in this country was Adrian Hendricksen Aten, who came from Holland and settled at Flatbush, Long Island, in 1651. Just when or under what circumstances the letter "n" was inserted in the paternal name is not definitely known. Some of the descendants of this ancestor retain the original form of the name.

In the latter part of the eighteenth century, probably between 1780 and 1800, John Auten (Aten), descendant of Adrian Hendricksen, settled in what is now Montour county, Pa., along the banks of the Chillisquaque creek, about nine miles from its mouth, where were born Joseph Auten and William Maxwell Auten, grandfather and father of the Judge. John Auten assisted in building the first Chillisquaque Presbyterian church, a log structure subsequently destroyed by the Indians. His son Joseph married Elizabeth Maxwell.

William Maxwell Auten, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Maxwell) Auten, was born July 7, 1814. He received a common school education, and when about eighteen years old began to learn the trade of millwright, which he followed in connection with farming throughout his active years. He made his home in Chillisquaque township until his death, which occurred Jan. 8, 1891, after a severe illness of about four weeks' duration. Mr. Auten was a man of considerable prominence in

his township, where he served one term as justice of the peace and several terms as school director, taking especial interest in the welfare of the public schools. He was a Democrat and took part in the work of the party, serving as delegate to county and State conventions. In religion he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he was a conscientious Christian and an earnest student of the Bible, conducting himself in all the relations of life so as to retain the respect and good will of all his fellow men.

Mr. Auten was twice married. By his first union, with Sarah Kline, daughter of Joseph Kline, he had six children, namely: Joseph H., Wesley, Isaiah, Catharine J. (Mrs. Samuel Giffen), John J., and a sixth who died in early infancy. The mother died in 1848, and Mr. Auten subsequently married Mrs. Sarah (Allison) Marr, widow of John Marr, and daughter of James Allison, who settled in Northumberland county in pioneer days. Seven children were born to the second marriage: James A., William M., Voris, Elizabeth (Mrs. W. B. Cox), Edward, George B. M. and Annie (wife of Angus Fairchild).

Voris Auten grew to manhood in his native township, gaining his early education there in the common schools. Later he attended the academy and university at Lewisburg, taking part of the scientific course at the university and like many who follow the professions he taught school while preparing for his true work. He was engaged for several terms as teacher in the common schools of his native township, and was six years thus engaged in the Sunbury schools, meantime, in April, 1879, commencing the study of law under Frank A. Marr, attorney, of Sunbury. He was admitted to the bar of Northumberland county in September, 1881, and in June, 1883, removed to Mount Carmel, where he has since been engaged in practice. In the fall of 1889 he was elected district attorney of the county, and was reelected in 1892, serving two terms. In November, 1901, he was elected judge of the county courts. Such is a brief outline of his legal career. Of the steps by which he has attained his success, the conscientious fulfillment of every trust reposed in him, the skillful handling of all his legal cases and his efficient discharge of every duty, we can best judge by results. He is a man who has done his best as a citizen, in both the relations which he has formed in the pursuit of his professional and business interests, and those which the intelligent man feels called upon to assume as a useful member of society. He is a Democrat in politics. Socially Judge Auten belongs to the L. O. O. F. and the F. & A. M.

On June 9, 1887, Judge Auten married Jennie Renn, daughter of Dr. George M. Renn, of Sunbury, and they have had one daughter, Agnes Renn, who was born July 11, 1893.

WILLIAM M. LLOYD, of Shamokin, present treasurer of Northumberland county, is a citizen who enjoys excellent standing in both business and official circles. Before taking his present office he filled that of justice of the peace for some time, and he has business interests which entitle him to be considered one of the substantial men of his community. He is a native of the county, of Welsh extraction.

Mathew Lloyd, grandfather of William M. Lloyd, was born in the south of Wales, in 1814, and came to America in 1854. He had married Mary Powell, also a native of South Wales, and on coming to this country they brought their family of three children, two sons and one daughter. Mr. Lloyd followed mining throughout his active years, and died in 1881 in Shamokin, Coal township, Northumberland Co., Pa., where he is buried. Of the children, William died in Shamokin; Elizabeth married John Knittle, of Roaring Creek, Columbia Co., Pa., and died at Centralia, that county; Thomas is the father of William M. Lloyd.

Thomas Lloyd, son of Mathew, was born April 11, 1852, in Nantyglo, South Wales, and came to America when very young, landing at New York. His first home here was at Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and later he was in Lycoming county, this State, whither his father moved in 1858. In 1859 the family moved to Danville, Montour county, remaining there until 1869, when they settled in Shamokin. Here and in the vicinity Thomas Lloyd has since resided. He worked at mining at the various places where the family lived, following that occupation, part of the time in connection with contracting, for twenty-five years in all. He then embarked in the grocery business, at Marshallton, in Coal township, Northumberland county, being engaged in that line for about seven years, in association with his son William M., under the name of Lloyd & Son. His next venture was in the hotel business, on the same site as he had his grocery store, and he continued in this line for thirteen years, making a success of it. Since settling at his present home he has devoted all his time to his real estate interests. He purchased property at Edgewood, in Coal township, in 1907, erecting thereon the fine residence he now occupies, at No. 1404 Arch street. In many ways Mr. Lloyd has proved himself a trustworthy and intelligent citizen, and his business reputation is unimpeachable.

On July 1, 1872, Mr. Lloyd married Deborah Ann Dilliplane, daughter of Ezekiel Dilliplane. She is a native of Roaring Creek, Columbia Co., Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd have had six children: William M.; Albert, now a member of the firm of M. L. & P. Co., manufacturers of overalls and shirts at Shamokin, formerly superintendent of schools in Coal township (he married Nellie Ernst); Lydia A., unmarried; Thomas, M. D.;



Edward, D. D. S., of Shamokin; and Harvey, M. D., of Shamokin. Mr. Lloyd, the father, is a member of the I. O. O. F. and of the Knights of the Golden Eagle.

William M. Lloyd was born April 9, 1873, in Coal township, near Shamokin, and attended the schools of his native township. But as was common in those days he commenced work at the age of eight years, as slate picker at the mines near Shamokin, following this vocation for four years. Then he entered his father's grocery store, clerking there for seven years, after which he engaged in the wholesale bottling business, in Coal township. He conducted that business until 1900, when he was elected a justice of the peace of his native township, and he served in that capacity until he was elected county treasurer, in November, 1908. Though a Republican, Mr. Lloyd was given flattering support, having a majority of 234 votes in his run for the treasurer's office. He is well and favorably known throughout the county, and his successful race for the position was undoubtedly due in large measure to his personal popularity and his high standing for integrity and moral strength.

Mr. Lloyd is one of the owners of the well known "Windsor Hotel" at Shamokin, of which Mr. J. W. Henrie is in charge, and in this connection is well known to the traveling public; he is vice-president of the company which owns the hotel. He is president of the Miners' Building & Loan Association of Shamokin, of which Charles O'Connor is vice-president. Mr. Lloyd holds membership in Shamokin Lodge, B. P. O. Elks, and also belongs to the West End Fire Company.

Mr. Lloyd married Julia Eagan, daughter of William Eagan, of Shamokin, and they have had a family of four children: Letitia, Albert, Valeria and Lyman S.

GRANT HERRING, of Sunbury, a distinguished lawyer whose professional talent and attainments have gained him standing among the foremost legal practitioners of the day in Pennsylvania, has been a resident of Northumberland county for only a few years. His reputation and achievements, however, entitle him to recognition wherever he goes. Bloomsburg, Columbia county, was his home for a number of years. For a considerable period he was prominent in Democratic politics, but since January, 1899, he has devoted himself to the practice of his profession. Mr. Herring was born May 19, 1862, at Centerville (now Limeridge), Columbia Co., Pa., son of George A. and Mary A. (Hess) Herring. The family is of German peasant origin.

Christopher Herring, the emigrant ancestor, came to this country with his wife and eight children before the Revolutionary war. They were "redemptioners," their services being sold to

defray the expenses of the passage. Two of the eight children were killed in the battle of the Brandywine. Another, Ludwick, was the great-grandfather of Grant Herring. He settled in Orangeville, Columbia Co., Pa., in 1800. He was a teamster and was engaged in hauling produce and goods from Orangeville and Pottsville to Reading before the introduction of the railroad system in that section.

John Herring, son of Ludwick, was born in Orangeville, Pa., in 1808, and there resided throughout his active life. He was a carpenter by occupation, and for twenty years was a carpenter foreman on the Pennsylvania canal, between Nanticoke and Sunbury. Politically he was a Jacksonian Democrat, casting his first vote for Jackson, and adhered to the Democratic party until his death. For ten years he was justice of the peace at Orangeville. In 1889 he moved to Bloomsburg and for the rest of his years lived in retirement, dying in 1893. He married Rebecca Snyder, a sister of the late Sheriff John Snyder, of Orangeville, and they had eight children, six sons and two daughters.

George A. Herring, son of John, was born in Orangeville, Dec. 24, 1833, and obtained his education in the academy at that place. At the age of twenty years he moved to Bloomsburg, where he learned the trade of molder, which he followed for a period of four years in Bloomsburg, Illinois and Michigan. Returning home he engaged in carpentering with his father, building canal boats at Limeridge, Columbia county, and continued carpenter work and boatbuilding until 1864, when he purchased a colliery, now known as No. 3, at Shenandoah, Schuylkill Co., Pa., in connection with J. W. Williams, Esq., operating it for a few years as a member of the firm of Williams & Herring. He then met with a serious accident which nearly resulted in his death and which terminated his connection with the mine. He disposed of his interest and engaged in merchandising in Shenandoah up to the year 1876, when he sold out. During this period he was elected treasurer of Schuylkill county, serving from 1870 to 1873. He was one of the organizers and a director of the Shenandoah Water Company; also a director of the Shenandoah Valley Bank. In 1876, owing to poor health, he sold his store and moved to Bloomsburg, purchasing a farm two miles from there and also renting a tannery, which he operated until 1882. He then disposed of the tannery, but has since owned the farm. From 1881 to 1887 he served as deputy treasurer of Columbia county, and for the following three years as treasurer. In 1894 he was made deputy collector of internal revenue for the Twelfth District of Pennsylvania, with office at Scranton, under his son Grant, and he has since held that office. Po-

litically Mr. Herring is a firm supporter of Democratic principles and has frequently served as delegate to State conventions from Columbia and Schuylkill counties. He was a delegate to the convention which nominated Pattison for governor, the first time he was elected, and the delegation from Schuylkill county, being the last to cast its vote, had the distinction of naming the Democratic candidate, as the vote was very close. Mr. Herring married Mary A. Hess, who died in 1893 at the age of fifty-seven years, and they became the parents of three children: Grant; Ida, who resides with her father at Bloomsburg; and John, who died in March, 1890, at the age of twenty-two years. The latter was graduated from Lafayette College in June, 1889, and during his junior year in college received honors in oratorical contests; upon leaving school he began the study of law with his brother and continued it until his death.

Grant Herring attended the common schools of Shenandoah until 1876, when he entered the Bloomsburg State normal school, to prepare for college, remaining there until 1879. He then took a classical course in Lafayette College, graduating therefrom in June, 1883, with the degree of A. B.; later he received the A. M. degree from his alma mater. He is an excellent speaker and a fluent writer, and in his junior year took first honors in the oratorical contest. In September, 1883, he began the study of law in Bloomsburg with E. R. Ikeler, Esq., afterward president judge of the Twenty-sixth Judicial district of Pennsylvania, and was admitted to the bar in Columbia county Feb. 5, 1885. He formed a partnership with Mr. Ikeler on the same day, under the firm name Ikeler & Herring, and they continued together for four years, until the former was elected to the bench. He has been admitted to the County, United States, State and District Supreme courts. He built up a good corporation practice, becoming solicitor for the Farmers National Bank, attorney for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, for the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, of Berwick, and a number of other prominent firms.

Mr. Herring was active in the councils of the Democratic party for some years. He was delegate-at-large from Pennsylvania to the Democratic National Convention of 1892, which nominated Cleveland, and was delegate from his district in 1896 to the convention held at Chicago, where he was an earnest advocate of sound money doctrines throughout the financial excitement which characterized that period. He received a number of honors from the party. He was elected to the State Senate from the Twenty-fourth district, which he represented in that body from 1890 to 1894, serving in the extra sessions called in 1893 by Governor Pattison for the investigation of State officials. He was the youngest member of that

body. He was appointed Collector of Internal Revenue for the Twelfth district of Pennsylvania, assuming the duties of this office Feb. 3, 1892. On Aug. 12, 1898, he was appointed president judge of the Twenty-sixth Judicial district (succeeding his former preceptor and partner, Mr. Ikeler, in that position), and soon after was one of three judges to decide a contest at a judicial election in Schuylkill county. He was not a candidate for the election which took place the following November, and in January, 1899, resumed the private practice of his profession, which he followed alone at Bloomsburg from the time he and Mr. Ikeler dissolved partnership until he came to Sunbury, April 22, 1907, and formed a partnership with Hon. S. P. Wolvorton. They practiced together for two years, since which time Mr. Herring has practiced alone. His office is in the Bossler building, at the corner of Market and Fourth streets, Sunbury. Mr. Herring's success in handling the cases intrusted to him has come as the result of indefatigable devotion to the interests of his clients, and his thorough familiarity with legal methods in all the courts. His standing, because of his brilliancy and conscientious devotion of his best efforts to any work he undertakes, is of the highest, and he has a forceful personality which attracts the most substantial elements in any community. Mr. Herring was made a trustee of the State normal school at Bloomsburg in 1895, and again appointed in 1898; since the latter year he has also been a trustee of the State Hospital for Injured Persons, located at Fountain Springs, in Schuylkill county.

On Sept. 4, 1885, Mr. Herring married Emma Jones, of Bloomsburg, daughter of John C. Jones; she died Nov. 8, 1910, at the age of forty-nine years, the mother of three children, viz.: (1) Donald Grant Herring, born Sept. 25, 1886, attended Bloomsburg high school, was graduated at Lawrenceville in 1903, and then entered Princeton, from which university he was graduated with the degree of A. B. in 1907. He won the Rhodes scholarship for the State of New Jersey, which entitled him to a three years' course at Oxford University, England, where he was graduated with honors in June, 1910. While there he played Rugby football on the Oxford side in the inter-university match between Oxford and Cambridge (the only American who enjoys that distinction). He is now an instructor at Princeton in Woodrow Wilson's department of History, Politics and Economics. (2) Laura Douglas Herring, born Dec. 24, 1887, graduated from the Bloomsburg State normal school and from Rice Seminary, N. Y., entered Vassar College, and subsequently took a course at the Damrosch School of Musical Art, New York City, studying vocal music. She is now preparing to sing in grand opera under the famous Madame Milla Tonicini. (3) Mildred Herring,



born Sept. 24, 1893, graduated from the Bloomsburg State normal school, attended Susquehanna University, at Selinsgrove, Pa., and is now at Rye Seminary, preparing for Vassar College.

**ROCKEFELLER.** The Rockefeller family has long been well represented among the best class of citizens in Northumberland county, and one of the townships of the county bears the name. The family was founded here by Godfrey Rockefeller, from whom the brothers to whom this article chiefly refers are descended in the fifth generation. All the surviving sons of the family of the late Lewis Rockefeller are prosperous and substantial business men of Sunbury, and there resides the family of the late Lemuel C. Rockefeller. His brothers, Isaac and Charles G. Rockefeller, are associated in business under the firm name of C. G. Rockefeller & Brother, and are proprietors of the Sunbury Market House and of the Sunbury Sanitary Dairy Company, both of which are well patronized by the people of the borough.

The Rockefeller family traces its beginning in America to one Peter Rockefeller, who was born in Europe in 1710 and on emigrating to America settled at Amwell, Hunterdon Co., N. J. He died there about 1740, leaving to his son, who was also named Peter, 763 acres of land in the county mentioned.

Godfrey Rockefeller, born in 1747, was a son of Peter Rockefeller (2). He came to Northumberland county, Pa., in 1789, and took up land in the vicinity of Snyderstown. He married Margaret Lewis, and they had a family of eleven children, three sons and eight daughters. One of the sons was the grandfather of John D. Rockefeller, of Standard Oil fame. The other two were John and William, the former the great-grandfather of the Rockefeller brothers of Sunbury just referred to, the latter the father of David (born Sept. 6, 1802) and grandfather of Judge William M. Rockefeller (born Aug. 18, 1830), who married Emily Jones, daughter of Thomas and Maria Housel Jones, of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

John Rockefeller, son of Godfrey, was the great-grandfather of Lemuel C., Charles G. and Isaac Rockefeller.

John Rockefeller, the grandfather, was killed on his way home from Reading, at a time when much of the country was still a wilderness. He married Elizabeth Moore, and they were the parents of Lewis Rockefeller, mentioned below, their other children being as follows: Henry married Elizabeth Morgan and had five children, John, James, Jacob, Franklin and Harriet (Mrs. John Gulick); Michael never married; David was twice married, his first wife being Isabella Campbell; John married Harriet Kneiss and had five children, Alice (wife of Rev. John Bowman), Caroline (Mrs. Woods), Anne (wife of Jacob Frye), Elizabeth

(wife of Jesse Cleaver) and Ella (Mrs. Sanders); Mary married George Bassett and had six children, Lucy, Alda, Ruth, Maggie, Elizabeth and George; Hetester married Isaac Eckman and had children, Col. Charles (married Sophia Gearhart) and David (married Ella Wolfe and had children, Franklin, Alfred, Dyer and Ethel), Elizabeth (married first Oscar Heller and second Joseph Bonner); Harriet (married George Mettler and had two children, Ella and Susan) and Lewis.

Lewis Rockefeller, born Sept. 12, 1823, died in October, 1898. He married Catherine Campbell, who survives him and they became the parents of a large family: Lemuel C., born Nov. 8, 1848, is mentioned elsewhere in this publication; Sarah married H. Clay Seasholtz and has had one son, David; Isabella died in 1888, at the age of twenty-five; Hattie married H. C. Lyons; Charles G. is mentioned below; Isaac is mentioned below; Joseph, born in 1859, died in 1870; David P. married Agnes Cummings; Oliver P. married Jennie A. Haupt; Emery was united in marriage with Minnie Gonser.

Mrs. Catherine (Campbell) Rockefeller, though now (1910) in her eighty-first year, is active and retains all her faculties, and to her excellent memory we are indebted for much of the data in this article. She enjoys good health, and her kind and unselfish disposition keeps her interested in the welfare of her numerous descendants and endears her to a wide circle of relatives and friends. She now makes her home with her daughter Mrs. Seasholtz. Her cheerful temperament and fine Christian character have won for her the esteem and love of all fortunate enough to know her. She was one of a family of nine children born to Christopher and Sarah (Kline) Campbell, the former of whom was the son of Christopher Campbell, the latter the daughter of Isaac Kline. Isaac Kline and his wife Catharine had the following sons: Harmon, Henry, Isaac and Christopher. The children of Christopher and Sarah (Kline) Campbell were as follows: (1) Isaac married Hannah Campbell. Children: Dr. John, who died in Philadelphia, Pa.; Lemuel, who married Sally Kersuge; James, who married Alice Van Zant; Rebecca, who married Joseph Eckman; and Flora, who died young. (2) Lemuel married Emma Smith. Children: Dr. Charles, who married Lizzie Enos; William, who died young; Eli, who died young; and Mary, who lives in Sunbury. (3) Abraham died young. (4) Herman married Elizabeth Reel, and their son, Edmund, married Mary Haupt. (5) Sarah married Charles Eckman, and had two children, Frank and Ellard (who married Ella Snyder). (6) Ella married (first) Kelso Savidge, by whom she had three children, Clinton (who married Louise Essie and has six children, Harry W., Albert C., Ralph W. E., Preston M., Louise and Lucile), Harrison C. and Lizzie A.



(married Willard Robinson). Her second marriage was to George Forrester, by whom she has had two children, Isabella (Mrs. Clark) and Ellen, the latter dying young. (7) Rhoda married Samuel Oberdorf, and they have had eleven children, Oliver (deceased), Isaac (deceased), Hamilton (deceased), Isabella (deceased), Chalmers (deceased), Mary, Peter, G. Donald (a graduate of Princeton and now principal of the Mount Carmel high school, who married Olive A. Ruch), Maurer (married to Amanda Gearhart), William (who married Ollie Wolverton and has two children, Calvin and Robert, the former a graduate of Bucknell University) and Susan (Mrs. Lorenza Eckman, who has two children, James and Chalmers). (8) Elizabeth married (first) Bloomfield Carr, by whom she had two sons, James and William, and (second) Charles Houghout, by whom she has two daughters, Virginia and Roda, the latter the wife of William Clark and the mother of three children, Bessie, George and Morris. (9) Catherine married Lewis Rockefeller.

CHARLES G. ROCKEFELLER was born Aug. 5, 1856, on one of the Rockefeller homesteads in Upper Augusta township, near Klinesgrove, and he and his brother Isaac lived on the farm there until they came to Sunbury in 1906. They are now associated in business as C. G. Rockefeller & Brother, and own and conduct the Sunbury Market House and the Sunbury Sanitary Dairy Company, Charles G. Rockefeller looking after the sanitary milk and cream depot, where four people are constantly employed. This plant supplies about eight hundred quarts of Pasteurized milk and cream daily to the local market. The Sunbury Market House, which is 100 by 280 feet in dimensions, was built by them in 1901, several years before they removed to Sunbury to manage their interests from that point, and has been well patronized by the farmers of this district and by the people of the borough ever since its establishment. The brothers own considerable valuable land, having one farm of 18½ acres, another of fifty-seven acres, and a wood tract of twenty acres, and they keep help on these tracts all the year around. They stock their own farms, and have thirty-five head of dairy cattle, also buying considerable milk, for which, handled by their excellent methods, they find a ready market.

In February, 1886, Charles G. Rockefeller married Mattie Minnier, of Upper Augusta township, and they have had two children, Harrison L. and Helen P. The son is agent in Northumberland and Snyder counties, Pa., for the Velie Motor Car Company of Moline, Ill., and is an able machinist, thoroughly familiar with the machinery he handles. Mr. Rockefeller and his family reside on East Chestnut street, near Seventh street, Sunbury.

ISAAC ROCKEFELLER was born Dec. 18, 1858, in Upper Augusta township, at Klinesgrove, and lived in that township until his removal to Sunbury. He formed a partnership with his brother Charles and they were engaged in general farming and dairying. Their Pasteurized milk has always had a ready sale in and around Sunbury, and their market house, of which Isaac Rockefeller is the manager, is one of the standard supply depots of the borough. These brothers have made and maintained the highest reputation for reliable table commodities, and their trade is one of the largest in Sunbury, with a steady increase which speaks well for its future.

In December, 1907, Mr. Isaac Rockefeller married Emma Specht, daughter of Adam and Agnes Specht. They are members of the Methodist Church.

DR. FREDERICK TREON (also spelled Try-on) was a native of Berks county, Pa., and coming to Northumberland county settled in what is now Washington township, where he practiced medicine until his death, being a physician of wide acquaintance. He traveled around on horseback, being a typical "saddle-bag doctor." He is buried at the Himmel Church, of which he was a member. He had a large field of operation—and in his time rode thousands of miles. His wife, whose maiden name was Gougler, is also buried at the Himmel Church, in Washington township, located near Rebuck. They had these children: Michael, born Nov. 8, 1790, died Jan. 2, 1871 (he married a Miss Reitz and they had two children when she died, Isaac and Maricha); Dr. George located at Muncy, Pa., and was a prominent doctor; Dr. Frederick is mentioned later; Benjamin, who was a laborer and lived in Washington township, had a large family, Joseph, William, Henry, Emanuel, Matilda, Sarah, Polly and Abbie; Peter married Sarah Glace and they lived in Little Mahanoy (children, Henry, William, and some daughters); Barbara married Henry Moyer and they lived near Lewistown, Pa.; Julia married Dr. Smith; Susanna married (first) Abraham Reitz and (second) Amos Reed; Ann married Peter Kobel and they lived in Stone Valley (he was a tanner); Elizabeth married Martin Drumbheller; Sarah married Philip Moyer, of Snyder county, Pa.; Polly married John Bobb and they moved to Centre county, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Frederick Treon was born Oct. 16, 1803, and died June 27, 1879. His wife, Maria (Polly) Reitz, daughter of George Reitz, was born Feb. 9, 1809, and died May 7, 1879. They are buried at the Himmel Church. He was reared in Washington township and received his early education in the common schools in vogue in his day. He married at the age of twenty and was a learned man

for his time, and was about twenty-four years old when he engaged in practice, in Lower Mahanoy and Jackson townships. He had a large field, and went as far as Buffalo Valley and Snyder county. He was specially skilled in treating gangrene, and people came to him for many miles. He, too, like his father was widely known, and his life was a useful one, his existence a benefit to the afflicted and to his fellowmen generally. He lived near Rebuck, in Washington township. Like his father before him he was a Lutheran in religion. He was once voted in for township clerk for a joke, as he never cared for office. His children were: Adam R., Jacob, who died at Ashland, Pa.; Peter, who died at Shamokin; and Lovina, who married George B. Kiehl (they live in Philadelphia).

ADAM R. TREON, an old and respected citizen of Lower Augusta township, was born July 23, 1837, son of Dr. Frederick Treon. He is a native of Washington (then Jackson) township, was reared on the farm, and received such advantages as the local schools afforded, learning to read English and "cipher." He began farming at the tender age of thirteen years, and in 1858-59 began farming for himself in Washington township, as a tenant. There he lived and farmed until the spring of 1885, when he crossed the mountains and came into Lower Augusta township, where he has a farm of seventy-three acres located on the Hollowing Run Road between Fisher's Ferry and Trevorton. This tract was a Hummel homestead many years ago, and the property originally was much larger. Here Mr. Treon has since farmed. He has owned the tract since 1894, before which he farmed it on shares. Mr. Treon is a Democrat and was School Director many years, holding the office for twelve years in succession. He was constable seven years, also in Washington township, and was also auditor of that township; in Lower Augusta township he was auditor three years. At present he is a supervisor, having been elected in 1906. He is a prominent and useful citizen. In religious conviction he and family are New Lutherans.

In 1858 Mr. Treon married Susanna Hoffman, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Hetrich) Hoffman, of Washington township. She died April 15, 1894, aged fifty-six years, and is buried at St. Peter's Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Treon were born the following children: Edward H. married Sarah J. Miller, daughter of Andrew Miller, and they reside with his father and follow farming (their children are Mabel Ruth, Dennis D., George A., and Jessie Susanna); Jeremiah is a farmer in Lower Augusta township; Alexander died aged twenty-one years after an illness of five years, finally becoming blind about one year before he died; Galen, Lewis and Daniel died young; Mary married John A. Minnier; John is a resident of Fish-

er's Ferry, Pa.; Wesley, of Asherton, Pa.; Alice died young.

WALTON F. RHOADS, cashier of the First National Bank of Sunbury, the oldest financial institution of that borough, has been identified with that community all his life, but he belongs to an old Berks county family, being a son of William S. Rhoads and grandson of Benneville Rhoads.

The Rhoads family is one of the oldest in Berks county, where it was planted in the early days of the eighteenth century—some accounts give the year 1710—by several brothers of the name, one of whom was John Jacob Rhoads. His nationality is uncertain, and in the early tax lists and records his name is also spelled Roth and Roads. In 1753 he was a taxable resident of Amity township, Berks county, and owned considerable land. He was a man of affairs and operated a paper mill in Amity township. Tradition has it that one of the sandstone tombstones east of Amityville church, whose inscription has become illegible by time, marks his grave. His children were: (1) Lena married Henry Baum. (2) Jacob in 1778 was a captain in the Revolutionary army. He married Susanna Yocum and their children were: Hannah, Daniel, John, Jacob, Samuel and Elizabeth. (3) Matthias was a lieutenant colonel in the Revolution. He married Elizabeth Gotterin and had children: Mary, Esther, Capt. Jacob, Joseph, Abraham and John. (4) Daniel married Magdalena Kerst and they had twelve children: David, Peter, Samuel, Jacob, John, Solomon, Adam, George, Daniel, Henry, Abraham and Mary. (5) Mary married Maj. George Lorah, a Revolutionary soldier. (6) Elizabeth married Maj. George Lorah after the death of her sister Mary. (7) Samuel is mentioned below. (8) Christina married Jacob Griesemer. (9) John married Catharine Greiner and had children: Jacob, Hannah, John, Catharine, George, Mary, Eleanor, Elizabeth, William and Samuel.

Samuel Rhoads, son of John Jacob, married Elizabeth Auvenshine, and they became the parents of children as follows: William, John, Daniel, Samuel, Abraham, Elizabeth, and two sons that died young.

Samuel Rhoads, son of Samuel and Elizabeth, married Sarah Ludwig and they had children as follows: William L. married Lydia Hine; Jonas married Rachel Hunter; Abraham L. married Harriet Straub; Frederick lived in Dayton, Ohio; Sarah married John Nein and lived in Chester county, Pa., where she is buried; Eliza married Samuel Sands and both are buried at Boyertown; Benneville married Rebecca Lewis.

Benneville Rhoads, who married Rebecca Lewis, was born at Amityville, Berks Co., Pa., and for many years lived in Ohio. Among his children was a son William, father of Walton F. Rhoads.



William S. Rhoads, son of Benneville, was born May 25, 1835, in Berks county, Pa., and came to Sunbury, Northumberland county, in 1866, spending the remainder of his life at that place. He moved hither from Paxtonville (earlier known as Beaver Furnace), Snyder Co., Pa., where he had been engaged as a bookkeeper, and he followed the same work in Sunbury, where he died March 13, 1891. He is buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery. He became a highly esteemed citizen of Sunbury, where for fifteen years he served as a member of the school board from what was then the Third ward, serving many years as secretary of the board. Politically he was a Republican, in religion a Lutheran, and socially he belonged to the Knights of Pythias and the Odd Fellows. Mr. Rhoads married Hannah Koch Francis, who was born May 25, 1835, and died Feb. 28, 1907. They were the parents of the following children: Mary C. (deceased) married Elwood P. McConnell; Adelaide F. married Charles A. Sensenbach, of Sunbury; Joseph W. died when eleven years old; Walton F. is a resident of Sunbury.

Walton F. Rhoads was born Sept. 22, 1860, at Heela, Schuylkill county, and received his literary training in the Sunbury schools, going to the Sunbury high school. Later he entered the military academy at West Point, but resigned in 1881, after one year's attendance, and returning to Sunbury became employed as bookkeeper in Whitner & Foster's general store. There he remained one year, when he became connected in the capacity of bookkeeper with the First National Bank of Sunbury, with which he has since been associated. This was in 1883. From bookkeeper he was promoted to the position of teller, then to assistant cashier, and on Feb. 1, 1909, he became cashier, succeeding George W. Deppen. This bank was established in 1831, and is one of the substantial and reliable financial concerns of Sunbury and the adjacent territory. Mr. Rhoads' long and honorable career in its service has given him the highest standing among business men in this section, and his personal reputation is equally enviable. Fraternally he is associated with True Cross Commandery, No. 112, Knights of Malta, and Maclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M., both of Sunbury, and he also belongs to the Temple Club and to Good Intent Fire Company, No. 1, of Sunbury, of which latter organization he has been treasurer since 1895. He and his family attend the Lutheran Church.

On Nov. 4, 1883, Mr. Rhoads married Mary C. Cooper, daughter of Thomas G. and Mary Elizabeth (Rohrbach) Cooper, who lived in Sunbury. Children as follows have been born to them: Florence Edna, wife of Bruce G. Frick, who is employed in the treasury department at Washington, D. C.; Bertha Irene; Alma Catharine, who died March 27, 1906, at the age of fifteen years;

Thomas W.; Mary Cooper; Walton Francis Jr.; and Martha Elizabeth.

THE FRANCIS FAMILY, to which Mrs. Hannah Koch (Francis) Rhoads, mother of Walter Francis Rhoads, belonged, is also a Berks county family. Her grandfather, Jacob Francis, was born Oct. 10, 1777, and lived on the farm in Amity, near the Exeter township line, now owned by his grandson, Jacob S. Francis. In June, 1806, he purchased five acres from one Jacob Bower and settled upon it for the remainder of his life, dying there Aug. 16, 1849. In April, 1810, he added twelve acres to the original tract and more from time to time until he had fifty-four acres. In 1819 he built the barn which is still standing on the place, and in 1843 the present dwelling house. He was a shoemaker and farmer, industrious and thrifty, and prospered. He was a Lutheran and a regular attendant of Amityville Church, and he and his wife, Susanna Rosena, are buried in the graveyard at Amityville, in Amity township. She was born Oct. 8, 1777, and died Feb. 24, 1843. They had a family of nine children: John, born Dec. 31, 1801, was married Dec. 3, 1826, to Elizabeth Susan Snyder; Samuel is fully mentioned below; Daniel, born Aug. 8, 1805, was married Dec. 26, 1829, and died Aug. 8, 1849; Jacob, born Aug. 6, 1807, married Dec. 18, 1843, Lydia Yaeger (or Hunter); Lydia, born Aug. 10, 1809, died Nov. 27, 1824; Elizabeth was born Oct. 10, 1811; Catharine was born Jan. 21, 1814; Susanna was born Oct. 29, 1817; William is mentioned below.

Samuel Francis, son of Jacob, was born Jan. 31, 1803, and on Nov. 25, 1827, married Catharine Koch, by whom he had children as follows: Jacob K. is mentioned below; Abram K. died at Pinegrove, Pa.; Rev. Samuel A. K., D. D., is a Lutheran minister located in Philadelphia; Layanna married Isaac O. Bortz; Hannah K. was the wife of William S. Rhoads, late of Sunbury, Pa.; Dr. Lesher K. lives at Boyertown, Pa.; a son, twin of Lesher, died in infancy; Amanda married William Bruner, of Amity township, Berks county; Bertolotte is a resident of Amity township, Berks county.

Jacob K. Francis, son of Samuel, was born in Berks county, and died at Harrisburg, Pa., when past fifty years of age. He is buried at Myerstown, Pa. In his earlier life he was a teacher, later engaging in business as a merchant at Harrisburg. His wife, Eliza (Brettenbach), died Oct. 18, 1908, at the age of eighty-four years and is buried at Colorado Springs, Colo. Their children were as follows: Elizabeth A., deceased; Mary J., who married Thomas P. Barber and resides at Colorado Springs, Colo.; Ida, who married T. S. Holt and lives at Colorado Springs, S. D.; Bertha, a resident of Denver, Colo.; Rev. J. M. Bruner, pastor of Amity U. C. church at D. W.



Shetzline, of Philadelphia; and William, a printer, of Fort Collins, Colorado.

Rev. J. M. Francis, D. D., pastor of Zion's Lutheran Church, at Sunbury, Northumberland Co., Pa., was born March 4, 1865, at Myerstown, Pa., and has been in the Lutheran ministry for almost twenty years. He received his college education at Gettysburg College, from which he was graduated in 1888 and took his theological course immediately afterward, at Gettysburg Seminary, graduating therefrom in 1891. His first charge was at Louisville, Ky., whence he transferred to Columbia City, Ind., and later to Springfield, Ill., becoming quite prominent in the administrative work of the church in the latter State, serving as president of the Lutheran Synod of northern Indiana and holding the same position in central Illinois; he was chaplain of the Illinois Legislature for four years, from 1904 to 1908. On May 17, 1908, he entered upon the duties of his present charge, at Sunbury, Pa., where he has an important pastorate, the congregation of Zion's Church numbering fourteen hundred members. He is a devoted and efficient worker and his services have proved highly acceptable. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to Maclay Lodge, No. 632, of Sunbury, and to the consistory at Bloomsburg.

Dr. Francis married Eliazbeth M. Toot, daughter of H. S. and Harriet S. (Deardorf) Toot, of Gettysburg, Pa. They have three children: Raymond T., who graduated from Sunbury high school in 1910 and is now a student at Bucknell University; Reginald K., and Robert M.

William Francis, son of Jacob, was born Aug. 6, 1820, in Amity township, Berks county, where his son Jacob S. now resides. He passed all his life on that farm dying there April 1, 1901, when over eighty years old. He owned the place and cultivated it, also following shoemaking, and outside of his own affairs he was principally interested in church work, in which he was very active. He and his wife were devout Lutherans, and he was deacon and elder in the church, chorister for many years, and one of the trustees of the cemetery board, which he helped to organize. On May 14, 1843, he married Julian Steinmetz, daughter of Michael and Mary Ann Steinmetz, and their children were as follows: Mary A., born Aug. 15, 1844, married Augustus Redcay and they lived in Birdsboro, Berks county; Emeline, born Sept. 3, 1846, married Samuel McLean; Amanda, born Feb. 3, 1849, died aged fourteen years; Jacob S. is mentioned below; Ellen, born April 1, 1853, died Oct. 19, 1871; David, born May 10, 1855, died in infancy.

Jacob S. Francis was born Sept. 3, 1850, on the Francis homestead in Amity township where he was reared and where he has spent all his life,

the place coming into his possession in 1901. It had been successively the property of his grandfather and father. The place now contains fifty-seven acres, valuable land, which is under a profitable state of cultivation.

On March 25, 1875, Mr. Francis married Catharine Bitting, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Behn) Bitting, of Exeter township, and they have had a large family, born as follows: William, Dec. 31, 1875; Charles, Aug. 31, 1877 (he is deceased); Daniel, April 19, 1879; Jacob, Jan. 22, 1882; James, Jan. 3, 1884; Henry, Sept. 8, 1885; Lizzie, April 7, 1887 (deceased); George, March 23, 1888; Sallie, Aug. 23, 1890; Vesta, Nov. 3, 1893 (deceased); Pearl, June 9, 1896; and Luther and Annie, twins, July 16, 1898. Mr. Francis and his family are Lutherans in religious belief, members of the Amityville Church.

JOHN JACOB KELLER, M. D., has been located in medical practice at Seven Points, Rockefeller township, since 1890 and during that period has built up a large practice, his patients being scattered over a wide territory, some of them in Sunbury and Trevorton. He was born Oct. 5, 1861, one mile south of Elysburg, Northumberland county, son of Jacob Keller, and was named for his great-grandfather John Jacob, who was born Nov. 22, 1773, and died April 28, 1847, aged seventy-three years, six months, six days. He came to Northumberland county in his later years and settled in Ralpho township. He is buried at the historic Blue church, at Dark Corner. His wife, Mary Magdalena, born Aug. 5, 1777, died Aug. 26, 1857, aged eighty years, twenty-one days. His children were: Philip, the Doctor's grandfather; Henry, who lived at Bear Gap, Pa.; Samuel, who lived in Snyder county, Pa.; another son, who lived in Venango county, Pa.; Daniel, who lived and died in Ralpho township, Northumberland county, at Dark Corner Valley (he was a farmer); and George, who married Rebecca Hoover, and died in Ralpho township.

Philip Keller, grandfather of Dr. John J. Keller, was born Oct. 2, 1803, in Shamokin township, Northumberland Co., Pa., and there obtained his education. He married Catherine Roth, who was born July 15, 1806, in Limerick township, Montgomery Co., Pa. She died Dec. 15, 1870, aged sixty-four years, five months. They had these children: Jacob, born Sept. 26, 1826; Daniel, born Jan. 17, 1828; Louisa, born Feb. 22, 1830, who married Jacob Kerschner; Isaiah, born July 22, 1833, who died young; Mary, born Sept. 29, 1838, who died Feb. 1, 1868, wife of William Kreighbaum; and Anna, born July 17, 1841, who died Dec. 3, 1867, wife of Thomas Smith.

Philip Keller settled in Shamokin township and followed farming, owning a farm at Elysburg, now

the property of Valentine Swank. By trade he was a weaver, of both plain and fancy articles, turning out bed-spreads, cloth, linen, etc. He was a devout member of the German Reformed Church, deeply interested in religion and a devoted Bible student, taking great pleasure in the perusal of the Scriptures. He died about 1884, at the age of seventy-eight, and is buried at the Blue church.

Jacob Keller, son of Philip, was born on his father's farm at Elysburg, and died in 1896, aged sixty-nine years, seven months. He is buried at the Blue church, of which he was a member, belonging to the Reformed congregation. Having learned the trade of carpenter, he was engaged on the construction of many coal breakers, and later in life he took up farming, owning a farm which is now the property of Percy Swank, adjoining the homestead place. He married Rosetta Conrad, who survived him dying in 1905, aged seventy years, and they became the parents of thirteen children: Uriah R., who is deceased; Malissa, wife of James Kramer, of Shamokin; Amos, who died in Wisconsin; Tillie (deceased), who married Luke Bird and lived in Shamokin; Frank, who died of typhoid fever when nine years old; John Jacob; Viana, who married Leonard Pensyl and lives at Shamokin; Hannah, who married Harry Kline and lives at Shamokin; Elias Wesley, a carpenter, who lives on Dewart street in Shamokin; and four who died young.

John Jacob Keller received his early education in the public schools, and after leaving the Elysburg high school took private instruction and a Chautauqua correspondence course. He then taught school for six years, in what is now Ralpho township, and began reading medicine with the late Dr. S. F. Gilbert, of Elysburg. He completed his professional preparation at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated in 1890 with the degree of M. D. From that time he has been located at Seven Points, where he has not only established an excellent practice but gained a high reputation for skill and conscientious devotion to his duties, and a personal standing that is beyond reproach. He has been a valuable citizen, and has interested himself in matters of business as well as of professional concern. Though conservative he is progressive, and his judgment is regarded as reliable among those who have been associated with him in business transactions. He is a large owner of real estate in Sunbury, and was one of the organizers and a member of the first board of directors of the Sunbury National Bank. He has served his township as school director and is a Democrat in politics. Fraternally he is a Mason, holding membership in Elysburg Lodge, No. 414, F. & A. M., Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M., of Sunbury, Mount Herman Commandery, No. 84, K. T., of Sunbury, and Bloomsburg Consistory, thirty-second degree.

On Feb. 23, 1882, Dr. Keller married Catharine Barron, daughter of Daniel and Margaret (Slaughterback) Barron, who lived at Elysburg; the Slaughterback family came from Juniata county, Pa. Five children have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Keller, namely: Myrtle attended school at Williamsport, Pa., and later studied at Bucknell University, at Lewisburg, Pa.; Verna graduated from the State normal school at Bloomsburg, Pa., in 1908, and is now engaged in teaching public school, this being her second term; Russell died in infancy; Grace died in 1907, when nine years old; Gladys is the youngest. Dr. Keller and his family worship at the Methodist Church.

EDWARD B. VOUGHT, proprietor of the Paxinos Roller Mills, is one of the leading business men of his section of Northumberland county, where he has resided from young manhood. He is a native of Montour county, this State, born July 30, 1857, son of Esick Howell Vought, and is a grandson of John Vought, Sr., the founder of this branch of the family in Pennsylvania. The Voughts are of German origin, and the first of the family to come to America settled in New Jersey, near what is now Trenton. Among his children were the three brothers, John, Daniel and Isaac, who came to Pennsylvania and settled in this region in pioneer times. A large number of Voughts are buried in the section where they settled, and most of the dates in this article have been taken from tombstone records gathered by Mr. Jerry Vought, of Danville; many of the family, however, had no markers, and some are buried at Catawissa, Berwick, and other places, but the records have been made as complete as possible under the circumstances.

John Vought, one of the sons of the emigrant ancestor who came to Pennsylvania, was born July 3, 1785. About 1817 he came from New Jersey to what is now Mayberry township, Montour Co., Pa., making the journey with teams, and he was among the early settlers in that district. He took up about twelve hundred acres of land, followed farming, and built the first sawmill along the Big Rearing creek. He married Hannah Metz, who was born Feb. 9, 1787, and died June 18, 1875, upon their farm, where Mr. Vought died Sept. 30, 1869. They are buried at St. John's Lutheran church, also known as Vought's Brick church, in Mayberry township. They had children as follows: (1) John, Jr., born June 1, 1807, died Oct. 7, 1885. He was a son when he came with his parents to Montour county, where he followed farming. He married Esther Knittle, who was born Oct. 11, 1813, and died Dec. 29, 1898, and they had children: Peter H.; Caroline, who married Samuel Mudd; Hannah, who married John Martin; Susan, a resident of Philadelphia, who has been a resident of the city of Ralpho town since 1875; and a son and daughter, himself and wife Clara.



born Oct. 2, 1875, died Oct. 4, 1875); Mary, who married James Broffel; Julia, born in 1845, who died in 1902, wife of Samuel Pensyl, who was born in 1834 and died in 1897 (their son Elwood, born in 1867, died in 1871, and their son John, born in 1873, died in 1874); Jane, who married Joseph Campbell; and Serenda, wife of S. S. Helwich. (2) Daniel. (3) Esick Howell is mentioned below. (4) Valentine, born March 21, 1814, died Feb. 14, 1901. His wife Maria, born Dec. 9, 1821, died May 9, 1881. Their son J. M. and his wife Elizabeth had a son born Jan. 1, 1881, who died the same day; and another grandchild of Valentine and Maria was Mary Gertrude Unger, born March 27, 1882, who died Feb. 14, 1907, leaving twin sons who were cared for and reared by their grandmother, Mrs. J. M. Vought. (5) James, born Dec. 30, 1826, died May 9, 1894. His wife, Emaline, died April 22, 1868. Their daughter, Emaline, died May 2, 1868; their son, Archibald Luther, died June 30, 1867; their daughter, Amelia Elizabeth, died May 10, 1866; their daughter, Naoma Ann, died March 20, 1866; their son, Esick Calvin, died Oct. 23, 1863—all dying in infancy or early childhood. Alice Aumiller, daughter of James and Jane Vought, and her young child are also buried with the Voughts, but their graves are not marked. (6) Anna. (7) Elizabeth. (8) Leanah, born April 28, 1819, died Nov. 25, 1889. She married Thomas P. Vastine, born Jan. 20, 1822, who died Dec. 3, 1885. Of their children: Hannah died May 26, 1867, aged fifteen years, eight months, eleven days; Sarah Catharine died April 15, 1867, aged eighteen years, three months, twelve days; and their son J. W. and his wife Emma had a son born March 6, 1893, who died the same day.

Esick Howell Vought, son of John Vought and his wife Hannah (Metz), died July 29, 1894, aged seventy-two years, twenty-one days. He was born in Columbia county, and spent practically all his life in Mayberry township, Montour county, where he followed farming. He married Louisa Crowl, who was born in June, 1819, daughter of Harry Crowl, and died in January, 1902. They are buried at St. John's Lutheran church in Columbia county. Their children were as follows: (1) Annie E., born April 6, 1844, died Oct. 28, 1889. (2) Mary J. is deceased. (3) Henrietta married Adam Pensyl and they live at Elysburg, Northumberland county. Their son, Edward Harris, born June 6, 1871, died March 23, 1873; their daughter Linnie, born July 6, 1875, died Sept. 4, 1880. (4) Christian M., who is deceased, married Araminta Campbell, who was born March 10, 1855, and died May 16, 1877. Their daughter Araminta, born May 4, 1877, died July 25, 1877. (5) Sallie E. married A. W. Long, and is deceased. (6) Margaret married H. W. Hartman and they are living in Ralpho township.

They have children, May, Clark, Ray and Wilbur. (7) Alfred Chester, born May 31, 1855, died July 15, 1879. (8) Edward B. is mentioned below. (9) Joseph H. is living in Sunbury. (10) Alonzo C. is living in Sunbury. Clara E., his wife, died July 25, 1896, aged thirty years, six months, six days; daughter Daisy A. died Feb. 16, 1891, when two months old; son Frankie E. died July 16, 1889, when nine months old; Nora, twin of F. E., is living; an infant son died Aug. 29, 1896.

Edward B. Vought was born in Mayberry township, Montour county, and was reared upon the farm, remaining with his father until he reached the age of twenty-two years. At that time he became engaged in business as a general merchant at Union Corners, in Rust township, Northumberland county, where he was located for a period of ten years, removing thence to the borough of Shamokin. There he remained another ten years, conducting a shoe store at Independence and Liberty streets, after which he spent a year in the lumber business. In 1900 he bought the old mill property of J. W. Reed, near Paxinos, Northumberland county, and has since conducted the mill. This mill was built in 1840, and a milling business has been done at this site for the last hundred years. In 1909 Mr. Vought equipped his plant with the most improved roller process, and he carries on a general milling business, in flour, feed, etc., his leading brands of flour being White Loaf, White Satin and Gilt Edge. He has become one of the foremost business men of his section, and is quite prominent in public affairs, being at present road commissioner. He was school director for six years, during which time he acted as president and treasurer of the board, one year in each capacity. He is a past master of Elysburg Lodge, No. 414, F. & A. M.

Mr. Vought's first marriage was to Mary E. Pensyl, daughter of Solomon and Caroline (Epler) Pensyl. She died in 1884 and is buried at Reed's church. Three children were born to this union: Caroline L., Jesse R. and Ambrose J. For his second wife Mr. Vought married Catharine Wilhour, daughter of Peter Wilhour, and they have three children: Marion L., Grant S. and Violet E.

Daniel Vought, one of the three brothers who came from New Jersey to Pennsylvania, was born Dec. 23, 1788, and died Dec. 13, 1870. He settled in Mayberry township, Montour county, and followed farming. His wife, Mary, born Oct. 22, 1791, died July 12, 1859. Their children were: (1) Jacob. (2) Peter. (3) Daniel, whose son-in-law, William Mutchler, born in 1842, died in 1909. Two sons (Mutchlers) are buried with him, John and Oscar, but no age is given. (4) John M. died April 7, 1882, aged fifty-three years, ten months, eighteen days. His wife, Elizabeth, born April 26, 1827, d. June 7, 1900, aged seventy-three



years, one month, eleven days. (5) Samuel died March 5, 1889, aged fifty-eight years, one month, twenty days; his wife Catharine died Sept. 20, 1887, aged thirty-eight years, seven months, twenty-three days. Their son, Lorenzo E. A., born in 1813, died in 1902. (6) Mary died after reaching maturity, but her grave is not marked. (7) Catharine died Jan. 2, 1868, aged forty years, twenty-six days. (8) Sarah A. Dimick, the other daughter, also died after reaching maturity, but her grave is not marked, and age is not known to the present writer.

Concerning the posterity of Isaac Vought, the third brother who came from New Jersey to Pennsylvania, Z. O. Vought, his son, born July 26, 1831, died April 12, 1906; the latter's wife, Mariah, born Nov. 5, 1835, died Feb. 17, 1900. Their daughter, Mary Gertrude, born Dec. 29, 1855, died Feb. 18, 1860; their son, Charles, born Dec. 17, 1860, died Nov. 7, 1877.

A grandson of Daniel Vought, Sr., Henry Vought (whose wife's name was Hattie), had infant twins that died May 13, 1878; an infant son that died March 20, 1875, when one month, seventeen days old; and another infant son that died Dec. 5, 1882, aged twelve days.

**JESSE R. VOUGHT**, who is engaged in the flour and feed business at Shamokin, Pa., was born at Union Corners, Rush township, Northumberland county, June 13, 1881, son of Edward B. and Mary E. (Pensyl) Vought. He received his education in the local public schools and at the Ellysburg Academy, and then entered Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster, Pa., where he remained one and a half years. He then entered the shoe business with his father in Shamokin, working with him during the year 1900 in this business, and next engaged in the milling business with his father at Paxinos, where he remained until 1909. At that time he embarked in his present business at Shamokin, dealing in flour, feed, hay, grain and straw. His place of business is situated at the corner of Commerce and Ninth streets, and he has a flourishing trade.

Mr. Vought married Leona Linderman, daughter of William Linderman, of Shamokin, Pa. So cially he is a member of the local lodge of Elks.

**JAMES O. SHEARER**, present chief Burgess of Milton, Northumberland county, is engaged in the insurance business in that borough and has long been associated with its civil administration, having held office—local or county—continuously for a number of years. His high standing in the borough is attested by the many marks of confidence which have been shown him by his fellow citizens.

Mr. Shearer was born in 1858 in Limestone township, Montour Co., Pa., and is of Irish descent, a member of the fourth generation of his family in this country. His great-grandfather, Michael, who spelled the name Sherred, was a native of Ireland and lived and died in that country. He married Esther Dutton, and they had three children, Robert, Jane, and another daughter who died at sea while the family were en route for America. The mother was remarried, to Thomas Wallace, by whom she had six children: Susan, who married John Russell; Esther, wife of Samuel DeArmand (she died in 1854, and he in 1818); Nancy, Mrs. McKinney; Mary, Mrs. Morehead; Mrs. McKee; and John, who died young. About 1780 this entire family came to America, settling in Dauphin county, Pa. In 1793 they removed to Delaware township, Northumberland county, where Mr. and Mrs. Wallace lived and died. Jane Shearer, daughter of Michael, married William Hunter and settled near Washingtonville, Pennsylvania.

Robert Shearer, son of Michael, was born in Ireland, and was fifteen years old when he came to America with the family. He also accompanied them on their removal to near Warrior Run in Northumberland county, and one of his granddaughters, a Miss Shearer of Milton, has his church certificate for transfer of membership from the Derry Church in Dauphin county, dated March 26, 1793. He married Margaret Hutchinson, who was born Oct. 30, 1782, and upon his marriage purchased a farm of 160 acres in what was then Turbut township, Northumberland county (now Limestone township, Montour county). Here he and his beloved wife spent their entire married life, his death occurring March 31, 1839, hers Sept. 15, 1856. They were the parents of the following children: Esther, Eleonore, Margaret, John, Jane and Mary, all but John dying unmarried.

Joseph Hutchinson, Mrs. Margaret (Hutchinson) Shearer's father, was born in 1740, and in 1762 married Margaret Hutchinson, who was born in 1744. Their children were born as follows: Mary, Jan. 16, 1763; Joseph, July 10, 1765; Jean, June 15, 1767; John, July 23, 1770; Eldred, Feb. 7, 1773; Margaret, Jan. 26, 1775 (died young); Sarah, Nov. 23, 1777; Andrew, April 16, 1780; Margaret (2d), Oct. 30, 1782; Florence, April 5, 1785. The father of this family died Sept. 24, 1804, the mother Jan. 17, 1813. He gave the land for the burying ground at Warrior Run church, entering in the deed a provision that any of his descendants, forever who so desired, should be buried there, free.

John Shearer, son of Robert, was born Aug. 24, 1811, and died April 12, 1892, at Milton. He purchased his father's farm and lived on that property until 1885, when he sold the place to Gilbert

Shoop and moved to Milton, passing the remainder of his days in that borough. Before his removal to Milton he had served thirty-five years as justice of the peace and there were few better known men in his locality. He married Catharine Frick Oakes, who was born in White Deer Valley, Union Co., Pa., Nov. 21, 1834, and died Nov. 8, 1908, and they are buried in the upper cemetery at Milton. They had a family of five children: Robert, now of Duluth, Minn.; Samuel, of Oklahoma; Margaret H.; James O.; and Wallace, who died in 1890 (he was serving at the time as secretary of Milton Lodge, No. 256, F. & A. M.).

Judge Samuel Oakes, father of Mrs. John Shearer, was born Dec. 30, 1796, and died Dec. 21, 1867. On March 14, 1822, he married Sarah Montgomery, who was born Sept. 20, 1803, daughter of Robert (born 1762) and Catharine (Frick) Montgomery (born 1767, died 1805), granddaughter of John Montgomery (born 1738, died 1792) and Christiana (Foster) (born 1741, died 1821), and great-granddaughter of Robert and Sarah Montgomery, who came to this country from County Armagh, Ireland, in 1737 and settled in Dauphin county, Pa.: this Robert Montgomery died Oct. 15, 1776, aged seventy-one years, and is buried at Paxton Church, near Hamburg, Pa. To Samuel and Sarah (Montgomery) Oakes was born a large family, viz.: Catherine F. was born Feb. 14, 1823; Gen. James, born April 4, 1826, who married Maria Beehn, of Philadelphia, was a captain in the Mexican war, served on the Western frontier, and was a member of the Union Veteran Legion (he died in 1910); Sarah J., born Feb. 7, 1829, married John V. Goodlander, of Milton, and died May 5, 1898; Margaret, born Aug. 30, 1832, married Peter Hughs (associate judge), of Danville, Pa.; Catharine F. was the wife of John Shearer; Lucretia, born Sept. 6, 1836, died Sept. 21, 1842; Christiana, born Jan. 5, 1839, married Dr. C. H. Douglass and died March 25, 1873; Caroline, born Feb. 6, 1841, married James D. McGinnes, of Limestoneville, Pa.; Elizabeth, born Sept. 24, 1843, married B. Lyons, of Columbia county, Pennsylvania.

James O. Shearer spent his boyhood days on his father's farm. In 1885 he went West, remaining until 1887, when he returned East and located in Milton, finding employment in the Milton Car Works. In 1896, with his election as overseer of the poor in Milton, he began his connection with the official life of the town, and he continued to fill that position for ten years, until 1906, in which year he was appointed chief clerk in the county commissioners' office, which is located at Sunbury. There he remained until 1909, when he returned to Milton, and the same year he was honored with election to the office of chief Burgess, which he is now filling. He is also deputy prothonotary of Northumberland county. It was in

1902 that Mr. Shearer began the insurance business, which he has since continued, having his office at No. 11 Front street, Milton. He has established a profitable patronage in this line, which he is constantly widening by his diligent efforts and enterprising methods.

Mr. Shearer has been a well known worker in the Democratic organization in this county, and was county chairman for his party from 1903 to 1905. Socially he is a Mason, holding membership in Lodge No. 256, F. & A. M., of Milton; Warrior Run Chapter, R. A. M., of Watsontown; Williamsport Consistory; and Iram Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, to which his ancestors for generations, before the emigration to America, have belonged.

On Sept. 7, 1910, Mr. Shearer married Algie D. Lamberson, of Sunbury.

WILLIAM T. GRANT, late of Sunbury, was during his active years one of the prominent citizens of Northumberland county. His strong character and business ability were demonstrated in a life of energetic and successful effort, but he is probably best remembered as he would have chosen to be, for his gentle and kindly nature, his unassuming but effective labors in the interest of the general welfare—a career of quiet usefulness continued long beyond the ordinary span. He was one of the oldest residents of Sunbury at the time of his death, and one of the most respected.

Mr. Grant was born Oct. 9, 1828, on the old family homestead farm, now within the upper part of the borough of Sunbury, and was a descendant of a family which in the early days bore its share in the making of history in this section of the State. His great grandparents, Alexander and Anna (Gordon) Grant, came from Scotland and settled in what is now the northwestern part of the borough of Sunbury, and there they passed the remainder of their lives. They are buried in the upper graveyard; Mrs. Anna Grant lived to be 104 years old. They brought with them two children, Thomas and George, both of whom had been baptized in the cathedral at Edinburgh. Both served in the Revolutionary war, and George was killed at Stony Point.

Col. Thomas Grant, son of Alexander and Anna (Gordon) Grant, was a colonel in the Continental forces during the Revolutionary war, and settled in Sunbury after its termination. He was a farmer by occupation and remained with his father on the homestead, becoming the owner of the extensive farm, which is now within the limits of the borough. He was a man of intelligence and enterprise, a leading citizen of his day, and was supervisor of the turnpike company. He died June 16, 1845, aged fifty-eight, while his wife

Deborah (Martin), who was from Northumberland, this county, born Jan. 19, 1763, died Feb. 22, 1845. They had children: George, Mary, Julian, Deborah, William, Thomas, Martin, Sarah, Robert (who died in infancy) and Robert S. Of these Deborah married Kenderton Smith and had children, Elizabeth, Virgellia, Deborah, Julia, Annie, Thomas, Mary A., Kenderton and Cadwallader. William (son of Col. Thomas Grant), born Nov. 7, 1788, died Feb. 28, 1838; he married Dorcas Montgomery (born Dec. 5, 1790, died July 3, 1863), and their children were Clarinda, Thomas, Robert Montgomery (born Feb. 2, 1816, died Dec. 27, 1840), Deborah (born Feb. 15, 1818, died Feb. 1, 1851), Margaret Ann (born in 1820, died in 1823), and Mary (who married Dr. Reed and had sons Thomas and William).

Robert S. Grant, son of Col. Thomas, was born Dec. 4, 1804, in the brick house which is still standing on the old homestead place, and passed his life there, dying April 25, 1849. He followed farming. He married Elizabeth Dyer, who was from the Wyoming region, being of Wilkes-Barre, and to them were born three sons: William T. is mentioned below; George M., born in 1831, died in 1853; Thomas D., born Nov. 21, 1834, died Aug. 13, 1879, while his wife Amelia D., born April 15, 1839, died Jan. 15, 1875. There was also a daughter, who died young. The mother of this family died Feb. 27, 1837, at the age of thirty-one.

William T. Grant spent his boyhood at the home place and received his education in the schools of Sunbury. At an early age he entered the employ of Henry Yoxtheimer, who at that time had one of the largest general stores in this part of Pennsylvania, and there he became familiar with business methods and laid the foundation of his future success. Marrying Mr. Yoxtheimer's daughter, he and another son-in-law of that gentleman, John W. Fryling, formed a partnership and became proprietors of this extensive business. Mr. Grant followed merchandising successfully for a number of years, later becoming interested in the coal trade in the Shamokin region, making large shipments from his wharves in Sunbury. It was in this connection that he became one of the founders and officers of the Shamokin National Bank. After giving up the coal business he was in the Pennsylvania Railway Company's service at Sunbury until he retired because of advancing age a few years before his death.

Though he never aspired to public honors Mr. Grant had such close association with various phases of the life of his borough that he was very well known. He was always ready to do his full duty as a citizen in private life, and during his active business years was diligent in the care of his own enterprises, but he invariably found time to be a devoted and faithful church worker, and

in this connection he was known of all over the State. He was one of the oldest Episcopal Church officers in Pennsylvania, having been a vestryman of St. Matthew's Church, at Sunbury, for a period of nearly sixty years, from early manhood until his death. All his church duties were efficiently and promptly performed, and he was a regular attendant at services as long as his strength permitted. Sincere and unostentatious in his religious life, he carried the principles of Christianity into all his relations with his fellowmen. "His life has been an open book, full of usefulness, consideration for others and gentleness. All his ways were ways of gentleness, for he was a gentleman, and taken all in all his life is worthy of emulation. It can be truthfully said the world is better for his having lived in it and there are many sorrowing hearts in this community, for his friends and acquaintances were legion." His "consideration for others" was a trait he carried to the extent of speaking well of others or not at all, and was so marked that it was always a pleasure to meet him, his unfailing kindness and courtesy being a matter of heart as well as of principle. In the home circle, as well as among his neighbors and friends, he was cheerful and thoughtful, a delightful companion and loving father and husband, whose first thought was for others. Among his business associates he was no less esteemed for his clear judgment and fairness to all. His last years, after his retirement from business activities, were enjoyed in simple outdoor life, in the cultivation of flowers and vegetables, for which he seemed to have a gift, his success with such ventures being remarkable. It was undoubtedly his method of living which so prolonged his years, for with the exception of the last few months he enjoyed unusual vitality throughout his long life of nearly eighty-two years, his death taking place in August, 1919, at his home on Arch street, Sunbury. He was buried in Pointet Manor cemetery. Mr. Grant was probably one of the oldest Masons in the State at the time of his death, having been a member of Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., for over sixty years, and for many years he took an active part in the work of the fraternity. He was master of his lodge in 1857.

On Sept. 23, 1852, Mr. Grant married Rachel A. Yoxtheimer, who was born Sept. 30, 1830, daughter of Henry and Nancy (Baum) Yoxtheimer, and she survived him, with seven children, namely: George E., who is at present secretary of the school board of Sunbury; Charles, of Northumberland, this county; Robert D., who makes his home in Los Angeles, Cal., engaged in the mining business (his wife, Ruth Leola Gaylord, born at Watertown, Conn., July 25, 1868, died at Salt Lake City, Sept. 4, 1906); Annie; Elizabeth; Katherine; and Edith. Mrs. William L. Dewart, of Sunbury,







*W. H. Dickinson*





Mr. Dickerman was married March 10, 1869, at Beaver Meadows, Carbon Co., Pa., to Joy Ivy, daughter of William and Margaret Carter, natives of Cornwall, England, where Mrs. Dickerman was born. Four children were the fruits of this union: Adelia Margaret (Mrs. Howard H. Williams, Plainfield, N. J.), William Carter (vice president of the American Car & Foundry Company, No. 165 Broadway, New York City), Grace Beatrice (Mrs. Guido C. Vogel, Milwaukee, Wis.) and Joy Chandler (Mrs. G. W. B. Fletcher, Philadelphia, Pa.). The family are attendants of the Presbyterian Church, and Mr. Dickerman is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and of the Lawyers' Club, of New York City.

DUNKELBERGER, a name well represented in Northumberland county, originated, according to tradition, from Dunkel Berg, a spur of the Black Forest. Little is known of the Dunkelbergers before the time of the Reformation. During that period they espoused the cause of the Reformers, and their descendants to the present day have continued to adhere to Protestant denominations. Up to the time of their emigration to the New World they were industrious and patriotic citizens of what is now the Kingdom of Wurtemberg, in lower Germany, but being deprived there of their religious liberty they turned to America, coming hither in 1728 by way of the Rheintuhl, down the Rhine to Holland, whence they sailed in the English ship "Morehouse," landing at Philadelphia Aug. 28, 1728. They proceeded at once to what is now Berks county, Pa., locating in Windsor township, a little southeast of what is now the borough of Hamburg. They were frequently molested by the Indians. These emigrants were Clement, Daniel and John Dunkelberger. Clement, who was the ancestor of the others (the name of his son Daniel, however, does not appear in his will), at once paid taxes to the English Crown. "Clementz Donelberger" is on the first list of taxables of Windsor township (1754). He paid £6 tax in 1759. At the time of his death, in 1782, his home was in Windsor township. His will, made Feb. 12, 1776, was probated April 8, 1782, and is on record in Will Book B, page 38. At the time the will was made his wife Anna Maria was still living. Their children were (no record of Daniel): Clemens, who obtained the plantation; Catharine, married to Andrew Winiger; Mrs. John Beck; John; Frederick; Christopher; Elizabeth, married to Michael Deck; Philip; Sevilla; Magdalena; and Dorothea.

John Dunkelberger, grandson of Clement, was born in Windsor township, near Hamburg, in 1740. He married there and had two sons by that marriage, in 1780 (at which time he was a widower) moving with his son George to the northern part of the Mahanoy Valley, in Northumberland

county—that part of Mahanoy now embraced in Little Mahanoy township. He received from the State a warrant for more than two hundred acres of land, located north of Line Mountain and between that and Mahanoy creek. The Indians were his neighbors, and were friendly to him, but during the terrible Indian disturbances his family on several occasions had to flee for safety. There he built a stone grist mill and stone dwelling house. In 1814 he is credited with a grist and saw mill on Mahanoy creek which mill is said to have been the first in that section. He built the mill several years after locating in that district. On the John Dunkelberger homestead still stands a large stone house, 45 by 35 feet in dimensions, and two and a half stories high, which was built in 1818, the year in which this pioneer died. Large, well-selected stones were used in its construction and the wall is exceptionally strong.

After settling here John Dunkelberger married again and had two sons by his second wife, Solomon and Jonathan, from whom most of the Dunkelbergers are descended. These pioneers are buried on their own farm on an elevation below a piece of pine woods, about fifty feet northeast from a public road. Their graves are marked by marble tombstones, inscribed as follows:

"Hier ruhet  
 Johannes Dunkelberger  
 Geb. den 28. Sept.  
 1745  
 Starb den 27. Novem.  
 1818.  
 Alt 73 Jahr 2 mo.  
 1 Tag.  
 Text: 1. Buch Moses  
 48. Capitel 21. V.  
 "Hier ruhen die  
 geliebte von Elizabeth  
 Dunkelberger war  
 Eine geborne Kattel  
 war geboren den 20ten  
 März, 1764, und starb  
 den 3ten September, 1827  
 Ist alt worden 66  
 Jahr 5 monat und  
 12 tag. Text Hebr.  
 17, Capitel den 11, ver. 5"

Early members of the Dunkelberger family (probably sons of John Sr. and of Frederick) were David, Joseph, Samuel, Solomon, John and Daniel (who was lame). The following Dunkelbergers were mentioned in the first assessment list of Little Mahanoy township in 1811: John, Frederick, Christopher, Christopher, Jr., and Philip.

Christopher Dunkelberger, who died in Little Mahanoy township in 1845, made his last will and testament (on record at Sunbury courthouse) Feb. 12, 1834, and it was probated March 2, 1835. He made and published for his "last will" wife Catharine. It was of the will: "I, the small have two cows, two beds and their beddings, privilege of the house, and of one horse to ride when she

wants to go abroad. Their children: Abraham (received the homestead, cattle, sheep and swine), Susanna, Catharine, Ester, Salomey, Elizabeth, Henry, Daniel, Magdalena, John, Peter, Hannah.

In a private graveyard in Little Mahanoy township, on a farm formerly owned by Frederick Dunkelberger (now owned by Galen Raker), is a tombstone bearing the inscription:

“Hier ruhet  
Friederich Dunkelberger  
gebo. 1747, storb  
d. 24. Jener 1815  
alt. 67 y. 9 mo.”

His wife, Catharina, nee Hauer (in), is buried at Little Mahanoy church, where may be found record of her birth and death, Oct. 18, 1749, and Jan. 17, 1831, respectively. Her will is on record in Will Book III, page 83; executor, Leonard Reed.

On a farm in Little Mahanoy, on Little Mahanoy creek, formerly owned by Christophel Dunkelberger (now owned by Jacob Dreibelbis), is a tombstone with the following inscription:

“Hier ruhet  
Christofel Dunkelberger  
worde geboren den 27  
Hornung, 1773, und  
Storb den 29 Jenner 1827  
Ward alt 53 jahr 11 mo  
nat 2 Tag”

There is another stone with the inscription:

“Hier Rhuet ein Sohn von  
David Dunkelberger  
b. 1831, d. infancy.”

Eve Feister, the wife of Christophel Dunkelberger, is buried at the Little Mahanoy Church; she was born July 8, 1780, and died Nov. 30, 1830.

George Dunkelberger, eldest son of the John Dunkelberger who came into Northumberland county in 1780, settled in the Mahantango Valley, in Mahanoy (now Lower Mahanoy) township, about 1802, being one of the early pioneers in that region. He attended the Reading markets from there. Shortly before his removal he was married (in 1800) and he had four sons, Jacob, Samuel (who lived in Little Mahanoy) Daniel, (who died July 18, 1865; his wife, Catharine, nee Wagner, born Aug. 29, 1816, died July 6, 1863) and John. George Dunkelberger died in August, 1837. His will, on record at Sunbury, Pa., in Will Book III, page 282, provided by item for his wife Elizabeth as follows:

She shall have a cow, spinning-wheel, 9 bushels rye, 3 bushels wheat, 24 pounds beef, 25 pounds pork, iron pot, one pan, one bucket, kitchen utensils, etc. The will speaks of four children, but only three are mentioned, as follows: Samuel and Daniel shall have homestead; John shall have that certain tract of land of my old farm, etc. The executor was John Mowrer. George Dunkelberger

lived in Upper Mahanoy township, and had land at Mahanoy which the Saibals had before him. Of George's children, Jacob, the eldest, born in 1802, in 1850 moved to Hegins township, Schuylkill county, where he had bought a large farm and gristmill near the present town of Hegins. There he died in 1874, and was buried in the Evangelical cemetery. He had married in 1828 Catharine Maurer, and they had eight children, Moses, William, Emanuel, Caroline, Lena, Hannah, Mary and Salome. Of these, Moses, born in Mahantango in 1829, married in 1853 in the locality mentioned, Elizabeth Bensinger, and they are both living at present at their homestead in the town of Hegins. Their children are: R. B. Dunkelberger, a prominent business man of Reading, Pa.; Mary Jane, wife of John H. Schroppe, a prosperous farmer of Hegins township; and James H. Dunkelberger, living on the homestead farm with his two sons, Harry and Ray.

John Dunkelberger, son of George, was born in the Mahantango Valley Sept. 16, 1806, and he died March 23, 1892, aged eighty-five years, six months and seven days. He was a farmer and lived in Rockefeller township, near the Shamokin township line. His farm consisted of 212 acres, upon which he built two barns, rebuilt the present house, rebuilt the sawmill and erected all the other buildings now standing. This farm is now owned by John Erdman. John Dunkelberger was a short, stout man and was known as “Der dick John,” or “Sawmiller John.” He married Lydia, daughter of Daniel Beisel, born April 14, 1811, and died Nov. 30, 1890, aged seventy-nine years, seven months and sixteen days. John and Lydia Dunkelberger are buried at Dunkelberger's graveyard, at what was formerly known as the “White Church,” in Rockefeller. They were the last members of this church. John Dunkelberger gave the ground for this church and graveyard, and was one of its foremost members. They had fifteen children, all deceased, save two, Jeremiah, of Holt Co., Mo.; and Jesiah.

JESIAH DUNKELBERGER, son of John, is a citizen of Rockefeller township. Born Jan. 16, 1849, on his father's homestead, he was reared there, and here spent his entire life. He worked for his parents until he was twenty-one, then for three years farmed the homestead for a quarter share of his father's stock. After that he began with his own stock for one-half interest, which he did for three more years. He then labored one year when he purchased a farm of nearly forty acres in Lower Augusta, living there one year. In 1877 he purchased his present farm of sixty-eight acres in Rockefeller township and built the present barn. He markets his produce at Shamokin.

Jesiah Dunkelberger was married in December, 1872, to Susan Raker, daughter of Solomon and



Elizabeth (Dornsife) Raker, of Rockefeller township. Their children were six in number, viz.: Irwin G., who married Ella Conrad, and lives at Kutztown, Pa.; Edwin G., Daisy and John E., who died young; S. Pearl, who married Harry Moyer, of Trevorton, Pa.; and Jesse E., who married Emma Riland, lives at home and has a son Harry J. Mr. Dunkelberger is a Republican, and served as supervisor for three years. He and his family are members of the Evangelical Church at Seven Points, where the United Evangelical Church is now located. Mrs. Dunkelberger was the granddaughter of Jacob Raker, who lived in Lower Augusta township. He was the father of William, George, Jacob, Solomon, Lovina (Mrs. George Long).

John (Johannes) Dunkelberger, known as "Little Johnny" (brother of George), the other son of John by his first marriage, was born in Northumberland county, Sept. 14, 1775. He died May 17, 1835, and was buried in Howerter cemetery in Upper Mahanoy township. He was a farmer and like his brother George settled in Mahantango Valley, in Mahanoy (now Lower Mahanoy) township, Northumberland county. He married Susanna Zimmerman, born in April, 1785, who died Jan. 19, 1869, and their children were: Daniel (settled in Mahantango Valley), Catharine (married a Mr. Knerr), George, John, Joseph, Magdaline, Susanna (married Abraham Howerter), Solomon and Elizabeth (married ——— Klock). George, John and Joseph are more fully mentioned below. Solomon, born in 1821, died in 1892, at Shamokin. He followed the tailor's trade. He married Elizabeth Wagner, born Feb. 17, 1823, died April 6, 1861, and they had five children, William, Jeremiah, Edmond, Ellen and Franklin. John Dunkelberger, the father, died May 17, 1835, in territory now embraced in Lower Mahanoy township. He had a tract of twenty-four acres of land when he died. His will, made May 5, 1835 (on record in Will Book III, page 200), was probated June 12, 1835. It was witnessed by George Haas and H. F. Heintzelman, and he names "my friends" Pete Fetterolf and John Maurer, Sr., as executors.

George Dunkelberger, son of John, was a well known farmer at Seven Points, in what is now Rockefeller township, where he lived and died. He married Kate Rebuck, and they had children as follows: George, Jonathan, Henry, Tobias, Susan, Kate, Harriet, Mary and Elizabeth.

JONATHAN DUNKELBERGER, son of George, was born July 1, 1843, at Seven Points, and died Aug. 21, 1909, at his home in Shamokin, being the first of his family to pass away. His youthful days were spent upon the home farm, where he not only learned agricultural work, but also the butcher's trade, following it successfully; he was in business as a butcher at Taylorsville and

Locust Dale, Pa., and at the latter place was also in the general store business for a time. On June 12, 1893, he moved to Shamokin, and from that time lived retired, occupying his home at No. 536 North Second street during the winter season and in the summers moving with his family to a farm at Seven Points which he had purchased. Mr. Dunkelberger was a man of upright life and high ideals, and for years was a prominent church worker, belonging to the United Evangelical Church, where he taught a class of young men in the Sunday-school. For one period of three years he missed but one Sunday at Sunday-school. He was a great Bible student and well versed in the Scriptures.

Mr. Dunkelberger married Susanna K. Kehler, and they had one daughter, Jennie, the deceased wife of Charles Geist, a young business man of Shamokin. Mr. and Mrs. Geist have one son, Paul Jonathan. Mrs. Dunkelberger still lives at the old home on Second street. She is a granddaughter of John Kehler who lived and died in the Mahantango Valley, as did also her father, John Kehler. The latter was a farmer. He married Kate Knerr, and to them were born the following children: Elias, Joseph, Frank, Joel, John, Benjamin, Charles, Catharine (married Joseph Dreibelbis), Harriet (married Jacob Hepler) and Susanna (married Jonathan Dunkelberger), all now deceased but Mrs. Hepler and Mrs. Dunkelberger.

John Dunkelberger, son of John and brother of George and Joseph, was born in Mahantango Valley, in Upper Mahanoy township, and died in Shamokin township. He is buried at Dunkelberger's Evangelical Church, in Rockefeller township. He and another John Dunkelberger, with Henry Keiser and George Dunkelberger, built the "Dunkelberger Evangelical Church," in Rockefeller township. There is a graveyard, and there rest the founders of this house of worship. John Dunkelberger was a carpenter earlier in life, but later became a farmer, owning a 223-acre farm in Shamokin township. The old goat skin deed of this land is still in the possession of Mr. William L. Dunkelberger, who is his son. This farm is now owned by Julius Behrent. Mr. Dunkelberger was an active member of his church and class leader and exhorter of the Evangelical Church which was named after his family. He was a slim, tall man. His wife was Christiana Geist, who died in her ninetieth year, her birth occurring Dec. 24, 1818, and her death, May 18, 1907. They were the parents of nine children: (1) Lucinda married Elias Bugaman. (2) Lulah married William Klase. (3) Gabriel was born in 1841 and died in 1864. (4) Solomon married Lorinda Miller. (5) Simon married Mary Yordy. (6) John married Louisa Noll. (7) Maria married Elias Baughman. (8) Josiah, who is a



bachelor, is blind. He makes his home with his brother William L. (9) William L. is mentioned below.

WILLIAM L. DUNKELBERGER, son of John, resides at Seven Points, in Rockefeller township. He was born Aug. 20, 1858, in Shamokin township, where all his brothers and sisters were born. Reared on the farm he received his educational training in the local schools, and when eighteen years of age entered his apprenticeship in the carpenter's trade, serving three years, at Shamokin. He then farmed for two years, at County Line, for Elias Bingaman, went back to carpentering again for a short time, bought a 65-acre tract in Irish Valley and followed farming in connection with his carpenter work. He was thus occupied for sixteen years when he sold his tract and went to Rockefeller township, where he has an excellent tract of seventy acres at Seven Points.

William L. Dunkelberger was married three times, his first wife being a widow, Mrs. Catharine Underkoffler, and there were no children born to this marriage. He married (second) Viola Swank and they had two children, Versa, who married Bert German; and Roy, who married Bessie V. Reitz, and they live at Sunbury, where he follows the trade of baker. William L. Dunkelberger married (third) Almeritta Witmer, and their children are: Calvin, Howard, Ralph, Katie, Myrtle and Esther. Mr. Dunkelberger is active in the Dunkelberger Family Association, which holds annual reunions, the reunion of 1910 being held at Carsonia Park, Reading, Pa. He is a Democrat in politics, and has served as treasurer of Shamokin township for the school board, as a school director, and at one time was a delegate to the County Convention. He is active in the P. O. S. of A. at Seven Points, and frequently serves it as delegate. He is a member of the Evangelical Church at Seven Points, was class leader and exhorter for years and at present serves as superintendent of the Sunday-school and is very active in all church interests.

ROY O. DUNKELBERGER, who has been engaged in the bakery business at Sunbury, Northumberland county, since June, 1908, was born Nov. 19, 1887, in Irish Valley, Shamokin township, this county, son of William L. Dunkelberger and his second wife, Viola Swank. He obtained his education at the Swenk public school, in Irish Valley, meantime assisting with the farm work at home until he reached the age of fifteen years. At that time he went to Trevorton, where he worked in the coal mines about two years, and for the next three years he was engaged in threshing. In October, 1907, he came to Sunbury, where he worked for the Adams Express Company for a year and a half, on June 1, 1908, purchasing the stock, fixtures and good-will of F. A. Jacobs, in the bakery at No. 23 Packer street. He has continued the

business with such success that it has been necessary to enlarge the establishment, and he keeps three helpers and two teams busy, selling about six hundred loaves of bread daily, besides a large variety of other bakery goods. He now owns his place of business and residence and has his affairs in prosperous condition, his thrifty management having brought excellent results. Mr. Dunkelberger is connected with several insurance companies in Sunbury. He is a respected young business man of the borough, and has attained a substantial position through his own efforts.

On May 27, 1908, Mr. Dunkelberger married Bessie V. Reitz, daughter of U. P. Reitz, of Seven Points, this county. They worship at the First United Evangelical Church of Sunbury.

Joseph Dunkelberger, son of John, and brother of George and John, was born in the Lower Mahanoy Valley and died there at the age of eighty-four years, eleven months; he is buried at Union Church in Upper Mahantango Valley. He followed farming and also did carpenter work. His wife was Rachel Federolf and their children were: Elias, born Sept. 24, 1844, who died Oct. 2, 1870, in Schuylkill county, and is buried at the Little Mahanoy Church; Henry, now living retired in the Mahantango Valley, who owned the old homestead for several years; Esther, who married William Kerstetter; Isaac, deceased; Lucetta, who died young; Mary, who married David Mowery; Joseph, deceased; Simon F.; Hannah, who died young; Susanna, who died young; and a son that died in infancy.

SIMON F. DUNKELBERGER, son of Joseph, was born April 20, 1855, in the Mahantango Valley, in Schuylkill county, and lived upon the farm until he reached the age of twenty-two years.

In 1877 he came to Shamokin and took up the plastering trade, which he has since continued to follow, having engaged in the business as a contractor on his own account in 1887. He now employs from five to twelve men, according to the work he has in hand, and he has plastered many dwellings in the borough in his day. His work is high class, and he deserves the large share of the local patronage which comes to him.

On July 21, 1878, Mr. Dunkelberger married Helena Wetzel, daughter of Daniel and Kate (Kehler) Wetzel, and five children have been born to them, namely: Estella, married to Harry Reim; Walter, a traveling salesman, now of Williamsport, Pa., married Anna Willauer; Joseph, of Philadelphia; Mabel, who graduated from the Shamokin high school with the class of 1911; and Goldie, at school. The family reside at No. 630 West Penn street, Shamokin. Mr. Dunkelberger has long been an active member of the United Evangelical Church, in which he has held the responsible positions of class-leader and trustee for twenty years.

About 1780 another branch of the family at Hamburg moved to Perry county, Pa., and some of these later moved to near Niagara Falls, N. Y. One descendant of this branch was a delegate to the Republican National Convention held in Philadelphia, when McKinley was nominated for President the second time.

Another branch moved to Oley township, near Reading, and at the present time quite a number live in the city of Reading. In language the Dunkelbergers are mostly Pennsylvania German.

As the early members of the family, who suffered so severely during the 'Thirty Years' war, showed their love for right and liberty by their active participation in that struggle, so the descendants in this country have shown their loyalty and patriotism by supporting our struggles in the cause of independence. Some took part in the Revolutionary war, and quite a number were in the Civil war on the Union side. Some were killed in battle, and some were wounded, notable among the latter number being Capt. Isaac R. Dunkelberger (son of Solomon Dunkelberger and grandson of John D. Dunkelberger), of the 1st Pennsylvania Infantry, who enlisted April 20, 1861, and served during the war, was twice wounded, promoted for bravery, and continued in the army until placed on the retired list by the Government in 1901 as captain of cavalry, U. S. A. He resides at present in California.

In the direct line of William S. Dunkelberger and Luther L. Dunkelberger, both of Shamokin, Northumberland county, Henry Dunkelberger (grandfather of the former and great-grandfather of the latter) was born May 1, 1791. He was an early resident of Shamokin, where he had his home for some time, but later moved West, dying in June, 1815, in Starke county, Ind., where he is buried. He was twice married, and by his second wife, Leah, born Dec. 5, 1799, had children born as follows: Elizabeth, Oct. 29, 1823; Daniel, Sept. 24, 1826; Hannah, Nov. 5, 1828; Benjamin, Nov. 2, 1834; Joel, June 14, 1836; George W., May 9, 1840; Matilda, Jan. 1, 1843.

John Dunkelberger, only child of Henry by his first marriage, was born June 8, 1816, on Scotch Hill, at Shamokin, in Little Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, in a little log cabin which is still standing. His mother dying when he was a child, he lived with his grandparents in Mahanoy until he was thirteen, at which age he returned to his native place, spending the remainder of his days there. His association with its business and political interests made him one of the best known citizens of the place, useful, progressive, respected and active to the close of his long life. His early days were spent upon the farm. He was engaged upon the building of the Pennsylvania railroad between Shamokin and Sunbury, worked

in the mines, and later carried on the coal mining business in partnership with Reuben and William Fagely, continuing in this line for some time, but finally disposing of his interest therein to Withington Lake. The firm name was changed to John Dunkelberger & Co., who engaged in the mercantile business, and after his withdrawal from this line Mr. Dunkelberger became associated with the Shamokin Water Company, on June 5, 1876, succeeding Daniel Zuern as superintendent. He continued to hold that position, also acting as secretary of the company, until April, 1886, proving competent as well as faithful in the discharge of his important duties. Having an intimate knowledge of the affairs of the company, his valuable services were highly appreciated, but he resigned at the time named because he felt that it was due to himself to withdraw from active affairs. His resignation was accepted with regret by the board of directors. However, he did not give up all responsibility, as he was appointed tax collector for the borough just a few weeks before his death. He had served in other official capacities, having been elected Dec. 2, 1861, to a seat in the first council upon the incorporation of the borough, and he was re-elected at the spring election following. He was the second notary public commissioned in the borough. Mr. Dunkelberger was a Republican in political conviction. His death, which occurred May 30, 1889, at Milton, this county, removed a citizen who had witnessed and aided the growth of Shamokin from the days of its earliest infancy, for the site of the borough was little more than a mountain forest and a valley of swamp at the time of his birth. In those days wild animals, panthers, bear and deer, were still numerous in the region. And here he lived and labored to the end of his span, passing the three-score years and ten, with but a brief absence—the few months he spent in Indiana. He had moved out to that State in 1875, for the purpose of settling, and bought a farm, but love for the scenes of his early home was too strong and he returned the same year. About a week before his death he had gone with his daughter, Mrs. Phillips, of North Judson, Ind., to visit relatives in the neighborhood of Milton, when he was suddenly taken with his fatal illness. He was a member of the Lutheran Church.

Mr. Dunkelberger was married three times. On Aug. 14, 1836, he married Mary Gass, born Feb. 7, 1815, who died Oct. 11, 1866. She was a daughter of John Gass (died Oct. 8, 1861, aged seventy-four years) and his wife Margaret (died April 17, 1864, aged seventy-three years). To this union were born ten children, viz.: Salome, born Feb. 13, 1837, died March 22, 1837; Sarah E. married Jefferson Bare; Henry, born Dec. 26, 1840, died Dec. 28, 1893; Mahala, born Aug. 28, 1842, married Charles Krieger; Susanna, born Jan. 26, 1844,



married Andrew Kreiger, (second) Thomas Hughes and (third) William Gilbert; Amanda, born March 24, 1846, married Francis Moore; Mary J., born Aug. 27, 1848, died Aug. 29, 1849; William S., born Dec. 12, 1850, is mentioned below; John A., born April 17, 1854; Margaret L., born June 27, 1858, married John R. Phillips.

Mr. Dunkelberger married (second) Lavina Gass and (third) the widow of John Van Zant.

Henry Dunkelberger, son of John, born Dec. 26, 1840, learned the butcher's trade and followed it for some time, later engaging in the hotel and restaurant business. He died in Shamokin Dec. 28, 1893. He married Hannah Huld, and to them were born children as follows: Luther L., Clinton (deceased), Clara (wife of Frank Kerstetter) and Bessie (who married Michael Slater).

LUTHER L. DUNKELBERGER, son of Henry, was born in Shamokin in 1868 and there received his education in the public schools. All his active years have been spent in the restaurant business, and since 1905 he has been manager for Emmanuel Malich, at the West End Cafe. He is very well known in Shamokin, both in his business relations and as a member of the I. O. O. F. and the Knights of Pythias; he also belongs to the Friendship Fire Company and to the Veteran Firemen's Association. The family are Lutherans in religious connection. Mr. Dunkelberger's responsible position speaks for his business ability and integrity, and his personal standing is also high.

WILLIAM S. DUNKELBERGER, son of John, was born in Shamokin Dec. 12, 1850, and there received his education in the public schools. He worked in the mines for a time, and when seventeen years old commenced to learn the blacksmith's trade, which he followed in all for twenty-three years, for about seventeen years of this time being located at Pine Run, in Lycoming county. He then came to Shamokin, in 1891 opening his restaurant, which is the largest and best place of the kind in the city. He occupies the premises at Nos. 105-107 East Independence street, Shamokin, where he has become one of the substantial business men.

Mr. Dunkelberger married Mary E. Lush, who was born July 17, 1851, daughter of Jacob Lush, of Lycoming county, Pa.; she died June 20, 1901, the mother of the following children: Thomas E., born Dec. 19, 1874; Harry Warren, Aug. 30, 1873; Ernst D., Aug. 15, 1875; John H., July 19, 1877; Joseph M., June 5, 1879, died April 19, 1911; Jacob A., Feb. 11, 1881; David M., Aug. 27, 1885; William, Aug. 20, 1887 (died Sept. 27, 1887).

Mr. Dunkelberger is a member of the Knights of Malta and of the Jr. O. U. A. M. He was one of the organizers of the Dunkelberger family association, and served some time as its treasurer. He is a Republican in political views, and in religion a member of the United Evangelical Church.

JOHN HENRY DUNKELBERGER, son of William S., was born July 19, 1877, at Salladasburg, Lycoming county, Pa. He was twelve years old when his father brought the family to Shamokin to reside, and his education, begun in the public schools of his early home, was continued in this borough. He attended the high school and later the Shamokin Business College, from which he was graduated in the commercial course, subsequently taking a course at the Williamsport Commercial College, from which he was also graduated. After working one summer at Eagle's Mere, Sullivan county, he went to Philadelphia, in 1900, there finding employment on the *Evening Telegraph*. He remained in that city until his return to Shamokin in 1903, at which time he became a clerk for Senator W. C. McConnell, one of the most prominent business men of Shamokin. So capable did he prove that in 1906 he was given full charge of the office. Mr. Dunkelberger is secretary of the Union Brick Company of Shamokin, and he is considered one of the rising business men of that borough, where he has made an excellent name for himself by able and diligent service in the discharge of his various responsibilities.

On Jan. 30, 1901, Mr. Dunkelberger married Emma M. Thomas, daughter of William B. and Elizabeth (Hudson) Thomas, and they have one child, Marion Elizabeth. The family are Methodists in religious connection. Mr. Dunkelberger is a member of the Royal Arcanum and a Republican in politics.

NELSON M. SMITH, M. D., of South Danville, Northumberland county, has practiced medicine at his present location since 1882, and has built up a wide clientele, having high professional and personal standing all over the adjacent territory. He is a native of Trevorton, this county, born Aug. 12, 1857, and belongs to a family which has been settled in this region for several generations. He is a descendant of Ulitt Smith, who lived in Morristown, N. J., and there married Delilah Morris, a member of the family after which Morristown was named. They were the parents of Morris Smith, grandfather of Dr. Nelson M. Smith. About 1790 this family probably along with other families who came to Northumberland county, Pa., from New Jersey, left the old home in Morristown and settled in the Irish Valley, in what is now Shamokin township, where Morris Smith became a well known resident. He followed milling throughout his active life.

Dr. Samuel S. Smith, son of Morris Smith, was born in 1828 in Shamokin township, and there obtained his early education. When he reached maturity he began the study of medicine under the preceptorship of Dr. Joseph C. Robbins, who for more than forty years was located at Elysburg. A few years later he entered the University of



Pennsylvania, where he studied for two years, graduating from that institution. He then located at Hartleton, Union Co., Pa., where he met with marked success in his profession, but after a few years he moved thence to Trevorton, where he built up a large practice. His career was cut short by his early death, which occurred in 1862, in the thirty-fourth year of his age. He married Sarah Reed, daughter of Matthias and Priscilla (Farnsworth) Reed, and granddaughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Dreher) Reed, whose family is fully mentioned in the sketch of Servitus O. Reed, elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Sarah (Reed) Smith married William Depuy in 1871, his death occurring in 1873. She still survives, making her home at Riverside. Six children were born to Dr. Samuel S. and Sarah (Reed) Smith: Galen R., who lives in Virginia; Nelson M.; William R., who lives in Washington; Clinton S., of Riverside, Pa.; Laura, who married Dr. D. C. Kline, of Reading, Pa.; and Clara, who married Lafayette Sechler, of Riverside.

Nelson M. Smith attended the public schools of Northumberland county and later the Danville Academy, Bloomsburg State normal school and Eastman College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., after which he took up the study of medicine with Dr. Pursell, of Danville. Entering the University of Pennsylvania, he there completed the medical course in 1882, since which time he has been located in South Danville, which lies just east of the borough of Riverside. He at once built an office on Sunbury street, and met with gratifying success from the start, enjoying a wide patronage, which he has held by his skillful treatment and conscientious devotion to the needs of his patients. Personally he is esteemed by all who come in contact with him, in any of the relations of life, and he is looked upon as one of the most useful and influential citizens of the community. He is a member of the Montour County Medical Society and of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society.

On Jan. 29, 1885, Dr. Smith married Lillian Gearhart, and they occupy a fine home on Gearhart street. Dr. Smith owns considerable real estate in his own village, and he is the manager of the Depew and Gearhart estates, in which capacity he has shown marked business ability. He is a member of the Baptist Church, and fraternally is a Mason, holding membership in Danville Lodge, No. 516.

The Gearhart family, to which Mrs. Smith belongs, is one of the oldest and most prominent in this part of Pennsylvania. Capt. Jacob Gearhart, her great-grandfather, was born in Strasburg, then a city of France, now of Germany, in 1735. In 1751 he came to America, settling in Hunterdon county, N. J. In New Jersey he married Katherine Kline. When the Revolutionary war broke out he enlisted, becoming a sergeant in

the 2d Regiment of volunteers of Hunterdon county, N. J., was soon promoted to ensign and in time reached the rank of captain. In 1776, when Washington crossed the Delaware to attack the Hessian troops then encamped at Trenton, Captain Gearhart was detailed with Captain Van Teyne to take charge of the boats with orders to destroy them should the expedition prove a failure. Captain Gearhart was with Washington at Valley Forge and took part in the battle of the Brandywine. In 1790 Captain Gearhart, with his wife and family, left the old home in Hunterdon county, N. J., and journeyed by means of horses and wagons into central Pennsylvania, encountering many difficulties and hardships on the trip. Upon reaching a point near a spring in what is now Gearhart township, Northumberland county, they found a deserted log cabin in which they stopped to rest. The water was of such excellent quality, and the land apparently so fertile, that Captain Gearhart decided to locate there, and he purchased a tract upon which he settled. He at once began to clear this land with the help of his sons, and prospered so well that from time to time he was able to add to his holdings, until at the time of his death, which occurred in 1813, he owned all the land from Kipp's run to Boyd's, for a mile back from the banks of the Susquehanna river. He built a frame house upon a slight elevation overlooking the river, and it is still standing and in a good state of preservation, although about one hundred and twenty years old. Here his granddaughter, now (1910) in her ninetieth year, resides. His family consisted of eleven children, namely: (1) Jacob, born in 1763, died at the age of seventy-eight. He married Margaret Runkill, and they had a son John, born in September, 1789. The latter married Sophia Brown, and their children were born as follows: Jacob S., 1818; Sarah, Jan. 17, 1821; Margaret, April 22, 1823 (married I. H. Torrence); Mary B., Sept. 15, 1825; Henry T., Aug. 7, 1829; Jesse B., May 17, 1833. (2) Herman, born in 1765, was the grandfather of Mrs. Nelson M. Smith. (3) William, born in 1776, died in 1854. He married Sarah Maclay. (4) George married Achse Runkill, by whom he had children: Bonham R., Benjamin, Eliza and Rebecca. His second wife was Phoebe Lutt, and they had three children: Allen, George and Herman. (5) John, born in 1771, died in 1858. To him and his wife Ann (Chubb) were born eight children: Anne E., who married Wilson Mather and had children, Sarah (Mrs. Hoffman), Susan M. (Mrs. Hugh Vastine), Spencer C. (married Anna Brandon) and Anna T. (s. who married to Emma Jacob, who married to Ohio, William J. Jacob, who married to Emma, Pa.; Sarah; Catherine; and Elizabeth. (6) Benjamin, (7) Elizabeth (married Jacob Decker), (8) Margaret (married John Gable), (9) Kate (married Asa Moore), (10)

Charles married Sarah Ephland and they had three children: Charles Perry, born Jan. 18, 1818, married in December, 1850, Agnes Blue, daughter of Isaiah and Agnes Blue, and their six children were Arthur C. (who died unmarried), Amanda (Mrs. S. M. Oberdorf), Edith (who married Philip W. Mettler and had Charles G., a captain in the United States army; Agnes, wife of John Smith; Edith; Alice; John, and Catharine), Mary Alice (Mrs. E. M. Eckman), Charles P. and Gertrude (Mrs. George H. Sonneborn). Samantha married Thomas Jameson and had four children: Charles, who married Mary Lyon and had Nellie (Mrs. H. Billmeyer), Thomas (married Alice Kardisky) and Louis (who married V. V. Hieker and later Elizabeth Laubach); Helen, unmarried; Arthur, deceased; and Frank, who married Alice Richards and had children Mary and Catharine. Arthur and his wife Lucy had four children, Arthur, Annie, William (married Lena Harman) and Sarah (who married Samuel Detwiler and had children Lucy and Clara). (11) Isaac moved to Ohio.

Herman Gearhart, son of Capt. Jacob, born in 1765, died aged eighty-one years. He married Abigail Baylor and they were the parents of the following children: Mary, who married Henry Yorks and had Clinton, Amanda, and Ellen, who married David Unger; George, who moved to Ohio (he had two sons and two daughters); Margaret, who married Jonas Wolfe and had Donald. Gearhart, Willington, and three daughters: Jacob, deceased, who never married; Daniel, who married Sarah Koons; William, who died unmarried; Hannah, who lives at Riverside, now (1910) aged eighty-nine years; Elizabeth, Ellen, Susan and Katie, all of whom died unmarried; and Peter.

Peter Gearhart, son of Herman, married Celestia Koup, and to them were born three children: George; Gertrude, Mrs. Charles Chalfont; and Lillian, who married Dr. Nelson M. Smith.

THOMAS P. BOUGHNER, farmer of Ralpho township, Northumberland county, is a member of a family whose name has been intimately connected with the progress of that district for several generations. He is a great-grandson of John Boughner, a native of Hunterdon county, N. J., who in 1814 removed to what is now Snyderstown, in Shamokin township, Northumberland Co., Pa. The same year he enlisted and served a short time on the northern frontier in a company organized at Snyderstown among his neighbors in Shamokin and Rush townships in defense of Erie. He was a tanner by trade, and after his settlement at Snyderstown engaged in the carpenter business, continuing to follow same until his death. He also lived in Milton and Shamokin for some time, but died at Snyderstown. He was looked upon as one of the enterprising men of his day, and filled

a number of the minor township offices. In politics he was a Republican. To him and his wife Margaret (Kolcker), also a native of New Jersey, were born six children: Peter; Mahlon, deceased; Charity, who was the second wife of Jonas Gilger; Susanna, who was the first wife of Jonas Gilger; Andrew Jackson, deceased; and William, deceased.

Peter Boughner, son of John, was born Jan. 23, 1816, at Snyderstown, and received such education as the subscription schools of the day afforded. After learning the carpenter's trade with his father he settled at Shamokin and engaged in railroad work. The railroad company later placed him in charge of repairs and construction from Sunbury to Mount Carmel. When the Shamokin Valley & Pottsville railroad, later the Shamokin division of the Northern Central, was extended from Shamokin to Mount Carmel, he and Mr. John Dunkelberger were associated in the work of laying the rails between those points, under contract. In 1850 he was placed in charge of grading and constructing the streets of Trevorton, but with the exception of the period of eighteen months he was thus engaged he was continuously in the employ of the Northern Central Railway Company for thirty years. As member of the firm of Boughner & Gilger, who built the first breaker at the Luke Fidler mine, and of the firm of Cleaver & Boughner, who built the first two at Locust Gap, he was also associated with another industry which played a most important part in the development of this rich section. Upon his retirement from active business pursuits he purchased the farm in Ralpho township where he resided up to the time of his death, in 1897. He was one of the leading pioneers of Shamokin, and one of the last survivors of the first settlers of the borough. His intimate connection with its affairs through so long a period, and his intelligent comprehension of the changes which took place during his life, were so well recognized that he is spoken of as being consulted regarding dates and localities to verify points concerning local history. Shortly after his death one of the newspapers published an interview which took place in 1890 and which is quoted in part here as being of considerable interest in this connection:

"While yet a mere boy I commenced to work with my father at the carpenter trade, but work was scarce, the times were dull, and little or no money was paid. In 1832 work was started on grading some twelve miles of the Danville & Pottsville railroad between Mount Carbon and Girardville. This was commonly called the 'Girard Road,' as Stephen Girard had the principal interest in the construction of this part of the eastern division. In the early part of 1833 I went to work on this line and got my first lesson in railroad making. It was a good place to learn the business and what I picked up here served me well in



after years when I became railroad boss and supervisor. I was then a boy of seventeen years, but large for my age. I was given different kinds of work and as I was handy and showed a willingness to work I was soon favored with jobs that required some skill. My knowledge of the carpenter trade helped me very much.

"This railroad of twelve miles, crossing over the Broad Mountain direct, was at that time one of the greatest undertakings in the country. It was under the charge of Moncure Robinson, then the greatest railroad engineer in this country. This 'Girard Road,' with its heavy masonry, complicated structures and many planes; its hoisting machinery, bridges and a tunnel of 800 feet, was a wonderful feat in engineering if not entirely satisfactory in all its workings. A number of persons afterward residents of Shamokin worked here. Among these I can recall George Shipe, Jacob Mowery and Mr. Katterman, and also Ziba Bird, a contractor, who a few years later was connected with laying out Shamokin and putting up the first house in the town proper. And here also was a boy, some two years older than myself, connected with the engineer force, as a peg driver and later as a rodsman, who a few years later was to become the great engineer of the Shamokin coal region. This was Kimber Cleaver, and here a friendship was formed that was never broken and in after years we were associated in several business undertakings. At the close of 1833 the Girard portion of the road was finished and I returned to Snyder-town. It was generally understood that the western division of the D. & P. railroad, between Sunbury and Shamokin, would be commenced the next year.

"Early in the spring of 1834 work was commenced on this branch. Here there was a natural location for a railroad, as the route followed the water courses and therefore much labor and expense were avoided. The entire roadbed from Sunbury to Shamokin and one mile beyond, some twenty miles in length, was graded about August 1st, 1835. A large force was employed and a number of Irish from the public works came on this job to handle the pick, shovel and wheelbarrow. When the grading was started I went on as a common laborer at first, as the wages on the road were much better than I could get elsewhere. I was soon promoted as it was evident that I had some experience in that kind of work. Here I again met my friend Cleaver on the engineer corps, who was now promoted to the use of an instrument. \* \* \* The roadbed was graded 22 feet wide, being intended for a double track when the second one was needed. This permitted a space of 5 feet between the tracks. The track we put down was on the north side of the roadbed. While the road was being graded, the bridges that were to span Shamokin creek at four or five points were

put up. They were models of good workmanship for those times. It was then decided, as the basin at Sunbury to connect with the Pennsylvania canal had not been finished, the railroad should only be completed to Paxinos, and the remainder of graded road when the basin was prepared for coal shipments. During August the work of superstructure, as it was then termed, was commenced in good earnest and pushed ahead with all possible dispatch. Why there was so much haste I really cannot tell. Sills by the thousands were hauled on the ground, that had been hewed by such of the neighboring farmers along the line as had suitable timber. All the sawmills far and near were working day and night in sawing white oak rails for the track, and strap iron, imported from England (no tariff then), was distributed along the whole line. In three months the road was completed between Sunbury and Paxinos, ready for the cars to run. The formal opening of the road took place on Nov. 26, 1835, at Paxinos. " \* \* \* I acted as foreman in putting down the track, and here my knowledge of the carpenter trade and the experience I had gained on the Girard road stood me well in hand." The remainder of the interview was devoted to a description of the manner in which a track was laid before the modern days of T rails and other up-to-date devices.

In 1837 Mr. Boughner married Margaret Repley, daughter of John Repley, and she died long before him, in 1877. They had the following children: Henry R., a resident of Shamokin, married Sarah Lake, and they have had children, Edwin, Emily, Libby, Edna, Ethel, and Mabel (the last named deceased); Joseph R. is mentioned below; John R. died in Shamokin; Catharine married James A. Shipp and is deceased; Lucy A. married A. Hoffman Reed, of Paxinos; Somerfield married Emma Snyder. Mr. Boughner was one of the charter members of the Odd Fellows and Freemasons lodges at Shamokin. In political sentiment he was a Republican.

Joseph R. Boughner, son of Peter, was born in 1840 in Shamokin, and died Feb. 5, 1907, aged sixty-six years, three months, one day. He is buried at Oak Grove Church, in Ralpho township. Mr. Boughner passed his early years in Shamokin and was employed at railroad work with his father, later, in July, 1862, going to Ohio. There, on July 29, 1862, he married Sarah Tanneyhill, daughter of Rev. Thomas Tanneyhill, of Scotland, and they remained in the West until 1864, in which year they settled at Shamokin. Mr. Boughner was track foreman on the railroad until 1867, later followed farming, and subsequently engaged in the manufacture of powder in partnership with Samuel Frederick, continuing in that business until 1875. Selling his mill and farm interests to a Mr. Weldy he went out to Goshen, Ind., where he was born, from October, 1875, until



1816, in which year he embarked in the general merchandise business at Montandon, Northumberland Co., Pa., in association with O. B. Hoffman. There he remained until his removal to Juniata county, Pa., in 1878. After a year in the mercantile business there he bought the John Repley farm in Ralpho township, Northumberland county, in 1879, and there he afterward resided, engaging in farming until his death. He had seventy-four acres of land. For some time Mr. Boughner was also in the slating business in Shamokin. He was a Methodist in religion and served as steward of his church. Fraternally he was a Mason, holding membership in Elysburg Lodge, No. 414. In politics he adhered to the doctrines of the Republican party.

Mrs. Boughner died Jan. 14, 1890, aged fifty-five years, ten months, nineteen days, and is buried at Oak Grove church. They had four children: Clark, who died in infancy and was buried in Ohio; Annie M., who lives on the homestead; Thomas P., our subject; and Margaret E., who died in infancy.

Thomas P. Boughner, son of Joseph R. Boughner, was born March 7, 1868, in Shamokin township, and attended public school in his boyhood. He was with his father in his various removals, and was eleven years old when he came to the homestead at the Blue church where he has remained to the present. He is an intelligent and prosperous farmer, and a worthy member of a respected family.

Mr. Boughner married Lydia Adams, daughter of Daniel H. and Sarah A. (Pennsylv.) Adams, and their children are Clarence and Frank. Mr. Boughner is a member of the Oak Grove M. E. Church, and socially belongs to the P. O. S. of A.

**BENJAMIN F. DEPPEN**, one of the foremost business men at Trevorton, is the leading merchant of that town and variously identified with its industrial progress. He established his general store there in 1889. Mr. Deppen was born in Jackson township, this county, in 1847. The history of his family in this country goes back to the early part of the eighteenth century.

Christian Deppen, the founder of this family in Pennsylvania, came hither from the German Palatinate, arriving (qualifying) at Philadelphia Sept. 16, 1736. He crossed the ocean on the vessel "Princess Augusta" from Rotterdam. Samuel Menant, master, along with a number of others from the Palatinate, their wives and children—in all three hundred souls, according to the historian Rupp. On the "List of Ship's Passengers" his name is given as Christian Däppen, and his age as thirty years. In the Captain's book his name appears as Christian Teppe. In his will his name is written, in plain English, Christian Deppe. Thus we find that there has been considerable un-

certainty concerning the correct orthography of the name. It appears often as Deppe, Depew and Dupee, and some genealogists declare its original form to have been that of the old French Huguenot name, DePui.

Christian Deppen settled near Womelsdorf, in Heidelberg township, Berks Co., Pa. In the tax lists of Heidelberg township Christian "Deppy" is assessed as follows: 1767, on 300 acres, 3 horses, 3 cattle, 3 sheep; 1768, on 150 (?) acres, 4 horses, 4 cattle, 5 sheep; 1779, on 220 acres, 5 horses, 15 cattle; 1780, on 395 acres, 5 horses, 12 cattle; 1781, on 395 acres, 5 horses, 8 cattle. The will of Christian Deppe, of Heidelberg township, is on record in the Berks county courthouse, as made Sept. 27, 1775, and probated in 1782, the year of his death. It was witnessed by Philip Moyer, John Casper Reed and Adam Kalbach, and it begins thus: "I, Christian Deppe, an aged yeoman of Heidelberg township, Berks County." As the will contains no reference to his wife, it is presumed she was dead at the time it was made. At the time of his death Christian Deppe also owned fifty acres of land in Northampton county. In his will he refers to his "eldest and beloved son, Johannes, who shall have fifty pounds over and above his other share." His children as named in the will were: Johannes; Barbara (married Peter Zimmerman); Anna (married George Yeakly); Treanic; Elizabeth; Thomas; Peter; David, who died in 1804 (his German will is on record in Berks county courthouse); Joseph; Jacob; and Abraham, who died in 1840 intestate, and whose heir was Richard Boone, of Heidelberg.

Joseph Deppy (one of the older sons of the pioneer Christian) in the Federal Census Report of 1790 is recorded as a resident of Heidelberg township, and as the head of a family consisting of himself, wife and three sons above sixteen years of age.

Christian, Peter, William and George Deppen, natives of Berks county, were pioneers of Northumberland county. They located in that section now embraced in Jackson and Washington townships; in 1778 the name of Christian Deppen appears in the list of pioneers of Mahanoy township (both Jackson and Washington were originally embraced in Mahanoy township). This Christian Deppen and Peter Deppen, who were pioneers in Northumberland county, tradition states were sons of the ancestor Christian Deppy. The name of Peter is found in the will, but Christian is said to have been a heavy drinker, and poor probably on that account, and for this reason he was not mentioned in his father's will. He was unlike his brothers. Early in the nineteenth century he went to Mercer county, Pa., where he died. He was married three times, and among his children were a son Washington and a daughter Betsy.

Peter Deppen came, as stated, from Berks to

Northumberland county, and after living there a short period went to Ohio, finally settling in Missouri, where he was a prosperous farmer. His descendants in Missouri and the West are said to be many. Among his children were sons Zotic and Andrew.

William and George Deppen, mentioned above as having settled in Northumberland county, were grandsons of the ancestor Christian, through his oldest son, John, and from these two spring all the Deppens now living in Northumberland county.

Whether Christian Deppy, the ancestor, was a Roman Catholic or not is uncertain, but tradition states that he was. His son Joseph was a Catholic, as were the latter's children, and a number of the family still adhere to that faith. Most of the name now living in Reading are members of St. Paul's Catholic Church. There were sixteen persons by the name of Deppen in the Reading city directory for 1908.

George Deppen, one of the two grandsons of Christian mentioned as settling in Northumberland county, was born June 21, 1787, in Berks county, Pa., and in 1810 came to Northumberland county with his brother William, as previously stated. He was a lifelong farmer, and upon his removal from his native county settled on the farm now owned by Isaac Tressler, a tract one and a half miles north of Herndon. This place he sold, and purchased an adjoining farm, on which stood a gristmill. From the latter property he removed to the farm now owned by his grandson, Samuel Deppen, a fine place of fully 200 acres in Jackson township. He died Feb. 7, 1850, and his wife, Maria Madg. Greise, a native of Berks county, born April 3, 1785, long survived him, dying Aug. 11, 1869. They are buried at St. Peter's church, in Mahanoy township. He and his family were Reformed members of St. Peter's, which was a Union Church, and he served as an official; he was an old-line Whig in political opinion. To Mr. and Mrs. Deppen were born four children: Rebecca, who married John Haas, of Sunbury; William; John, who died at Herndon; and Isaac, who spent most of his life at Herndon and died in Snyder county, Pennsylvania.

William Deppen, eldest son of George, born in 1814, was a merchant in Jackson township and at other places in this county for forty years, at one time owned much real estate, and was a prominent man in his section. He engaged in the mercantile business at Augustaville when a young man, and was subsequently at Mahanoy, in Jackson township, for eighteen years. In the spring of 1860 he located at Trevorton, where he was a merchant for about two years, until his retirement from business. He died Jan. 8, 1876, and is buried at Mahanoy, in Jackson township. He was a member of the German Reformed Church, and a Republican in politics. His wife, Susan Leuter, a daughter

of him, was of Lower Augusta township, this county, and to them were born children as follows: Mary, Samuel, William (all three died young), Benjamin F., George W., Richard L. (of Shamokin) and Sarah A. (living in Trevorton on the old homestead). George W. Deppen, who was cashier of the First National Bank of Sunbury, died in January, 1909.

Benjamin F. Deppen attended the schools of the home locality, later Millersville State normal school, at Lancaster, Pa. Having been appointed agent for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company at Trevorton, he filled that position continuously for twenty years, and as such became one of the best known men of this district. In 1889 he began what has proved to be a highly successful business career, opening the general store at Trevorton which he has since conducted, and which he moved to its present location in 1898. He has the principal trade of the kind in the town, his patrons coming from a wide area. Business has occupied all his attention, his interests having broadened until he is now identified with a number of enterprises. He is a trustee of the Trevorton Silk Mills, and a director of the Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Company of Shamokin, and in 1910 he succeeded the late Charles Fritz in his connection with the First National Bank of Trevorton. Mr. Deppen is a Republican, but takes no part in politics.

Mr. Deppen's first wife, Susan (Herb), daughter of Daniel Herb, of the Mahantango Valley, died in 1888, at the age of thirty-eight. In 1893 Mr. Deppen married (second) Louisa Leutenberger, daughter of Charles Leutenberger, who was killed at Minersville, Pa., by the kick of a horse. Four children were born to Mr. Deppen's first marriage, namely: Laura M.; Susan M.; Samuel H., born in 1876, who died in 1905 (he married Mamie Holshue and they had two children, William Frank and Donald H.); and William Ralph, who married Eva Kline and has two children, Russell G. and William Robert.

**ROCKEFELLER.** The Rockefeller family has long been well represented among the best class of citizens in Northumberland county, and one of the townships of the county bears the name, which was founded here by Godfrey Rockefeller, from whom David P. and Emory Rockefeller, brothers, of Sunbury, are descended in the fifth generation.

The Rockefeller family traces its beginning in America to one Peter Rockefeller, who was born in Europe and in 1710 came to America, settling at Amwell, Hunterdon Co., N. J. He died there about 1740, leaving to his son, who was also named Peter, 100 acres of land in the county mentioned.

Godfrey Rockefeller, born in 1747, was a son of Peter Rockefeller. He came to Northum-



berland county, Pa., in 1789, and took up land in the vicinity of Snyderstown. He married Margaret Lewis, and they had a family of eleven children, three sons and eight daughters. One of the sons was the grandfather of John D. Rockefeller, of Standard Oil fame. The other two were John and William, the former the great-grandfather of David P. and Emery Rockefeller, of Sunbury, the latter the father of David (born Sept. 6, 1892) and grandfather of Judge William M. Rockefeller (born Aug. 18, 1830), who married Emily Jones, daughter of Thomas and Maria (Housel) Jones, of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

John Rockefeller, son of Godfrey, was the great-grandfather of David P. and Emery Rockefeller.

John Rockefeller, the grandfather, was killed on his way home from Reading, at a time when much of the country was still a wilderness. He married Elizabeth Moore, and they were the parents of Lewis Rockefeller, their other children being as follows: Henry married Elizabeth Morgan and had five children, John, James, Jacob, Franklin and Harriet (Mrs. John Gulick); Michael never married; David was twice married his first wife being Isabella Campbell; John married Harriet Kneiss and had five children, Alice (wife of Rev. John Bowman), Caroline (Mrs. Woods), Anne (wife of Jacob Frye), Elizabeth (wife of Jesse Cleaver) and Ella (Mrs. Sanders); Mary married George Bassett and had six children, Lucy, Alda, Ruth, Maggie, Elizabeth and George; Esther married Isaac Eckman and had five children, Col. Charles (married Sophia Gearhart), David (married Ella Wolfe and had children, Franklin, Alfred, Dyer and Ethel), Elizabeth (married first Oscar Heller and second Joseph Bonner), Harriet (married George Mettler and had two children, Ella and Susan) and Lewis.

Lewis Rockefeller, born Sept. 12, 1823, died in October, 1898. He married Catherine Campbell, who survives him, and they became the parents of a large family: Joseph, born in 1850, died in 1870; Lemuel married Hattie McCloy and they have three children, Catharine, Mary and Margaret; Sarah married H. Clay Seasholtz and has had one son, David; Isabella died in 1888, at the age of twenty-five; Hattie married H. C. Lyons; Charles married Mattie Manier and has two children, Harrison and Helen; Isaac married Emma Specht; David P. is mentioned below; Oliver married Jennie Haupt; Emery is mentioned below.

Mrs. Catharine (Campbell) Rockefeller though now (1911) in her eighty-first year is active and retains all her faculties, and to her excellent memory we are indebted for much of the data in this article. She enjoys good health, and her kind and unselfish disposition keeps her interested in the welfare of her numerous descendants and endears her to a wide circle of relatives and friends. She now makes her home with her daughter Mrs. Sea-

holtz. Her cheerful temperament and fine Christian character have won for her the esteem and love of all fortunate enough to know her. She was one of a family of eight children born to Christopher and Sarah (Kline) Campbell, the former of whom was the son of Christopher Campbell, the latter the daughter of Isaac Kline. Isaac Kline and his wife Catharine had the following sons: Harmon, Henry, Isaac and Christopher. The children of Christopher and Sarah (Kline) Campbell were as follows: (1) Isaac married Hannah Campbell. Children: Dr. John, who died in Philadelphia, Pa.; Lemuel, who married Sally Kersuge; James, who married Alice Van Zant; Rebecca, who married Joseph Eckman; and Flora, who died young. (2) Lemuel married Emma Smith. Children: Dr. Charles, who married Lizzie Lee Enos; William, who died young; Eli, who died young; and Mary, who lives in Sunbury. (3) Abraham died young. (4) Herman married Elizabeth Reed, and their son, Edmund, married Mary Haupt. (5) Sarah married Charles Eckman, and had two children, Frank and Ellard (who married Ella Snyder). (6) Ella married (first) Kelso Savidge, by whom she had three children, Clinton (who married Louise Essie and has six children, Harry W., Albert C., Ralph W. E., Preston M., Louise and Lucile), Harrison C. and Lizzie A. (married Willard Robinson). Her second marriage was to George Forrester, by whom she has had two children, Isabella (Mrs. Clark) and Ellen, the latter dying young. (7) Rhoda married Samuel Oberdorf, and they have had eleven children, Oliver (deceased), Isaac (deceased), Hamilton (deceased), Isabella (deceased), Chalmers (deceased), Mary, Peter, G. Donald (a graduate of Princeton and now principal of the Mount Carmel high school, who married Olive A. Ruch), Maurer (married to Amanda Gearhart), William (who married Ollie Wolverton and has two children, Calvin and Robert, the former a graduate of Bucknell University) and Susan (Mrs. Lorenza Eckman, who has two children, James and Chalmers). (8) Elizabeth married (first) Bloomfield Carr, by whom she had two sons, James and William, and (second) Charles Houghout, by whom she has two daughters, Virginia and Roda, the latter the wife of William Clark and the mother of three children, Bessie, George and Morris.

DAVID P. ROCKEFELLER, son of Lewis and Catherine (Campbell) Rockefeller, is a well known business man of Sunbury, being president of the Sunbury Table Works, manufacturers of extension and parlor tables, and similar goods. Mr. Rockefeller was born in Sunbury Nov. 23, 1859, and there received his early education in the public schools. After a few years' attendance there he went to Philadelphia, where he was a pupil in the school at Seventeenth and Pine streets. Dur-



ing his residence in that city he clerked for his cousin, John Rockefeller, for a period of ten years. Returning to Sunbury in 1883, he engaged in the bottling business, which he continued to follow until 1898. For three years afterward he was engaged in the lumber business, and for a similar period in the mercantile business, in 1905 selling his stock of merchandise to J. K. Frederick. At that time he began the manufacture of tables, in which he was engaged alone until he established the present concern, in May, 1907. The plant is located on North Second street, the factory and yards covering nearly a city block. The main building is 200 feet square, and there is another 50 by 150 feet in dimensions. The establishment is equipped throughout with the most modern machinery and all improvements designed to facilitate the work, and from seventy-five to eighty men are given constant employment supplying the demands of the large trade. Mr. Rockefeller has devoted himself to the building up of this business, and his efforts have been rewarded with unusual success. He is respected and trusted by his fellow citizens, who elected him to the borough council in 1904, and he served in that body from that year until 1908. He is a Republican in politics and in religion a member of the Presbyterian Church. Socially he belongs to the I. O. O. F.

On Sept. 18th, 1891, Mr. Rockefeller married Agnes Cummings, daughter of Andrew and Harriet Cummings, of Washingtonville, Montour Co., Pennsylvania.

EMERY ROCKEFELLER, retired farmer and dairyman, now living in Sunbury, was born June 15, 1868, in Upper Augusta township, Northumberland county, where he was reared and educated. He lived on the family homestead in that township for some time, and in 1900 purchased from Gen. George B. Cadwallader a fine farm of 154 acres in Upper Augusta township, fertile and valuable land, which he cultivated until 1906. That year he built a fine home on East Market street, in the borough of Sunbury, where he has since resided with his family. While on the farm Mr. Rockefeller carried on the dairy business, which he has continued since his removal to Sunbury. Though unostentatious in his habits and retiring in disposition he has always interested himself in the public welfare, and while in Upper Augusta township served as a member of the school board for two terms. Since becoming a resident of Sunbury he has been elected to the borough council, at present representing the Eighth ward in that body. He is an excellent neighbor and friend, kind and hospitable, and has the respect of all who know him. In religious connection he is a member of the Catawissa Avenue Methodist Church, of which he has been a trustee since 1909.

On Jan. 21, 1894, Mr. Rockefeller married

Minnie Gonsar, and to them were born two children, Verna and Huff. Mrs. Rockefeller died March 12, 1911, aged forty-one years and was buried in Pomfret Manor county.

Like her husband, Mrs. Rockefeller was a member of one of the early settled families of the county. Her grandparents, Samuel and Catharine (Long) Gonsar, natives of Schuylkill county, Pa., came to Northumberland county in an early day, settling in Shamokin township, where they passed the remainder of their lives, dying there. They are buried at Snyderstown. He was a farmer and miller by occupation. In religion he was a member of the Lutheran Church. He and his wife had a large family, viz.: John, David, Andrew, George, Daniel, Isaac, Jacob, Jesse, Sarah (married Benjamin Evert), Harriet (married Jefferson Miller, of Lewisburg) and Hannah (married John Campbell, of Snyderstown). George, Daniel, Isaac, Jacob and Jesse all lived in Shamokin township.

Jesse Gonsar, father of Mrs. Emery Rockefeller, was born in 1836 and died in 1898, aged sixty-two years, five months, sixteen days. He married Harriet Houseworth, and she survived him with their three children: Minnie, Mrs. Rockefeller, now deceased; Laura, who is the wife of Andrew Lantz and has one son, Jesse; and Grant, of Snyderstown, Pennsylvania.

HAUPT. The Haupt family to which belonged the late Henry Haupt, long a resident of Sunbury and later of Upper Augusta township, Northumberland county, was founded here by one George Haupt. There are several distinct families of the name in the county, that of Shamokin township bearing no known relationship either to the one here under consideration or to the family of which John D. Haupt, of Rockefeller township, is a member.

George Haupt was a native of Berks county, Pa., and came to Northumberland county in 1802, settling in what was then Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, where he owned many acres to the east of Augustaville. He was a tailor, and followed his trade for some years, but farming was his principal vocation. His farm was later owned by his grandson, A. G. Haupt (son of his son Samuel), but the present owner is John D. Haupt, before mentioned. George Haupt was a Lutheran, and he and his wife, Margaret (Overpeck), are buried at the Augustaville (Stone) Church. According to the records there he was born July 13, 1761, and died Feb. 11, 1853; she was born Jan. 21, 1712, and died Nov. 30, 1858. They were the parents of ten children: John; Samuel (born 1801, died 1882, who married Lydia Fasold and had eight children); George; David; Jacob; Henry; Sebastian, who lived at the corner of Third and Market streets, in the town of Sunbury; Cath-

arine, who married Peter Flook; Mary, who married John Shipe; and Elizabeth, who died when twenty-one years old.

HENRY HAUPT, son of George, was born May 30, 1812, in Augusta township, and learned the tailor's trade from his father. In 1840 he located in Sunbury, at what is now No. 321 Market street, in a typical log cabin, and he followed his trade until 1853, when his health failed and he moved out of the borough, settling in Upper Augusta township. The change proved beneficial, for he lived to the ripe age of eighty-four years, dying Feb. 10, 1897. After giving up tailoring he became a watchman on the Shamokin branch of the Pennsylvania railroad. He is buried in the old cemetery at Sunbury. Mr. Haupt was a Presbyterian in religious faith, and served as trustee of the church at Sunbury. He took an interest in the affairs of the community, and served some years as overseer of the poor. His first wife, Maria Yordy, died March 26, 1844, the mother of two children, Samuel Y. and Freeman. His second marriage was to Sarah Mowery, who was born Christmas Day, 1810, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Kerschner) Mowery, of Sunbury, and died Nov. 4, 1876. There was one child by this union, Liberty Dewart, born in Sunbury, on the site where she still resides. She married in 1871, John O. Dugan and has three children, Harry W., of Plymouth, Pa.; Fannie E., who married Claude E. Wilson, of Sunbury; and Sallie, who married W. C. Forrester, of Upper Augusta township. She is an active member of the Presbyterian Church. She was named Liberty after Miss Liberty Brady, who was born about the time the Liberty Bell proclaimed freedom to all the inhabitants of the United Colonies upon the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776, and who was a sister of the six Brady brothers, noted Indian fighters and scouts of the Susquehanna valley, in Pennsylvania.

JOHN D. HAUPT, a prosperous farmer of Rockefeller township, was born there May 25, 1851, son of George G. Haupt, on the old homestead of his family. His grandfather lived in Cameron township, this county, where he followed farming, and he and his wife, whose maiden name was Gearhart, are buried in that township. He owned property. They were Lutherans in religious faith. Of their children, John, Jacob and Benjamin lived in Cameron township; George G. is mentioned below; Sarah married George Derk; Hettie married Gideon Derk, brother of George; there were other daughters whose names are not given.

George G. Haupt was born Sept. 12, 1810, in Cameron township, and learned the trade of shoemaker, which he followed to some extent, but farming was his principal occupation through

life. He owned a farm of thirty-three acres in Rockefeller township, where he died Jan 11, 1866. He was a Democrat in politics, and at the time of his death was holding the office of overseer of the poor, and it is singular that his associate in office, Daniel D. Conrad, died just two weeks before. His wife, Barbara (Dornsife), born Feb. 18, 1824, died April 8, 1897. They were Lutherans, and are buried at the Augustaville Church. Their children were: Mary Elizabeth married Simeon Haupt, who was a descendant of George Haupt (1761-1853), of another family resident in the same community, and who had Indian blood in his veins; John D. is mentioned later; Emeline is the widow of Hyman Shilly; Catharine E. married Milton DeWees.

John D. Haupt has followed agricultural pursuits all his life. His farm consists of 100 acres in the southeastern part of Rockefeller township, and is the old homestead of George Haupt, who was the founder of another Haupt family in this neighborhood, being no known relative of John D. Haupt. Mr. Haupt raises general crops and sells his produce at Trevorton. He is an enterprising citizen and has taken some part in public affairs in his locality, having served the township as school director and roadmaster. In politics he is a Democrat.

In 1883 Mr. Haupt married Matilda Neidig, daughter of Solomon and Maria (Conrad) Neidig, and five children were born to them: Stella B., who was married in 1910 to Atwood Wetzel; Blanche M., wife of William E. Straub; and Donald D., Myrtle V. and Hatton H., at home. Mrs. Haupt died Oct. 3, 1903, aged forty-one years, twenty-five days, and is buried at Augustaville.

CHARLES M. MARTIN, M. D., late of Sunbury, was a physician and surgeon of high standing in that borough, where he was successfully engaged in the general practice of his profession for over thirty years. A man of admirable personal traits, public-spirited, energetic, progressive in his special field of labor and in all that had to do with the real good of his fellow men, he was a citizen to be esteemed and valued, and his memory will live long in the hearts of the many who knew and appreciated him. Dr. Martin belonged to one of the oldest families of Sunbury, having been a grandson of George Martin, who came thither among the pioneers.

George Martin was active in the public affairs of Northumberland county in his day, serving as county prothonotary and for some years as justice of the peace. He is buried in the old cemetery at Sunbury. He and his wife Mary had children as follows: Rev. Jacob was the father of Dr. Martin; George served for thirty-two years in the United States army, attaining the rank of captain, and was in the Indian Seminole war,



through the Mexican war and in the Civil war (he lived retired in Philadelphia); William served through the Mexican war and in the Union army during the Civil war and attained the rank of major (he, too, lived retired in Philadelphia); Charles, who served in the Union army during the Civil war, died in Savannah, Ohio, where he had made his home for a number of years; Henry, who was a resident of Sunbury, entered the Union army during the Civil war and was killed at the battle of the Wilderness; Luther, who lived in Elizabeth, N. J., where he was married, was also a soldier during the Civil war and was killed at the battle of Gettysburg; Betzy married a Mr. Stroh and they lived at Selinsgrove, Pa.; Catharine (Kitty) married Peter Rhoads and they lived near Pittsburg, Pa.; Mary; and two others. All of this family were born and reared at Sunbury.

Rev. Jacob Martin, son of George and Mary Martin, was born in Sunbury Feb. 11, 1803, and died there in 1872, after a service of fifty years in the ministry of the Lutheran Church. His first charge was in New York State, at Dansville. For some years he was at Westminster, and at Reisterstown, both in Maryland, each of his charges comprising four or five congregations. He was an able speaker, preaching both English and German, and also a good singer, usually leading the church singing. He married Abbie A. Stevenson, daughter of Henry Stevenson, who came from Ireland, and she survived him but three months. They were the parents of seven children, namely: Henry and George died young, but five days apart; Mary E. died young; Margaret married D. Wilson Shryoeck, of Greensburg, Westmoreland Co., Pa.; Charles M. is mentioned below; Harriet married James Lyon, and they live at Sunbury; Harry died at Westminster, Md., when eighteen years old.

Charles M. Martin was born Jan. 15, 1840, at Greencastle, Franklin Co., Pa. He received his academic training at Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa., and attended medical lectures at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, from which institution he was graduated in March, 1863. The family was living at Westminster, Md., during that period. While in Baltimore he was a resident student at the hospital and after his graduation received the appointment of assistant surgeon from Surgeon General Hammond of the United States army, being assigned to hospital duty at Frederick, Md. He remained in the government service until the close of the war, after which he located for practice at Owing's Mills, Baltimore Co., Md., remaining there until he settled at Sunbury, Northumberland Co., Pa., in the summer of 1872. From that time until his death, which occurred Dec. 26, 1892, Dr. Martin took high rank as a physician and surgeon

in the locality of his birth. He had a very extensive general practice, and attended faithfully to all its demands, in addition to which he served for thirteen years as resident surgeon at Sunbury for the Pennsylvania Railway Company, being succeeded in that position, upon his death, by Dr. Drumbheller, of Sunbury. He was appointed a member of the board of pension examiners, removed when the Democrats came into power, in 1884, and reappointed in June, 1889. His standing in the profession was high, and he was honored with the vice-presidency of the Sunbury Medical Association. In spite of a busy professional career he found time for local public service, acting as member of the borough council and for some years as a school director. He was also known in social circles, and fraternally was a Knight Templar Mason. He was a Republican in politics and a Lutheran in religious connection.

In 1865 Dr. Martin married, at Westminster, Md., Sallie H. Shreeve, who died in 1872 at Owing's Mills, Md. On Feb. 18, 1873, he married (second) Mary Alice Haas, daughter of John and Mary (Gheen) Haas, late of Sunbury, and Mrs. Martin still occupies the large residence at No. 141 Chestnut street which the Doctor erected in 1875. To the second union was born one son, William H., on December 28, 1873; he died Nov. 13, 1902, while a student at the University of Pennsylvania, and he and his father are buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery, at Sunbury.

WILLIAM W. RYON, of Shamokin, a legal practitioner of over thirty years' standing in that borough, was born April 29, 1857, at Lawrenceville, in Lawrence township, Tioga Co., Pa. His parents were George L. and Hannah (Hammond) Ryon, both descendants of prominent pioneer families of Pennsylvania, the mother a member of the Connecticut Hammond family, which came to Pennsylvania in Provincial days. Both of Mr. Ryon's great-grandfathers served in the Continental forces during the Revolution, one attaining the rank of colonel and commissary of subsistence in General Anthony Wayne's division. Several of the name have attained distinction in high offices of public trust.

John Ryon, Jr., grandfather of William W., was born in Luzerne county, and left the Wyoming Valley, where the family had then been settled for nearly a century, when about eighteen years of age. He removed to Elkland, Tioga county, where he became a prominent citizen, taking a leading part in the public affairs of that section, which he represented in the State Senate (from the Tioga and Bradford districts) for eleven years, and while in the Senate introduced a resolution favoring the nomination of Andrew Jackson for President, which was passed by both houses. He was associate judge of Tioga county



for fifteen years. About eighty years ago he was located at Milton, Northumberland county, as superintendent of the Pennsylvania canal, and his name, as such, was cut on a stone in the lock at Shamokin dam, opposite Sunbury, under date of 1829.

George L. Ryon removed with his family from Elkland to Lawrenceville (both in Tioga county) about 1849. Their eldest son, George W. Ryon, of Shamokin, has been a resident of that borough for over forty years and long one of its leading citizens.

William W. Ryon grew to manhood in his native township, and received his early education in the common schools of Tioga county. Later he attended the Mansfield (Pa.) State normal school, from which he graduated in June, 1874, and soon afterward entered the office of his brother George W. Ryon, of Shamokin, to take up the reading of law. After his admission to the bar of Northumberland county, in March, 1878, he practiced for a short time, until he accepted an appointment as deputy sheriff under Sheriff William M. Weaver, with whom he served three years, continuing in the position for three months longer under Mr. Weaver's successor, John C. Morgan. Mr. Ryon then resumed the practice of his profession, was in time admitted to practice in the Supreme and the Superior courts and has continued his legal work successfully and profitably to the present day, though he is also interested in a number of the most important commercial and manufacturing enterprises of the borough. He was an original stockholder in the Shamokin Street Railway Company, was president of the Shamokin Valley Telephone Company, of which he was one of the organizers, until it was taken over by the United Telephone & Telegraph Company; and a leading member of the Shamokin Board of Trade, having been connected with the organization from its inception. He is attorney for the First National Bank of Shamokin and for the Union, Home and Citizens' Building & Loan Associations, of which he was one of the original promoters.

Politically Mr. Ryon is a Democrat and active and influential in the party. He is a leading member of St. Edward's Roman Catholic Church of Shamokin.

IRA T. CLEMENT, late of Sunbury, was a leading citizen of that community to the close of his long life, which covered a period of over eighty-five years. In his day there was scarcely a more conspicuous figure in the development of the borough and the surrounding territory, and his descendants are classed among the most valuable citizens there to-day. His interests as merchant and manufacturer not only brought to him means and influence, but were also the means of enhancing the industrial facilities of the entire region. A

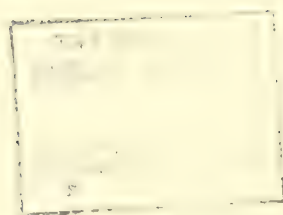
man of strong character, of progressive disposition, of foresight, he combined the possession of all these traits with sufficient enterprise to launch and carry through the various undertakings he felt could be successfully prosecuted in this section. His sons in time engaged in business with him, and in the activities of various members of the family the position of the Clements among the most prominent residents of this section has been well sustained.

Joseph Clement, the father of Ira T. Clement, died on Staten Island, New York. He served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war. In 1805, in Sussex county, N. J., he married Hannah Hazen, daughter of Samuel or Ezra Hazen, and to them were born three children: Augustus married Caroline Lyons, and died in Sunbury; Sarah was twice married, first to a Mr. Hazen and later to Dr. Woodbridge, and raised a large family (she died at Buchanan, Mich.); Ira T. is mentioned below. After the death of Joseph Clement his widow married Solomon Smith, of Amherst, Mass., and they moved out to Ohio, where they settled and reared their family. Mr. Smith died there, and Mrs. Smith then came to Sunbury, Northumberland Co., Pa., where she spent several years before her death, which occurred June 25, 1868, in her eighty-fourth year. She was born April 12, 1785, in Woodbury, New Jersey.

Ira T. Clement was born Jan. 11, 1813, in New Jersey. He was a young child when he came with his mother to Northumberland county, and in fact was only five years old when his mother indentured him to Jacob Hoover, with whom he lived on what is now the Odd Fellows' Orphanage farm. He learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for a few years, but he soon embarked in the mercantile business on his own account in Sunbury, continuing in that line for thirty years. However, there were too many opportunities in this then opening region to permit him to devote all his energies to one field of enterprise. He had a small tract of land and a sawmill near Arters station, a few miles east of Sunbury, and he worked in the woods during the day, getting out his logs, which he sawed into lumber at night. In 1847 he came to Sunbury, where in that year he built the first sawmill established in the place, at what was later the site of his table factory on Front street, having bought the land shortly after his arrival here, from Ebenezer Greenough. Besides conducting this place he engaged in the mercantile business, his first store in Sunbury being located on Market street, near Third street. He ran the sawmill until 1867, when he sold it to William Reagan, and it was subsequently owned successively by the Sunbury Lumber Company and the firm of Friling, Bowen & Engle. After they failed, in 1877, it was conducted in the interest of their creditors until 1883, when Mr. Clement repurchased it.



*Geo. T. Clement*





Meantime, about 1868, he had built the first planing mill in Sunbury, originally a two-story frame building 60 by 80 feet in dimensions, but later enlarged considerably to meet the demands of expanding business. In 1875 the upper story of this structure was equipped for the manufacture of coffins, but the coffin business grew so rapidly that in 1887 a two-story frame building 40 by 140 feet was built for its sole accommodation. In 1880 Mr. Clement had begun the manufacture of extension tables at the planing mill, and in 1887 his old mill, which as recorded he had repurchased in 1883, was adapted for this special branch of manufacturing. For a number of years his combined industries occupied an extensive site extending from Front street to Third, north of Race, the saw mill, planing mill, table factory and coffin factory affording employment to one hundred and twenty-five men, with an annual product valued at two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. The influence of such an establishment on the general prosperity may be easily conjectured. Further, Mr. Clement established the Sunbury Steam Ferry and Tow Boat Company, of which he was the president, and which for many years kept a line of steamboats plying on the Susquehanna between Sunbury, Northumberland, Shamokin Dam and other points. He also invested heavily in real estate, buying the Kutz farm in Upper Augusta township and the Oberdorf farm in East Sunbury, on which he made vast improvements, and at the time of his death he owned over one hundred houses in Sunbury, of which borough he was the heaviest taxpayer. He engaged in contracting to some extent, in 1876-77 building the Northumberland county prison; and other buildings, including the city hall and the Moore & Dissinger block on Market street, were of his construction. In this line he also gave employment to a considerable number of men.

Mr. Clement relinquished comparatively little control of his affairs in his old age, being active to the end of his days. Although rheumatism affected and finally destroyed his power of locomotion, he never lost interest in the condition and management of his numerous business concerns, giving them his direct personal supervision, as he had been in the habit of doing, and he continued to be a power in local industrial and commercial matters until his death. A born leader, he was foremost in many movements which have made a permanent impression upon the development and welfare of Sunbury. He was one of the pioneer casket manufacturers of Pennsylvania, and as such started a line of industry in Sunbury which continues to be one of its business factors. Though he never took any direct part in public affairs he had strong convictions on political questions, and, originally a Whig, changed his allegiance to the Republicans and later to the Democratic party. He and his family were members of the Reformed Church.

Mr. Clement married, when in his twenty-second year, in 1834, Sarah Martz, of Shamokin township, daughter of David and Magdalena (Shissler) Martz, and twelve children were born to them, namely: Amelia, who died unmarried; Henry; Catharine A., who died young; David; a child that died in infancy; Mary Jane, who married John W. Bucher; Louisa, widow of Henry E. Moore; Sarah Frances, who married David C. Dissinger, who died before she did; Laura I., who married Dietrich James; Maria W., who died unmarried; and Grace and Emma, who died young. Only two of this family, Henry and Mrs. Moore, survived the father, who died Oct. 28, 1898, attaining the great age of eighty-five years, nine months, seventeen days. He was buried at Sunbury.

HENRY CLEMENT, the only son of Ira T. Clement who survived him, is still a resident of Sunbury, where he was born, in what was then Upper Augusta township, Sept. 4, 1838. When a mere boy he commenced clerking in his father's store, and he was always associated with him in his lumber and manufacturing interests, for many years before his father's death being with him in the management of his entire business. He stepped into a busy career, but he has proved himself well adapted to its demands, as his capable management of his various interests shows that he not only inherited the business but the ability to look after it to advantage. He was one of the pioneers in the West Branch lumber industry, but though thoroughly progressive he is conservative and has a reputation for sound judgment which makes his opinion on business questions highly valued. Though his time is well taken up with his private affairs he has found time to serve the borough as councilman. He is a Republican in political faith. Fraternally Mr. Clement is an Odd Fellow and a Mason, belonging to Lodge No. 203, I. O. O. F., to Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., and to Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M.

On March 23, 1860, Mr. Clement married Catharine Geist, of Northumberland, this county, daughter of John and Susan (Frederick) Geist, and she died in 1899, leaving two children: Jennie M., who is the wife of William H. Faries, a court stenographer of this and surrounding counties; and Ira T., of Sunbury, who married Elizabeth B. Fisher and has one son, Henry Clement, Jr.

HENRY E. MOORE, late of Sunbury, where he was well known in business life as an associate of Ira T. Clement, was born in 1842, at Millmont, in Buffalo Valley, Union Co., Pa., son of Jacob Moore, and died April 3, 1903. Mr. Moore was for many years engaged as a merchant and banker before coming to Sunbury, and throughout his residence in that borough was one of its substantial and highly respected citizens. He married Mrs.

Louisa Haupt, widow of George W. Haupt and daughter of Ira T. Clement. They had no children. Mr. Moore was a Lutheran in religious connection.

GEORGE W. HAUPT was born in Sanbury Feb. 22, 1840, son of Sebastian and Sarah (Hahn) Haupt. In his earlier manhood he followed teaching and won considerable success and local distinction in that profession, serving as superintendent of the Northumberland county schools from 1866 to 1868. He resigned Sept. 1, 1868, on account of ill health, William J. Wolverton being appointed by the State to fill the unexpired term. Mr. Haupt studied law under Judge Jordan and practiced from the time he was admitted to the bar until his death, which occurred Jan. 18, 1870. He was a Presbyterian in religious faith, and a Mason in fraternal connection, holding membership in Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M. In politics he was a Democrat. Mr. Haupt married Louisa Clement, daughter of Ira T. Clement, and by this union there was one son, Wilson.

FRANKLIN MARTZ, late of Ralpho township, Northumberland county, was one of the substantial and highly respected citizens of his locality and a descendant of an old family, his father, David Martz, having been born in the county.

David Martz was born Oct. 15, 1802, in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, and died Nov. 11, 1855. Shortly after his marriage he located at Paxinos and owned and operated a filling mill there, being quite successful in business. He was a respected man, and for many years was chosen to serve as justice of the peace at Paxinos. His wife, Hannah (Evert), born Oct. 6, 1804, died June 9, 1880, and they are buried at the Blue Church, in Ralpho township. Their children were: Eliza died unmarried; Henry, who was a teacher, died unmarried; Margaret married David Adams; Sarah married Emanuel Artman; Franklin is mentioned below; Mary married Albert Fisher; David P. is a resident of Ralpho township, this county; John, twin of David, is deceased; Hannah married Jackson Hoffman; Susan died young.

Franklin Martz was born Dec. 12, 1835, in Shamokin township, and received his education in the local schools. When a young man he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed several years. During the Civil war he enlisted in the 172d Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia, and was out eleven months. After he returned home he bought a farm in Shamokin (now Ralpho) township, of 150 acres, the old Solomon Hummel place, and there he lived and farmed until his death, which occurred July 21, 1889. He is buried at the Blue Church, of which he was a Reformed member, and was serving as elder at the

time of his death. In politics he was a Republican.

On Oct. 25, 1860, Mr. Martz married Margaret Fisher, daughter of John and Hannah (Yocum) Fisher, who was born in Northumberland county Dec. 7, 1840; she now makes her home at Paxinos. Mrs. Martz is a member of the German Reformed Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Martz were born the following children: Henry E. died of smallpox when eleven years old; Mary H. died in infancy; Catharine A. married William Kreigbaum, and they reside at Elysburg, Pa.; Edwin H. lives in Shamokin; William F. married Elizabeth Fisher and they reside in Shamokin; Clarence K. lives at Paxinos; Ira T. died in infancy; John C. died in infancy; Bertha M. married Frank Wertley, and they reside at Paxinos.

WILLIAM H. ROHRBACH, postmaster and merchant at Paxinos, has been prominent in the business and public affairs of that section of Northumberland county for many years, and is indeed well known all over the county. He bears a name which has long been regarded as the synonym of progress and executive ability, many members of the Rohrbach family having attained position and means, and their honorable lives have been a credit to themselves and to the community as well.

Mr. Rohrbach was born July 13, 1852, in Catawissa township, Columbia Co., Pa., son of John Rohrbach and grandson of Jacob Rohrbach. The family is an old one in Pennsylvania, of German origin, being descended from John George Rohrbach, who emigrated to America about the middle of the eighteenth century. He settled in eastern Pennsylvania, in Berks county, in the territory now embraced in District township, and the family is now quite numerous in the eastern end of that county. The ancestral homestead is still owned, by one of his descendants. He was twice married, and by his first union had a son Lawrence, who had five sons, Daniel, George (who had eight children), Christopher (or Stophel, who had eleven children), Jacob and Henry. By his second wife, Christiana Moser, he had five children, George, John, Simon, Eva and Christiana. Those of the name now living in Berks county are descendants of Lawrence and John: Simon is said to have moved to Catawissa, Columbia county; George to have gone West; Eva married Jacob Finkbohner, who after her death married her sister Christiana.

The ancestor of a number of the name now living in Northumberland county devoted himself to his business affairs and lived and labored in the section of Pennsylvania referred to. He was a successful and influential man of his day, although he had no aspirations toward public honors and took no part in anything outside of his pri-



vate interests. For many years he conducted a charcoal furnace in conjunction with farming. He married Catharine Fenstermacher, and to them was born a large family. Their son George, born in 1808 in Columbia county, Pa., was the father of the late Lloyd T. and William H. Rohrbach, both prominent citizens of Sunbury.

John Rohrbach, son of Jacob and father of William H. Rohrbach, of Paxinos, was born Oct. 15, 1819, in Clay township, Berks Co., Pa., moved to Columbia county, Pa., with his father, and in 1855 came to Shamokin township, Northumberland county. In his early years he had followed farming for some time, later being employed in the ironworks at Catawissa, Columbia county, and after coming to this region purchased, in partnership with his brother-in-law, William Reed, a farm at Reed's station, consisting of about 175 acres. Here he followed farming until his death, which occurred April 2, 1895, and he is buried at St. Jacob's (Reed's) Church in Ralpho township. He married Julian Reed, daughter of Jacob and Hannah Reed, and she survives him, making her home at Paxinos. They had two children, Clara E. and William H. The daughter married Amos Epler and both are deceased; they left five children.

William H. Rohrbach was only three years old when the family settled in Shamokin township, and after attending the local public schools he became a pupil at the Elysburg Academy, then taught by Rev. James Wampole. He remained at home, assisting his father, until the latter's death, after which he took the farm for five years, conducting it until elected county commissioner, in 1900. He filled that office efficiently for one term of three years, and in 1904 took another public position, having been appointed mercantile appraiser, in which capacity he served for one year. During that time he purchased the business of Miller Brothers, general merchants at Paxinos, which he has since carried on, and in connection with which he has performed the duties of postmaster, to which office he was appointed in 1904. Mr. Rohrbach has been prominent in the political and public activities of his township as a zealous member of the Democratic party. He has served as member of the election board, and has been elected assessor, tax collector and auditor, his work in every capacity justifying the flattering support he received as a candidate. He stands high in the opinion of his fellow citizens and has endeavored to merit their judgment of his character and abilities. Socially he is a member and a past master of Elysburg Lodge, No. 414, F. & A. M. He is a member of the Lutheran Church.

Mr. Rohrbach married Emma Keifer, daughter of Abraham and Maria (Everly) Keifer, of Columbia county, Pa., and they have two children, John L. and Wallace K.

**OLIVER P. ROCKEFELLER**, of Sunbury, was engaged in the bottling business in that borough for many years, and is at present dividing his attention between the "Montour House," at Danville, Pa., of which he is a part owner, and his extensive real estate interests. He was born in Upper Augusta township, this county, Nov. 6, 1862, son of Lewis and Catherine (Campbell) Rockefeller.

The Rockefeller family has long been well represented among the best class of citizens in Northumberland county, and one of the townships of the county bears the name, which was founded here by Godfrey Rockefeller, from whom David P., Emery and Oliver P., brothers, of Sunbury, are descended in the fifth generation.

The Rockefeller family traces its beginning in America to one Peter Rockefeller, who was born in Europe and in 1710, on emigrating to America, settled at Amwell, Hunterdon Co., N. J. He died there about 1740, leaving to his son, who was also named Peter, 763 acres of land in the county mentioned.

Godfrey Rockefeller, born in 1747, was a son of Peter Rockefeller (2). He came to Northumberland county, Pa., in 1789, and took up land in the vicinity of Snyderstown. He married Margaret Lewis, and they had a family of eleven children, three sons and eight daughters. One of the sons was the grandfather of John D. Rockefeller, of Standard Oil fame. The other two were John and William, the former the great grandfather of David P. and Emery and Oliver P. Rockefeller, of Sunbury, the latter the father of David (born Sept. 6, 1802) and grandfather of Judge William M. Rockefeller (born Aug. 18, 1830), who married Emily Jones, daughter of Thomas and Maria (Housel) Jones, of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

John Rockefeller, son of Godfrey, was the great-grandfather of David P., Emery and Oliver P. Rockefeller.

John Rockefeller, the grandfather, was killed on his way home from Reading, at a time when much of the country was still a wilderness. He married Elizabeth Moore, and they were the parents of Lewis Rockefeller, their other children being as follows: Henry married Elizabeth Morgan and had five children, John, James, Jacob, Franklin and Harriet (Mrs. John Gulick); Michael never married; David was twice married, his first wife being Isabella Campbell; John married Harriet Kneiss and had five children, Alice (wife of Rev. John Bowman), Caroline (Mrs. Woods), Anne (wife of Jacob Frye), Elizabeth (wife of Jesse Cleaver) and Ella (Mrs. Sanders); Mary married George Bassett and had six children, Lucy, Abba, Ruth, Maggie, Elizabeth and George; Esther married Isaac Eckman and had five children, Col. Charles (married Sophia Gearhart), David married Ella



Wolfe and had children, Franklin, Alfred, Dyer and Ethel), Elizabeth (first married Oscar Heller and second Joseph Bonner), Harriet (married George Mettler and had two children, Ella and Susan) and Lewis.

Lewis Rockefeller, born Sept. 12, 1823, died in October, 1898. He married Catherine Campbell, who survives him, and they became the parents of a large family: Joseph, born in 1859, died in 1870; Lemuel married Hattie McCloy and they have three children, Catharine, Mary and Margaret; Sarah married H. Clay Seasholtz and has had one son, David; Isabella died in 1888, at the age of twenty-five; Hattie married H. C. Lyons; Charles married Mattie Manier and has two children, Harrison and Helen; Isaac married Emma Specht; David P. married Agnes Cummings; Oliver P. married Jennie A. Haupt; Emery married Minnie Gonsar.

Mrs. Catherine (Campbell) Rockefeller though now (1911) in her eighty-first year is active and retains all her faculties, and to her excellent memory we are indebted for much of the data in this article. She enjoys good health, and her kind and unselfish disposition keeps her interested in the welfare of her numerous descendants and endears her to a wide circle of relatives and friends. She now makes her home with her daughter Mrs. Seasholtz. Her cheerful temperament and fine Christian character have won for her the esteem and love of all fortunate enough to know her. She was one of a family of eight children born to Christopher and Sarah (Kline) Campbell, the former of whom was the son of Christopher Campbell, the latter the daughter of Isaac Kline. Isaac Kline and his wife Catharine had the following sons: Harmon, Henry, Isaac and Christopher. The children of Christopher and Sarah (Kline) Campbell were as follows: (1) Isaac married Hannah Campbell. Children: Dr. John, who died in Philadelphia, Pa.; Lemuel, who married Sally Kersuge; James, who married Alice Van Zant; Rebecca, who married Joseph Eckman; and Flora, who died young. (2) Lemuel married Emma Smith. Children: Dr. Charles, who married Lizzie Enos; William, who died young; Eli, who died young; and Mary, who lives in Sunbury. (3) Abraham died young. (4) Herman married Elizabeth Reed and their son, Edmund, married Mary Haupt. (5) Sarah married Charles Eckman, and had two children, Frank and Ellard (who married Ella Snyder). (6) Ella married (first) Kelso Savidge, by whom she had three children, Clinton (who married Louise Essie and had six children, Harry W., Albert C., Ralph W. E., Preston M., Louise and Lucile), Harrison C. and Lizzie A. (married Willard Robinson). Her second marriage was to George Forrester, by whom she had two children, Isabella (Mrs. Clark) and Ellen, the latter dying

young. (7) Rhoda married Samuel Oberdorf, and they have had eleven children, Oliver (deceased), Isaac (deceased), Hamilton (deceased), Isabella (deceased), Chalmers (deceased), Mary, Peter, G. Donald (a graduate of Princeton and now principal of the Mount Carmel high school, who married Olive A. Ruch), Maurer (married to Amanda Gearhart), William (who married Ollie Wolverton and has two children, Calvin and Robert, the former a graduate of Bucknell University), and Susan (Mrs. Lorenza Eckman, who has two children, James and Chalmers). (8) Elizabeth married (first) Bloomfield Carr, by whom she had two sons, James and William, and (second) Charles Houghout, by whom she has two daughters, Virginia and Roda, the latter the wife of William Clark and the mother of three children, Bessie, George and Morris.

Oliver P. Rockefeller, son of Lewis and Catherine (Campbell) Rockefeller, attended the public schools of his native township, and later was a pupil at private school in Sunbury. He followed farm work until fifteen years of age, when he went to Philadelphia. After clerking there for five years he returned to Northumberland county and settled at Sunbury, engaging in the bottling business with his brother David P., in 1883. After an association of fourteen years he bought out his brother, in 1898, and thereafter conducted the business alone till November, 1909, when he gave it up after a career of twenty-seven years in the one line. He was very successful, and by his ability and fine business qualities became one of the leading men of Sunbury. He lived retired one year, until he and Mr. H. W. Geyer bought out the well known "Montour House" at Danville, to which Mr. Rockefeller has given most of his time since. He is also a large real estate owner, the management of his property occupying most of his time.

Mr. Rockefeller married Jennie Alice Haupt, daughter of the late Dr. Fred L. Haupt. They have no children. He is a member of the local lodge of Elks, No. 267, and of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. In politics he is a Republican.

FRED L. HAUPT, M. D., late of Sunbury, was born in that borough Nov. 11, 1836. He received his preparatory literary training at the Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport, Pa., began reading medicine in Sunbury, and completed the course at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1861, in which year he commenced practice at Sunbury. At the beginning of the Civil war he enlisted, as surgeon, for three months, serving that term with the 130th Regiment, and upon its close re-enlisted in the same command, for three years. His army record is highly creditable. He was poisoned at Winchester, Va., con-

tracting illness which never wholly left him and which eventually was partly responsible for his death. After the war he resumed practice at Sunbury, where he not only established a large private practice but also served sixteen years as surgeon for the Pennsylvania Railway Company, some years as physician at the county jail and five years as member of the board of pension examiners of which he was president. As a surgeon he gained high repute and was widely known. He was an intimate friend of Dr. James D. Strawbridge and Dr. Martin, and they were associated in performing many operations. For a number of years before his death Dr. Haupt, being unable because of poor health to endure the demands of his heavy medical practice, was engaged in the drug business at the corner of Fourth and Market streets, Sunbury. He died March 16, 1894, and is buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery. Few citizens of the borough were more generally known or respected. Politically he was a Democrat, and was elected a member of the board of education of Sunbury; fraternally he belonged to Washington (D. C.) City Lodge, F. & A. M., and to the Improved Order of Red Men.

In 1866 Dr. Haupt married Angeline Bowen, and to them was born a family of five children, four sons and one daughter, namely: John B., bookkeeper, machinist and druggist of Sunbury, lives with his mother; Alice Jennie married O. P. Rockefeller; Alexander B. died at the age of forty-one years; William F., born in 1871, died in 1900; Joseph Priestley died at the age of thirty-two years.

John Bowen, father of Mrs. Angeline (Bowen) Haupt, was a native of Wales and came to America about 1825, when four years old. He was engaged in business as a coal operator at Shamokin, this county, and was a lumber dealer at Sunbury as a member of the firm of Fryeling, Bowen & Engel. He died at Sunbury about 1896, at the advanced age of eighty-five years. Mr. Bowen was a Republican in politics and in religion a member of the Reformed Church. He married Hannah Barnhart, daughter of Michael Barnhart, and they had three children: William, deceased; Jane, deceased; and Angeline, Mrs. Haupt.

**LENKER.** The Lenker family has many representatives in Northumberland county, descendants of Adam Lenker (or John Adam Lenker), a native of Switzerland, who was one of the pioneer settlers in this region. He located in territory now embraced in Lower Mahanoy township, and followed farming, the original homestead upon which he settled being the farm now owned by David Bohner. He was born Dec. 12, 1765, died March 24, 1834, and is buried at the Zion church in Stone Valley, as is also his wife, Anna

Maria; she was born June 15, 1764, and died May 12, 1822. Their children were: Michael, John Adam, Jacob, Polly (married John Witmer) and Mary (married William Schaffer).

Michael Lenker, son of Adam (or John Adam) Lenker, married Catharine Emerick, and they were farming people in Lower Mahanoy township. She was born March 11, 1791, and died Sept. 18, 1860. They had children as follows: Abraham, Polly, Isaac (born Jan. 22, 1818, died March 27, 1881), Sarah, Catharine, Lydia, Elizabeth, and Jacob.

John Adam Lenker, son of Adam (or John Adam), born Aug. 14, 1789, died Oct. 13, 1861. He lived in Lower Mahanoy township, his homestead being now the property of Jacob F. Lenker, and was a farmer and stonemason. He and his wife Maria (M.) Bobb, born May 13, 1792, died March 30, 1864, are buried at Zion's Stone Valley church. Their children were: Rev. Nicholas, Adam, David, John B., Rev. Michael (who died at Lykens, Pa.), Jacob, Elizabeth (married Joseph Negley), Mary (married David Ditty), Lydia (married John Wetzel) and Catharine (married Jonathan Bonawitz).

Jacob Lenker, third son of Adam (or John Adam), the pioneer, according to one account was married in Lebanon county, this State, and had no children. This seems doubtful, however, as his children are elsewhere given as follows: Jacob, John, Simon (who had a son Peter), Susanna (Mrs. Losch), Christina (who married John Schaffer and died when nearly ninety-three years old), Catharine (never married), Peter, and maybe others.

Jacob Lenker, born 1809, son of Jacob, lived in Lower Mahanoy township, and died on his farm there in 1880. By trade he was a weaver of carpet and cloth, but he also operated his farm, the place now owned by Isaac Batdorf. He was a Lutheran member of Zion's Church, and he and his wife Susanna (Haupt) are buried at that church. Their family consisted of four sons and two daughters: Catharine, who married Isaac Schroyer; Jacob, who settled in Iowa; Benjamin; Henry, who lived and died in Lower Mahanoy township; Reuben, of Shamokin, Pa.; and Helena, who died unmarried.

Benjamin Lenker, son of Jacob, was born in Lower Mahanoy township Aug. 29, 1836, where Michael Lenker now lives, and received his education in the pay schools conducted in the neighborhood during his boyhood. Learning the trade of stonemason, he followed it for twenty-four years, and he also engaged in farming. Though he began life in humble circumstances, he became a substantial man through his own industry and thrift, and he is a much respected citizen of his township, which he has served officially four years as school director.



Politically he is a Republican. He and his family worship at Zion Union Church, at Stone Valley, in which he held office for many years, having served as deacon, elder and trustee. In 1863 Mr. Lenker married Mary Wert, daughter of Michael and Lydia (Bubb) Wert, and she died July 31, 1887, aged fifty-eight years, six months, seven days. Four children were born to their union: Jacob F.; Irving; Gertie, wife of Oscar Harder, a grocer of Allentown, Pa.; and Boaz, of Allentown, a milk dealer.

JACOB F. LENKER, son of Benjamin, was born June 16, 1864, on the home farm, and obtained his early education in the public schools of the vicinity. Subsequently he spent considerable of his time at home in study, and at the age of twenty-one he received a license to teach, his first experience being at Blasser's schoolhouse, in his native township. Altogether he taught eighteen years in the same district, making an excellent record for efficiency, while his personal popularity made him many stanch friends among his pupils and associates. In 1886 he began farming on his own account, and he has since followed that calling, owning a nice home place of thirty acres, which was the homestead property of his maternal grandfather, Michael Wert. He owns another tract of 117 acres, and 135 acres of woodland, having in all over three hundred acres. Mr. Lenker is one of the intelligent and progressive citizens of his locality, and though he has made a success of his personal ventures he has also interested himself in public affairs, having served as auditor and justice of the peace; he was first elected to the latter office in 1901, and re-elected at the end of his term. In political opinion he is a Republican. During the year 1886 he spent three months out West.

On Aug. 30, 1886, Mr. Lenker married Mary Frymoyer, daughter of Isaac and Catharine (Bowman) Frymoyer, and they have one child, a son Oscar. The family are members of Stone Valley Church.

Jacob Frymoyer, grandfather of Mrs. Lenker, lived in Lower Mahanoy township, where he followed farming. He died, however, in Snyder county, Pa. We have the following record of his children: Isaac, Jacob (of Iowa), Catharine (married Isaac Phillips), Royal (married Andrew Ziegler), Polly (Mrs. Hummel) and Harriet.

Isaac Frymoyer, son of Jacob, was born in Lower Mahanoy township, this county. He and his wife Catharine (Bowman) are buried in Snyder county. Their children were: Seneries, William, George, Joseph, James, Jacob and Mary.

IRVING LENKER, son of Benjamin and Mary (Wert) Lenker, was born March 14, 1865, at Hickory Corners, in Lower Mahanoy township, and was there reared, passing his early years in the manner of the average farm boy. After at-

tending the public schools of his township he went to Berrysburg Academy, receiving his first license to teach when only sixteen years old, from County Superintendent Wolverton. He taught his first term at Lenker's schoolhouse, in Lower Mahanoy township, in the fall of 1883. From that time to the present he has taught in all twenty-two terms, three in Lower Mahanoy township, fifteen in Jackson township and the borough of Herndon, and one term at Middleburg, Snyder county, where he was principal; earlier in his career as an educator he was at Danville for one term. At Herndon he was engaged eleven terms in succession, having been principal of the schools of that borough for a longer period than any other teacher has served up to this writing. His efficiency could have no better commendation. He has also taught fifteen normal school sessions at Herndon. For two years he taught at Gowen City, this county. He is one of the oldest and one of the leading educators of this section. Mr. Lenker has always been conscientious in the pursuit of his profession, and he has continued his studies with a view of increasing his efficiency. He furthered his early training by study at Lebanon Valley College, and graduated from Central Pennsylvania College (now known as Albright College) in 1890; the institution was then located at New Berlin, but has since been removed to Myerstown. He was granted a professional certificate in 1894 and a permanent certificate in 1897.

In 1892 Mr. Lenker took up his home at Herndon, moving away in 1902, after his wife's death. For two years he was engaged in teaching at Gowen City, and for one year he was at Allentown, as agent for the Prudential Life Insurance Company, returning to Herndon in 1905. He has since remained in the borough, where in December, 1908, he established his present printing business and founded the *Herndon News*, of which he is editor as well as proprietor. The paper has the largest circulation of any journal in the borough, and Mr. Lenker is the leading job printer there, doing all kinds of printing and also book-binding, his plant being well equipped. Though this business was a considerable departure from his former line of work he has found it congenial and profitable, and he has made a success of it by his customary thoroughness and attention to detail, profiting by his experiences and surmounting difficulties with characteristic steadiness. In political faith he is a Republican, and he has served five years as justice of the peace at Herndon. His influence has always been given to the support of the best causes and his worth as a citizen has been demonstrated in his various activities.

On Oct. 28, 1891, Mr. Lenker married Ella Neiman, daughter of James Neiman, of New Berlin, Pa., and they had three children: Mabel



Grace, Lena May and Rex Benjamin. Mrs. Lenker died April 14, 1902, aged thirty-five years, and is buried at New Berlin. On Jan. 12, 1907, Mr. Lenker married (second) Katie Wagner, daughter of Daniel and Mary (Masser) Wagner, of Gowen City, Pa. They have a daughter, Mary Hilda. Mr. Lenker and his family worship with the Lutheran congregation of Zion Church at Herndon, of which he is a deacon. He sang in the choir for five years.

John B. Lenker, son of John Adam and Maria (Bobb) Lenker, was a native of Lower Mahanoy township. He learned the trade of tailor, which he followed in Sunbury for about six years. Later he became a brick manufacturer and dealer in real estate, as such laying out "Lenker's Addition" to Sunbury; he owned the greater part of the site of Purdytown. He was a man of affairs, influential in the public life of Sunbury, where he served as school director, councilman, street commissioner and overseer of the poor. He was public-spirited, and had as much to do with the advancement of the place in other directions as he did in its material upbuilding, with which he was identified to a considerable extent. He built more than twenty-five houses in the borough. He was a prominent Freemason, a Republican in politics, and a Lutheran in religion, being an active member of Zion's Church at Sunbury, which he served as member of the church council. He married Mary A. Garland, and they are buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery at Sunbury. They had children as follows: W. G., of Sunbury; John N., of Minneapolis, Minn.; J. Harris and David, twins; and Mary G., who is unmarried. All but John N. Lenker live in the old homestead at the corner of Fourth and Chestnut streets, Sunbury.

J. HARRIS LENKER, son of John B., born June 27, 1862, in Sunbury, is one of the prominent business men of that borough. He and his twin brother, David Lenker, are the members of the firm of the Sunbury Supply Company, with office and warehouse at No. 599 East Chestnut street, dealers in limes, sands, cements, fire clay, fire bricks, galvanized pipe, iron pipe, sewer pipe, plastering hair, common bricks, terra cotta ware, and all other building supplies, doing a large business. Mr. J. Harris Lenker is a director of the Sunbury Trust & Safe Deposit Company, president of the Middle Creek Electric Company, of Sunbury, and with his brother largely interested in Sunbury real estate as holders and dealers, buying, building and selling.

On December 25, 1883, Mr. Lenker married Ida Badman, daughter of Zacharias Badman, of Uniontown, Pa., who died in 1876 when a comparatively young man, of smallpox, which he had contracted while visiting the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia. Two children have been

born to Mr. and Mrs. Lenker: John E., a civil engineer, who graduated from the Sunbury high school and from State College, at State College, Pa., and William G., a graduate of the Eastman Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., who is now in business with his brother, under the name of the Selinsgrove Supply Company.

Mr. Lenker and his family are members of Zion's Lutheran Church at Sunbury. He is a Republican on political questions.

DAVID LENKER, M. D., twin brother of J. Harris Lenker, was educated in the public schools of Sunbury, the Missionary Institute at Selinsgrove, Wittenberg College, at Springfield, Ohio, and Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, graduating April 12, 1889. Returning to Sunbury, he was appointed physician at the Northumberland County prison, holding that office for several terms. But medical practice did not appeal to him, and he became associated with his brother, J. Harris Lenker, in business and in the manufacture of bricks, which latter they continued for six years, eventually organizing under the firm name of the Sunbury Supply Company. Every year they build from two to ten houses in addition to continuing the other lines of their extensive business. Lenker avenue is named for this family. Dr. Lenker, in association with his brother, has large real estate holdings. He is a man of broad intelligence, and has taken an active part in the local welfare, in which he is deeply interested; he served some years as auditor of Sunbury. Dr. Lenker is a staunch Republican, and was at one time most active in the interest of the party.

John Adam Lenker, another son of John Adam and Maria (Bobb) Lenker, was born June 29, 1818, on the old homestead, where Jacob F. Lenker now lives, was a lifelong farmer, and owned the property which Michael Lenker now owns. He was also an extensive contractor, erecting a number of county buildings, houses and barns in the lower end of the county, a part of the Central Pennsylvania railroad, the Mahantango bridge in Lower Mahanoy, a number of other bridges along the Mahantango creek, and helped to build the State road from Tower City to Tremont. He filled various public offices in his locality, among others that of school director, and in fact was one of the leaders in the establishment of the free school system in Lower Mahanoy, being long its principal supporter. He was enterprising in giving his influence to worthy public movements as well as in the conduct of his personal interests, and was also active in church affairs, holding all the offices in his church. He died March 24, 1881, and is buried at Stone Valley church, where he belonged. His wife, Sarah Massner, born Dec. 11, 1821, died March 23, 1899. She was a daughter of John Massner. They had children as follows: Lizzie, wife of Abraham D. Blasser; Jeremiah, deceased;

John M., of Lower Mahanoy township; Sallie, unmarried; Ellen, wife of John H. Snyder; Newton, deceased; Adam; and Michael, who has the old homestead.

ADAM LENKER, son of John Adam and Sarah (Massner) Lenker, was born Jan. 9, 1860, in Lower Mahanoy township, and until he reached the age of thirty years lived on his father's farm in the Mahantango Valley. Moving to Shamokin, he lived in that borough three years, engaged as a drayman, and then returning to the Mahantango Valley he purchased a farm of sixty-five acres, which he cultivated for the next twelve years. This place was a part of the old William Deppen homestead. Renting that place he removed farther north, in the same township, where he became a tenant on the A. D. and Jacob Blasser farm, the present year (1910) being his fifth on that property. His own place is at County Line and is a very desirable tract, but he rents it because it is too small to occupy all his attention, and his family being a large one he finds a larger place more profitable. He was elected a school director of Lower Mahanoy township in the spring of 1910. In politics he is a Republican.

On May 25, 1885, Mr. Lenker married Annie Engel, daughter of Joel and Catharine (Wald) Engel, and they have had twelve children; Birdie (who died young), Joel (who died aged sixteen years), Howard, Sallie, Annie, Alvin, John, Clarence, Clara, Irwin, and two that died in infancy. Mr. Lenker and his family are Lutheran members of the Zion Church at Stone Valley, where many Lenkers are buried.

JOHN B. REPLEY, of Ralpho township, Northumberland county, engaged in farming on the place formerly owned by his father, and which has been in this family for about sixty years, was born Oct. 27, 1851, on that place. The family is of German origin, and the name is also found with the spellings Reply and Ripple.

Henry Repley, great-grandfather of John B. Repley, lived in this section, owning and occupying the farm now owned by T. B. and Annie Boughner, in what is now Ralpho township.

John Repley, son of Henry, was born Dec. 26, 1789, and died Nov. 5, 1864. He spent all his life at the homestead in Ralpho (then Shamokin) township, following farming and also cabinetmaking, and was a well known man in his day. By his first marriage, to Jane Zartman, he had four children: Henry; Margaret, Mrs. Peter Boughner; Mary, Mrs. Samuel Campbell; and Elizabeth, wife of Simeon Campbell (brother of Samuel). His second wife, Rachel (Sober), who died March 6, 1877, aged seventy-seven years, four months, was the mother of the following children: Jane, born in 1836, who married Henry K. Price, and died in 1874; Savilla, who married Harvey Fisher; Lou-

isa, who married John K. Erdman; and Rebecca, who married David P. Martz. All these four daughters are buried at the Oak Grove church in Ralpho township.

Henry Repley, son of John, was born April 7, 1820, and died Jan. 16, 1882. He was a farmer, and with the exception of the period spent in the service during the Civil war gave all his active years to that occupation. In 1849 and 1850 he bought part of the Haas and Porter farms, in what is now Ralpho township, having a tract of sixty acres upon which he erected all the buildings, and there he farmed until his death. During the Civil war he was a member of Company H, 162d Pennsylvania Regiment. He is buried at the Oak Grove church, in whose welfare he was interested from the beginning, having been one of the organizers of that church and active in its work. His father's home was a stopping-place for the Methodist ministers. Mr. Repley married Mary E. Scout, who was born Feb. 15, 1824, daughter of John Scout, who was of Scottish extraction. She died July 15, 1892. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Repley: Ursula, born Sept. 26, 1845, who married David H. Snyder, and died Nov. 12, 1907 (she is buried at Oak Grove Church); and John B.

John B. Repley attended the public schools and Elysburg Academy, acquiring an excellent education, and he himself long followed the teacher's profession, teaching twenty-two terms of school in all, in six different schools in Shamokin and Ralpho townships. His success in this work has made him very well known in this section of the county, his efficiency and conscientious devotion to the best interests of his pupils gaining him many friends. Meantime he had also commenced farming, to which he was reared from boyhood, and in September, 1882, he took possession of his father's old farm. He has now seventy-six acres, located along the Center turnpike between Paxinos and Bear Gap, and gives all his time to his agricultural work, in which he has prospered by intelligent attention to his land. He has served twenty years as assessor in his district, and has always been a leading citizen in influencing public opinion for the good of the community, in which he takes a public-spirited interest. Politically he is a Democrat.

On Jan. 25, 1879, Mr. Repley married Kate Erdman, who was born May 5, 1850, daughter of George and Mary (Knorr) Erdman, and they had children as follows: Edward A. is at home; Gertrude B., twin of Edward, is the wife of Frank Sanders and has two children, Catharine A. and Charles L.; George Henry, who is a carpenter, married Clara Crowl, and they live at Shamokin, Pa.; John C. is at home; Frank E., twin of John, died in infancy. The mother died Feb. 5, 1908, and is buried at the Blue church.



WILLIAM W. FISHER, who has the leading jewelry establishment in the borough of Sunbury, is a man who has developed every branch of his chosen business, a fact which entitles him to rank among the most enterprising citizens of that place, in the best sense of the term. By able management and good judgment he has drawn a high class of trade and raised the standards of excellence in his line until, through him, the community receives as good service as may be found in the larger cities of the State. He is a native of Milton, this county, born Feb. 13, 1861, and belongs to an old family of the county, one which has been settled here for a hundred and twenty-five years.

Joseph Fisher, from whom this family traces its descent, was born in Saxony in April, 1734. At the age of thirteen years, it is said, he was apprenticed to learn a trade, and as was the custom in those days lived in his master's family. This family emigrated to America in 1747, Joseph Fisher and his sister Elizabeth accompanying them, and they landed in New Jersey, where the sister soon died. Joseph remained in the western part of New Jersey and completed his apprenticeship. On June 5, 1764, he married Catharine Minegar, who was born Aug. 24, 1746, in Holland, and they located in Warren county, N. J. During the Revolutionary war he entered the American service from Morris county, N. J. The home he had established, being amid the scenes of several battles and various movements of the Revolution, was destroyed and the surrounding lands laid waste by the armies, and he determined accordingly to move out to Pennsylvania. In 1788 he came to Northumberland county, on April 1th of that year purchasing from Samuel Reeder a farm of 100 acres along the Little Roaring creek. He lived to a good old age, dying Dec. 29, 1819, after a short illness, and was buried Jan. 1, 1820, at Catawissa, beside his wife, who had died in 1809; they rest in the old burial ground of the Lutheran Church at that place. They were the parents of ten children, born as follows: Catharine, June 29, 1765 (married Nicholas Shipman); Henry, July 23, 1767 (married Magdalena Farley); Mary, Dec. 18, 1769 (married Samuel Mutchler); Hannah, Jan. 27, 1772 (married Caleb Farley); Elizabeth, July 21, 1774 (married John Reeder); John, June 19, 1776; Moses, Sept. 23, 1778 (married Elizabeth Bear); David, March 6, 1781; Jacob, Dec. 18, 1783 (married Margaret Kimbpel); Joseph, May 20, 1786 (married Mary Kimbpel).

John Fisher, son of Joseph, was born June 19, 1776, in Sussex county, N. J. On Aug. 13, 1798, he married Elizabeth Mauser, who was born in 1775 in Bucks county, Pa., and died in 1844 in Noble township, Branch Co., Mich. They had four children, namely: John married Ladia Lazarus; Catharine, born June 13, 1801, married

Thomas Shane; William, born Oct. 19, 1806, married Eleanor Blue; Elizabeth, born Sept. 19, 1809, married John Ritter.

William Fisher, son of John, born Oct. 19, 1806, married Dec. 25, 1827, Eleanor Blue, who was born Nov. 22, 1810, in Mahoning township, and after their marriage they resided for a time at Danville, where Mr. Fisher was employed in the store of Peter Baldy. Thence they removed to Milton, Northumberland county, and later to Lock Haven, Pa., where they remained seven years. For the next three years they lived in Philadelphia, during which time Mr. Fisher was burned out in the big fire of 1849, losing everything. He subsequently returned to Milton, where Mrs. Fisher died Jan. 28, 1878, and from that time until his death Mr. Fisher made his home with his daughter Margaret, who was the wife of Thomas Glover. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher were the parents of nine children, born as follows: B. Frank, June 15, 1829; Samuel J., April 8, 1831; William A., Oct. 21, 1832 (died Sept. 10, 1885); John K. B., Sept. 2, 1834 (died April 12, 1848); Mary E., Oct. 8, 1836; Charlotte J., March 25, 1840; Margaret E., April 21, 1842; Dudley R., Jan. 8, 1848 (died Sept. 21, 1859); Dudley R. (2), Sept. 25, 1850 (married Sept. 25, 1884, Catharine Elbright).

B. Frank Fisher, son of William, born June 15, 1829, died Oct. 12, 1867. He was engaged in business at Reading, Pa. On Jan. 28, 1858, he married Mary B. Griff, who died Feb. 24, 1878. They had four children: William W., born Feb. 13, 1861; Flora E., born Feb. 26, 1863; Harry B., who died in 1865; and B. Frank, born Sept. 16, 1866.

William W. Fisher was a boy of ten when the family moved to Watstown, this county, in 1871, and there he attended public school. In 1882 he founded a paper at Watstown known as the *Star*, the first issue of which appeared April 1, 1882. He was in partnership, in this venture, with Lew C. Fosnot, who is still interested. Mr. Fisher sold his share to Dore Burr in November, 1883, and in March, 1884, the *Watstown Record* and the *Star* were merged under the name of the *Record and Star*, under which title it has since been published, Lew C. Fosnot and his son, J. C. de Fosnot, being the present owners. After severing his connection with the newspaper Mr. Fisher entered the stationery and book business in Watstown, establishing a store in 1885, and for a time he also published hand music. In 1888 he went into the jewelry business at Watstown, where he was located for several years. In 1891 he settled at Sunbury, leaving that year bought the jewelry business of M. J. Beatty, at No. 344 Market street, where he has since been established. His store is now one of the finest in this part of the State, in regard to both stock and



equipment, the fittings being attractive and in excellent taste, while his comprehensive stock includes diamonds mounted and unmounted, watches, sterling and plated silverware, cut glass and objects of art. A finely equipped repair department, conducted at one end of the store, gives employment to several workmen, and diamond setting, watch and clock and jewelry repairing receive the most skillful attention from experienced mechanics.

A special evidence of Mr. Fisher's enterprise is the optical department connected with his store. He himself took a course at the McCormick Neurological College, at Chicago, Ill., from which he was graduated, receiving his diploma July 19, 1904. His equipment for the diagnosis of all kinds of defective vision is complete, and his understanding of the cause, treatment and cure of the various nervous disorders and other ills of the human system arising from such source has been proved in the numerous cases he has successfully handled. Thus it will be seen that his success is due to a combination of qualities which make him a valuable member of the community in which he resides. He is a Mason of high degree, holding membership in Maclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M., of Sunbury; in Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M.; in Mount Hermon Commandery, No. 84, K. T., and in Irem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Wilkes-Barre. He was a charter member of Maclay Lodge and was elected treasurer upon the organization, having held that position continuously since. He is a past exalted ruler of Lodge No. 267, B. P. O. Elks, of Sunbury, and is a member of the Temple Club and of the American Club, and president of the Sunbury Auto Club, which was organized July 30, 1909. In religion he is a member of the Reformed Church.

On April 16, 1894, Mr. Fisher married Susan Stroh, daughter of George W. Stroh, of Sunbury, Pa. She died Dec. 8, 1910.

**JOHN HENRY KREITZER**, of Milton, Northumberland county, proprietor of the largest wholesale and retail grocery establishment in that section of the State, president and treasurer of the Kreitzer Wholesale Candy Company, one of the most popular borough officials Milton has ever had, a leader of the Republican party and active in almost every phase of the life of his locality, is a citizen who deservedly holds the esteem and confidence of the entire community. Mr. Kreitzer has won his standing by hard work and ability in the management of his affairs, and a mere record of his many successful undertakings is sufficient to show how busy a life he leads. None but a man of energy and progressive disposition could handle the numerous enterprises he looks after so ably, and his judgment has been in demand in the execution of public trusts, to which he has

been called time and again. He belongs to a family of German origin established in this county by his great-grandfather, with whom the record of the family history begins.

Peter Kreitzer, a native of Germany, came to America when a young man, settling in Tulpehocken, Berks Co., Pa., in 1762, and there lived until his death. He was a farmer by occupation. He was twice married, his second wife living to be 105 years old, and both wives are buried in Berks county. There were five children by the first union and ten by the second, among them being Frederick, who died in Berks county; William, who went to Illinois, where he died (he has two sons in Texas, both druggists); and Balser.

Balser Kreitzer, son of Peter, was born in Berks county (at what is now Myerstown, Lebanon county) in 1800, and about 1826-27 moved to Milton, Northumberland county, where he lived and died. After his settlement there he did day's work at first, but in time became a contractor, his principal business being lumbering, in the pursuit of which he cleared off most of the timber around Milton. He formed the logs into rafts which he took to market. When the old Lutheran church on Mahoning street was sold at the time of the erection of the new edifice (subsequently destroyed by fire) he purchased it and remodeled it into a dwelling. He himself was a Lutheran in religious belief, and assisted in the building of the first church of that denomination in Milton. In politics he was originally a Whig, later a Republican, and he took an interest in local affairs, holding minor township offices and later borough offices. He died in Milton in 1878, at the age of seventy-eight years, and is buried in Harmony cemetery. His wife, Mary (Zimmerman), of Berks county, Pa., died in 1884, at the age of eighty-four. They had children as follows: John, who was killed in the last battle of the Civil war; George Washington; Jacob, of Milton, formerly a shoe merchant, who married Sarah Beidelman and has children, Edith, Sedosia, Bertha, Frank, Carrie and George; Reuben, who was killed at Milton, on the railroad (he was twice married, his first wife being Emma Crawford, his second Emma Applegate); Sarah, who married Andrew Irvin, and died in 1904; William, who served through the Civil war, and who died at Milton (he married Rebecca Ehrhart); Adam; and Moses, who died in early childhood.

George Washington Kreitzer (known as Washington Kreitzer), son of Balser, was the father of John Henry Kreitzer. He was born in 1828 at Milton, and as was the custom in that day began work early, being only a boy of ten when he began driving a team on the Union canal. His fondness for horses kept him in such work for some time. He drove a packet team for a while and in winter a stagecoach, also carrying the mail up and down

the river for many years. After a time he learned the butcher's trade, and being ambitious he saved his earnings, accumulating enough to enable him to start business independently. He formed a partnership with Conrad Cares, under the firm name of Kreitzer & Cares, and engaged in the meat business in Milton, following that line in all for about eight years. After his association with Mr. Cares was dissolved he had Charles Hoy for a partner. Selling out his interest in the meat business, he was for a time in the employ of William Price Hull, dealer in coal and grain, and later followed the dairy business. During his last years he assisted his son John. A man of strong constitution, he continued to work hard to the end of his days and enjoyed it. He died June 17, 1898, in his seventieth year, and was buried in Harmony cemetery. He was a Republican in politics and served two terms as street commissioner.

Mr. Kreitzer married Mary J. Lohr, daughter of John and Mary A. (Wilson) Lohr, of Iola, Columbia Co., Pa., and she survives him, continuing to make her home in Milton. The following children were born to this union: Mary Catherine, who married John Byers, and lives near Milton; John H.; Sarah Elizabeth, who married William Cowles, formerly of Picture Rock, Pa., now living at Chester; Abraham L., who died in infancy; Ada Nora, who married Augustus Berger, of Watsonstown; and William Washington, who died aged seven years, ten months.

John Henry Kreitzer was born at Milton Oct. 24, 1858, and received his education there in the public schools, which he attended until he was fourteen years of age. Like his father, he began work as a driver on the towpath, and when the canal season closed for the winter he found employment in the office of William Price Hull, at that time a prominent coal and grain dealer of Milton. After two years in his employ he decided to return to school, as he was ambitious to gain a good education, and he was at his studies again for three years. On April 1, 1877, he began clerking for Albert Cadwallader, who had a grocery and provision store in Milton, and made such good progress in learning the details of this business that on Aug. 12, 1879, he was made superintendent of James Buoy's grocery store on Mahoning street. On Jan. 11, 1881, he purchased a half interest in this establishment from Mr. Buoy, the firm name being Buoy & Kreitzer. In May, 1883, this partnership was dissolved, Mr. Kreitzer purchasing Mr. Buoy's interest and continuing the business alone. Such was the beginning of his present extensive business, the largest wholesale and retail grocery house in this section of Pennsylvania. It is located in a fine brick block which Mr. Kreitzer owns and adjoining which, in 1891, he built a large three-story warehouse; since the erection of this building he has enlarged his busi-

ness to include, besides the original lines of groceries and provisions, crockery, wooden and willow wares, grain, hay and feed. In this connection he also deals extensively in country produce, which he ships to other markets. In 1894 he organized the Kreitzer Wholesale Candy Company, dealers in confectionery, fruit and nuts, and he erected and owns the building occupied by this concern, adjoining his grocery establishment. He is president and treasurer of this company, of which M. C. Kreitzer is assistant treasurer and M. E. Kreitzer secretary. Mr. Kreitzer employs from twenty to thirty-five people, and four teams are used in the delivery and transportation of his goods. Since 1898 Mr. Kreitzer has also had a retail store in West Milton, Union county. Since 1894 he has owned a sand plant two miles south of Milton, shipping sand to all parts of Pennsylvania and various portions of New York State for use in foundry and concrete work, and a particularly fine quality for special uses. Such a record of unbroken success is the lot of few men, but Mr. Kreitzer has won all his triumphs by hard work and upright dealings, and he has the good will of his employees and of all who come in contact with him in business or other relations.

Though he has never neglected his business in any way, Mr. Kreitzer has found time to take a public-spirited interest in the welfare of the community. His influence being valuable, his work is much appreciated, for he has the faculty of infusing energy into movements that need encouragement and of putting through any work he undertakes. He has long been a member of the Board of Trade and is serving as a director, taking an active part in its enterprises. He is a stockholder in the Milton Driving Park and Fair Association, the Milton Knitting Mill and the Milton Trust & Safe Deposit Company. It was principally through the earnest efforts he put forth that the bridge which spans the river between Milton and West Milton was built, victory rewarding its advocates after three years of hard fighting in the courts; it was opened to travel in 1894. He is the only citizen of Milton who has three times been honored with election to the office of chief burgess, for terms of three years each, his services extending from 1894 to 1897, from 1900 to 1903, and from 1906 to 1909. The issue upon which he won in his latest campaign when a candidate for this office was the obtaining of mountain water for the borough, and he made good all his promises, no place in the State enjoying purer water or better privileges than Milton. Mr. Kreitzer had previously served three years as commissioner, to which office he was elected in 1881; and three years as auditor, to which office he was elected in 1881; so that his active participation in public affairs has covered a long period. He has long been a valued worker in the Republican party. He was elected ward com-



mitteeman in 1887; served two years as judge of election; and was delegate to the State convention in 1902. He was chairman of the Anti-Tramp convention that met in Philadelphia May 15, 1901.

Mr. Kreitzer served nine years as secretary and treasurer of the Baptist Sunday school. He holds membership in the Presbyterian Church, and socially he unites with the Royal Arcanum.

On Feb. 11, 1886, Mr. Kreitzer married Mary Catharine Ettla, daughter of Capt. George H. and Amanda C. Ettla, and they have one daughter, Mary Elizabeth.

**JOSIAH M. KAUFFMAN** (deceased) was a prominent citizen of Lower Augusta township, this county, until his removal in 1892 to Sunbury, where he passed the remainder of his life and where his family now reside. He was a man of sterling worth and high personal character. Mr. Kauffman was born in Lower Augusta township, Jan. 7, 1860, son of Daniel and Sarah (Burns) Kauffman and grandson of Daniel and Mary (Ressler) Kauffman, of whose family the following still survive: John R., of Sunbury; Levi, of Paxton, Pa.; Caroline, Mrs. James Coldren, of Sunbury; Lucy, Mrs. Brocius, of Buchanan, Mich.; Malinda, Mrs. I. J. Renn, of Asherton, Pa.; and Rachel, Mrs. James Lower, of Asherton. The family is well known, its various branches being well represented throughout this section of the country.

Daniel Kauffman, son of Daniel and Mary (Ressler) Kauffman, was born Jan. 21, 1834, in Upper Mahanoy township, this county, and was quite young when the family moved to Lower Augusta township, where he resided for many years, engaging in farming. Retiring from agricultural pursuits he removed to Sunbury, when elected county commissioner, and there passed the last twenty-five years of his life. He served one term of three years, 1888-90, as county commissioner, and at the end of his service in that office bought the "Empire House" on Third street, which he continued to carry on until a few years before his death. He then removed to his late residence on Pine street, where he passed the remainder of his days in peaceful retirement. About three weeks before his death he was taken to the Mary M. Packer hospital, where he died after two serious operations, Aug. 25, 1910. With the exception of this illness Mr. Kauffman, although past seventy-six years of age, had enjoyed unusual health, being as strong and active as men many years his junior. His family had always been noted for remarkable vitality, and his death was the first in their circle in thirty years. Mr. Kauffman was a good business man and gave creditable service as county commissioner, being a citizen highly respected throughout his wide circle of friends and acquaintances. During the Civil war he served the Union

as a member of the 172d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and he became a member of William A. Bruner Post, No. 335, G. A. R.; the flag in Cameron park flew at half mast upon the occasion of his death.

In 1857 Mr. Kauffman married Sarah Burns, daughter of John Burns, of Lower Augusta township, and he survived her only a few weeks, her death taking place when she was seventy-four years old, exactly seven weeks before the day of his funeral, which was held August 28, 1910. They are buried in the Kauffman lot in Pomfret Manor cemetery. Mr. Kauffman was a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church, and the funeral services were held at his late home on Pine street by Rev. J. N. Wetzler, of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church. Mr. and Mrs. Kauffman were survived by three children, namely: Silas D., of Conestoga, N. Y.; Mrs. Clarence Parsons, of Nanticoke, Pa.; and Mrs. Morris Swartz, of Urban, Pa., as well as the widow and children of their late son, Josiah M. Kauffman, of Sunbury. They had a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Josiah M. Kauffman, son of Daniel and Sarah (Burns) Kauffman, received his early education in the public schools of Lower Augusta township and later attended the academy at Selisgrove, this county. He taught school for seven years in Lower Augusta township and one term in Upper Mahanoy township, holding a professional certificate, and meanwhile followed farming during the summer season, having been trained to that vocation from early boyhood. He owned the homestead of his grandfather Daniel in Lower Augusta township (now the property of H. S. Bowersox) and farmed that place for one year; for eleven years he lived upon and cultivated one farm in Lower Augusta township. Moving with his family to Sunbury in 1892, he there passed the remainder of his life, dying April 25, 1908. He is buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery. In 1898 he erected the building at Nos. 416-418 Market street where Mrs. Kauffman is still engaged in business. Mr. Kauffman was an intelligent citizen, capable in the management of his own affairs and public-spirited in his interest in such matters as affected the general welfare. He served as justice of the peace in Lower Augusta township, resigning the office when he removed to Sunbury, was active in local affairs generally and well known socially, belonging to Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., and to the Lutheran Church. He was a regular attendant upon church services and an efficient worker in church and Sunday-school, serving four years as Sunday-school superintendent before his removal to Sunbury. He was a staunch Democrat in political matters.

On July 30, 1882, Mr. Kauffman married Esther Bohner, daughter of Henry and Esther (Haas) Bohner, of Plum Creek, Northumberland county,



and they had a family of four children: Sarah Maud, who assists her mother in the millinery business, is the wife of Waldo Shipman; Myrtle May is a public school teacher in Sunbury; Harry S. is an electrician engaged in business at Bloomsburg and Danville, Pa.; Bessie Mabel is a trained nurse. The family are Lutherans and Presbyterians in religious connection.

When the family removed to Sunbury Mrs. Kauffman opened a millinery establishment at No. 416 Market street, where she is still located, and she enjoys the leading trade in the borough as well as a large share of the custom from the surrounding district. She carries a full line of millinery, and is an obliging and capable business woman, well deserving the success which has rewarded her efforts. In 1909 she erected a double residence at Nos. 417-419 Woodlawn avenue, Sunbury.

**CAPT. JACOB F. HOFFMAN**, now living retired at Herndon, Northumberland county, is a native of Dauphin county, Pa., and a member of a family long established in that section. His great-great-grandfather settled in Berks county, in what was then the Province of Pennsylvania, early in the eighteenth century, and his great-grandfather, John Nicholas Hoffman, was at the battle of Brandywine, during the Revolutionary war, where he picked up a spent case shot. The Hoffmans have been patriotic citizens, members of the family having served in the Revolution, the war of 1812 and the Civil war. At the close of the latter five sons of Amos Hoffman were still in the service, while another, Henry, had done his part also as a soldier.

Jacob Hoffman, son of John Nicholas, was the grandfather of Capt. Jacob F. Hoffman. He was born in the Lykens valley, in Lykens township, Dauphin Co., Pa., was a substantial farmer, and an influential man in his community, serving as member of the State Legislature from 1822 to 1824. His wife, who was a Ferree, was of French descent. They had children as follows: Jacob, who lives at Harrisburg, now (1910) nearly ninety years old; Amos; Hannah, who married John Rumberger; Sarah, who married Michael Forney; and Mrs. Abraham Hess.

Amos Hoffman, son of Jacob, was born in May, 1809, in Lykens township, Dauphin county, was a lifelong farmer, and died at Girardville, Schuylkill county, about 1899, in his eighty-ninth year. He is buried at Berrysburg, Dauphin county. He married Amanda Harper, and they were the parents of ten children: Henry, who served in the Civil war as a private in the 8th Illinois Cavalry; Thomas W., who became a lieutenant colonel in the Civil war; Capt. Jacob F.; Edwin A., who served as sergeant in the Civil war; John H., who was a drummer in the Civil war, though but fif-

teen years old at the time; George M.; Charles H.; Joseph W.; Henrietta, wife of William Willard; and Adaline, wife of Charles Koser.

Jacob F. Hoffman was born Dec. 25, 1841, in Lykens township, Dauphin Co., Pa., and there received his elementary education in the public schools, later attending Berrysburg Seminary several terms. For one term he taught school. He then engaged in the general merchandise business at Pillow, Dauphin county, and afterward at Berrysburg, where he enlisted for service in the Civil war, joining the 26th Regiment of Pennsylvania militia, which was among the first troops in the field in the emergency just before the battle of Gettysburg. This command met White's Cavalry and defeated them, then fell back to Fort Washington, at Bridgeport, where they were held during the battle with other troops. After the battle they followed Lee as far south as Greencastle. They were regularly sworn into the Federal service, uniformed and paid by the Federal government, and the regiment has a monument at Gettysburg. The company to which Captain Hoffman belonged was mustered out at Harrisburg in the latter part of July, 1863. After that he went to Harrisburg and clerked for Kelker Brothers, and in August, 1864, he again entered the service, becoming first lieutenant of Company A, 208th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, which was sent to the front with other troops, arriving at Bermuda Hundred in September, 1864. It was brigaded with the 200th, 205th, 207th, 209th and 211th Pennsylvania regiments, forming the light brigade commanded by Colonel Patter of the 12th New Hampshire Regiment, and which for about two months did picket duty between Dutch Gap and Petersburg. In the latter part of November it was transferred to the Army of the Potomac, in which the six regiments mentioned formed the 3d Division of the 9th Army Corps, commanded by Gen. J. F. Hartranft. The brigade did reserve duty with the 1st Division, consisting of the 200th, 208th and 209th Regiments. On March 25, 1865, General Gordon made an assault upon Fort Steadman and batteries 9, 10, 12 and 13, which he captured. The 1st Brigade, 3d Division, came to the rescue and fought the enemy successfully. Captain Hoffman was wounded in the right thigh during this engagement. When the 2d Brigade came to the relief of the 1st both brigades charged the enemy, which fled across the lines, and all that had been lost to the 1st Division of the 9th Army Corps was recaptured, but with a loss of 4,500 men in dead, wounded and captured. On the Belfield raid Captain Hoffman had charge of the advance guard over the Jerusalem Plank Road, also commanding Company A of the 208th Regiment at Hatcher's Run and Fort Steadman. After being wounded he was sent to City Point hospital and from there home on leave of absence.

Recovering to some extent, he rejoined his regiment at Alexandria, Va., but was not accepted for duty and was sent to Armory Square hospital, at Washington, D. C. He was mustered out by order of the war department June 23, 1865.

Following the Civil war Captain Hoffman and his brother Col. Thomas W. Hoffman embarked in the general merchandise business at Port Treverton, Snyder Co., Pa., where they carried on a store for thirty years, doing well throughout that period. From 1896 the Captain followed other avocations. Meantime, in January, 1891, he had taken up his residence at Port Treverton, where he made his home until his removal to Herndon, Northumberland county, in 1902. There he has since lived in comparative retirement, though he maintains business relations with the John Winston Publishing House of Philadelphia, and the National Silverware Company of the same city, not being content to be entirely without occupation. He is a much respected resident of the borough, where he is well known.

Captain Hoffman's first wife, Martha (Witmer), daughter of Abraham Witmer, of Juniata county, Pa., died Oct. 16, 1892, after eighteen years of married life, aged forty-one years, ten months, twenty-eight days. She was the mother of two sons: Charles H., who is engaged as shipping clerk at Burnham, Pa., for the Logan Steel & Iron Company; and Edwin S., a machinist employed at the National Gun Works, Washington, D. C. On Jan. 2, 1905, Captain Hoffman married (second) Mary Agnes Blasser, daughter of Abraham D. Blasser.

For many years Captain Hoffman has been an active member of the G. A. R., is at present serving as assistant patriotic instructor, and is chaplain of John C. Arnold Post, No. 407, of Port Treverton. In religious matters he is identified with the United Brethren Church, of which he has been a member since 1874. He held the office of class leader for twenty-two years, was Sunday school superintendent for eight years, and is now superintendent of the Union Sunday school at Herndon. He is also president of the Northumberland county district of the State Sunday School Association. Captain Hoffman was made a Mason in Lafayette Lodge, F. & A. M., in 1869.

THOMAS REESE WILLIAMS, postmaster at Mount Carmel, has in various ways been associated with public affairs there, directly or indirectly, for many years. He was at one time city editor of the Mount Carmel *Daily News*, was recently representative of the district in the State Legislature, and has served as a member of the school board from the First ward. In all these associations he has proved a reliable and capable worker, worthy of the trusts reposed in him. Mr. Williams is a native of Schuylkill county, Pa., born Feb. 1,

1875, at Minersville, but has lived at Mount Carmel since he was a year old.

David Williams, grandfather of Thomas Reese Williams, was a native of South Wales and came to America in 1829. His first location in this country was at Carbondale, Lackawanna Co., Pa., where he was engaged as foreman for the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company. In 1836 he removed to Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., thence to Summit Hill, Carbon Co., this State, where for five years he operated the mine known as Spring Tunnel. He then became general agent for the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Company, which position he held until his death, Nov. 6, 1848. His wife's name was Sarah.

Benjamin H. Williams, son of David and Sarah, was born July 19, 1833, at Carbondale, Lackawanna Co., Pa., and grew to manhood in this State, receiving his education in the various places at which the family lived. In 1852 he went out to California, where he spent five years, engaged in gold mining. Returning to Pennsylvania he remained a year, in 1858 again going to California, where he continued to reside until 1874. He has since made his home in Pennsylvania, and has been a resident of Mount Carmel since 1876. For a number of years after settling in the borough he followed coal mining, but he retired from that business several years ago, and since 1905 has been engaged in the grocery business at No. 15 North Maple street. He is a substantial and respected citizen of Mount Carmel, where he is well known. In politics he is a Republican.

On June 20, 1859, Mr. Williams married Catharine Morgan, of Minersville, Pa., and they celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage June 20, 1909. Eleven children were born to their union, namely: David is a resident of Mount Carmel and engaged as fire boss at the Richard Colliery; George is engaged in the hotel business at Mount Carmel; Franklin is deceased; Wesley is superintendent of the Black Diamond coal mine near Seattle, Wash.; Thomas Reese is mentioned below; Garfield lives at Seattle, Wash.; Emma (deceased) was the wife of Squire William Amour, of Mount Carmel; Sarah E. married Roscoe Fegley, deceased, and resides at Mount Carmel; Carrie is the wife of Henry Marsh and lives in Philadelphia; Lottie is the wife of David Muir, of Shamokin, Pa.; Ella M., unmarried, lives with her parents.

Thomas Reese Williams was a year old when his parents settled at Mount Carmel. He attended the local public schools and later was a student at the Shamokin Business College, from which he was graduated, in 1893, after which he did office work for some time at Mount Carmel. He read law under Hon. Lincoln S. Walter, at Mount Carmel, and at this period gained his first experience in the postal service, being a local mail carrier for



four years and three months. For one year he was city editor of the Mount Carmel *Daily News*. In 1905 Mr. Williams bought the well known "Valley House" near the Pennsylvania railroad station in Mount Carmel, and conducted that hotel for three years and three months, making a success of the business. In 1908 he was elected to the State Legislature on the Republican ticket, receiving a flattering majority, and gave most satisfactory service throughout his term. He received his appointment as postmaster of Mount Carmel, to succeed the late George H. Cope, on Jan. 28, 1910. Mr. Williams is a director of the Miners' and Laborers' Building and Loan Association.

On Sept. 18, 1902, Mr. Williams married Edith Wightman, daughter of Charles and Sarah Wightman. To them has been born one son, Glen.

JOHN A. WERT, proprietor of the Wert department store at Shamokin, has been sole owner of that establishment since 1890 and began his mercantile career in the borough several years previously. His interests have expanded steadily, his connection with various enterprises of the borough showing him to be a man of progressive as well as active impulses. His ability as a manager has had many practical demonstrations.

Mr. Wert was born in Jordan township, Northumberland county, June 30, 1864, son of Moses Wert and great-grandson of Henry Wert. The name is spelled Wirt by many members of the family, and the earlier spelling was probably Wirth, as shown by tombstone records. The Werts are of German origin. Adam, the first of this line to come to America from Germany, arrived in this country with his wife Eva before the Revolutionary war, and settled at or above what is now the site of Millersburg, in Dauphin county, Pa. These pioneers had nine sons, who settled in different parts of the country, the family becoming scattered over New Jersey, the Carolinas, Ohio and through the West, besides having many representatives in Pennsylvania.

John Wert, the second, father of Henry, lived in the Lykens Valley, about two miles above Millersburg.

Henry Wert (or Wirt) was a pioneer farmer of the Mahantango valley in Northumberland county, having settled in that section when the Indians still roamed the forests, and the red men were neighborly with "Henner" Wirt, to whom they bade farewell when they left the region. He and his wife Elizabeth are buried side by side at the Stone Valley church in Lower Mahanoy, where we find the following tombstone records: Johann Heinrich Wirth, born Dec. 22, 1769, died June 2, 1816; his wife Elizabeth, born Nov. 30, 1771, died Sept. 6, 1838. They had children as follows: John and Michael, who both lived in the Mahantango valley (Michael was born March 16, 1798,

died Dec. 27, 1872; wife Lydia, born June 18, 1809, died Sept. 2, 1884); Henry and Philip, who lived in the Sugar Valley, near Lewisburg, Pa.; Mrs. Philip Kerstetter; Mrs. Michael Schaffer, and Mrs. Peter Bischoff.

John Wirt, son of Henry, lived for a number of years in the Mahantango Valley, in 1838 settling at Mandata, where he engaged in the milling business. That year he built the frame mill at Mandata which is still standing, and he followed the business for a number of years, prospering continuously. He acquired considerable land about Mandata. He and his family worshipped at the Stone Valley church, where he and his wife Barbara, daughter of Matthias Witmer, are buried, their tombstone records reading as follows: Johannes Wirth, born Nov. 16, 1795, died Sept. 8, 1852; his wife Barbara, born Nov. 30, 1794, died July 30, 1871. Their children were as follows: Lydia married David Campbell; Elizabeth was the second wife of David Campbell; Catharine married Jacob Garman; Anna married Frederick Snyder; Mary married Martin Harris; Michael died soon after his marriage to Mary Lesher; John married Judith Wentzel; Daniel (born May 6, 1829, died Sept. 5, 1855) was a particularly well built and strong man, and operated the Mandata mill for ten years (he and his wife Rebecca Seiler had one son, John, and one daughter, Sarah); Moses married Mary Ann Spatz.

Moses Wert, son of John, was born Jan. 24, 1832, in the Mahantango Valley in Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county. He was a lifelong farmer, living in Jordan township, near Mandata (where he had a tract of two hundred acres), until fourteen or fifteen years before his death, when he retired. Upon giving up active labor he settled in Herndon, where he died in 1904. His widow still occupies their home at that place. He was a man well known and highly respected, and though he devoted himself principally to the management of his own affairs, he served as supervisor. He was a Democrat in politics and in religion a Lutheran, his family adhering to the same belief. In his earlier years he belonged to the Stone Valley Church, but after removing to Herndon he became a member of the church there, and he is buried in the Wirt and Scaffer family plot at Herndon. He was a devout Christian and an enthusiastic church worker, serving in various church offices and taking a keen interest in the welfare of the Sunday school.

Mr. Wert married Mary Ann Spatz and they had four children, namely: Clara Rebecca married George T. Shaffer, of Herndon, who is deceased; Emma J. married John P. Tressler, of Herndon; Alveretta, who died in 1886, was the wife of Dr. Fred D. Baker, of Shamokin; John A. married Ellen S. Eisenhart.

John A. Wert received the public school ad-



vantages in his native township and later attended Berrysburg Academy. He remained at home with his father until he reached the age of eighteen years, since when he has been identified with his present line of business. Beginning as a clerk in the employ of J. P. Tressler, at Herndon, he came thence to Shamokin in 1884 and for one year clerked in the store of C. L. Sowers and D. K. Haas. Later he was engaged for two years with D. K. Haas, whom he bought out in 1887, in 1888 forming a partnership with N. C. Wolverton. They did business as Wert & Wolverton until 1890, in which year the association was dissolved, and Mr. Wert has since done business alone. In 1899 he erected the fine store in which the business has since been located, at Nos. 215 to 219 West Spruce street. The store is well stocked with seasonable and up-to-date goods, Mr. Wert having the faculty of meeting the demands of his customers and the good business judgment to introduce new lines which create further demand, the trade multiplying of itself as one good suggestion follows another. His high reputation for honorable dealing he strives to maintain in every possible way.

Though merchandising has been his principal interest Mr. Wert has done what every enterprising business man should do, encouraged the introduction of modern business institutions of every kind into his community, and he is a director of the Market Street National Bank, director and vice president of the Croninger Packing Company, and director of the West Ward & Black Diamond Building and Loan Association. He is a prominent member of Trinity Lutheran Church, in which he has held all the offices and has served as Sunday school teacher. Fraternally he belongs to Lodge No. 664, I. O. O. F., and to Camp No. 30, P. O. S. of A., being particularly prominent in the latter organization as president of the P. O. S. of A. Hall Association.

On Jan. 27, 1887, Mr. Wert married Ellen S. Eisenhart, daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Beisel) Eisenhart, and they have a family of seven children, namely: Alva M., W. Ray, Minnie G., Howard D., Norma L., Sarah E. and Mary E.

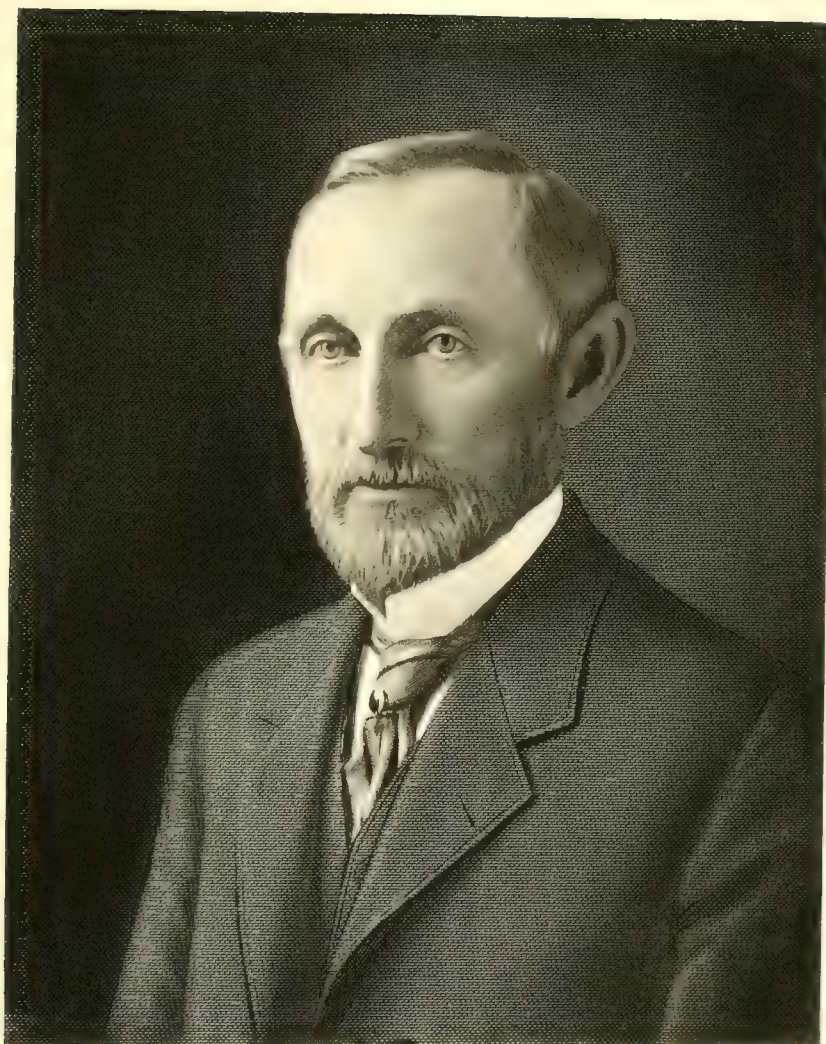
CURTIS Q. McWILLIAMS is one of a group of energetic citizens of Shamokin who have long been regarded as arbiters of matters affecting its advancement. His judgment and foresight, especially in the field of public utilities, have made him a valuable factor in their promotion, and for a quarter of a century he has been identified with almost every important enterprise of the kind undertaken in the borough. Progressive in his own affairs, he has advocated many public improvements in advance of their apparent usefulness, and he is regarded as a farseeing, intelligent business man, with a broad outlook on questions affecting public and private interests.

Mr. McWilliams was born in Shamokin Sept. 10, 1852, son of J. Scott and Catharine (Fagely) McWilliams and grandson of Robert McWilliams. The latter settled at Elysburg, Northumberland county, where he died. He married Margaret Craig (a sister of his brother David's wife) and they had five children: Sarah (died unmarried), John Scott, William J., Samuel W., and Mary H. (married Paterson Johnson and resides at Danville, Pennsylvania).

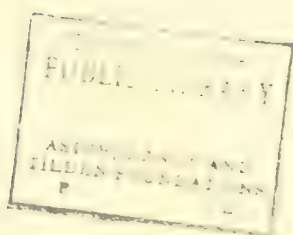
John Scott McWilliams was born in what was then Shamokin township, and died in 1893. He is buried at St. Peter's (the Blue) church, in Ralpho township, Northumberland county, where both his wives are also interred. His first wife, Catharine (Fagely), died in 1854, and he subsequently married her sister Ellen, who died Feb. 11, 1900.

Curtis Q. McWilliams was reared at Elysburg, where he received his early education in the public schools and at the academy. When fifteen years old he came to Shamokin, where he had found employment as clerk in the store of Valentine Fagely, later entering the employ of Reuben and William Fagely, pioneer business men there. Ambitious to gain a better education than he had been able to acquire in his boyhood, he went to the famous Eastman Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., in 1870, and the following year was given charge of the store of William and Reuben Fagely, continuing with them in that capacity until the autumn of 1874. He then resumed study once more, entering Lafayette College, at Easton, Pa., where he remained for two terms. In April, 1875, he left that institution to look after the various interests of Reuben Fagely, remaining with him until he died, after which he acted as executor of the estate.

Meantime, on May 1, 1878, Mr. McWilliams began his independent business career, becoming a partner of the late Darlington R. Kulp in the lumber business, under the firm name of Kulp & McWilliams. The following year they added two lines, ice and brick, and on Jan. 1, 1882, W. C. McConnell became a member of the firm, which from that time was known as Kulp, McWilliams & Co. On Aug. 15, 1886, this partnership was dissolved, Mr. Kulp taking the lumber interests, Messrs. McWilliams and McConnell continuing as partners in the ice and brick business until 1903. Mr. McWilliams then sold his interests in that business. However, he still retains other important connections. He is a stockholder in and director of the Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Company. For many years he has been one of the chief workers in the management of the various water companies which have had such a large share in the prosperity of Shamokin and surrounding places. He was one of the corporators of the Roaring Creek, Anthracite and Bear Gap Water Companies, and served as treasurer of all three of these con-



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cerns from the time of organization, being president, treasurer and manager of the Bear Gap Water Company and president and manager of the Rearing Creek Water Company. He is now also president of the Shamokin Water Company, of which he was the treasurer from May, 1886, until 1899. His familiarity with the workings of these companies, and his long experience in their administration, make him an authority and a valuable counselor, as the success of the various companies attests.

Mr. McWilliams was married Oct. 7, 1879, to Louisa Geywitz, daughter of John and Anna (Schmid) Geywitz, natives of Wurtemberg, Germany, who came to Shamokin before their marriage. Mr. Geywitz died in 1888, his widow continuing to make her home in Shamokin. To Mr. and Mrs. McWilliams were born four children, Guy E. (born Sept. 23, 1882, died Nov. 26, 1898), Ida Catharine (born May 20, 1885), John Scott and Douglass E. The family belong to Trinity Lutheran Church.

Socially Mr. McWilliams is a Mason, holding membership in Elvsburg Lodge, No. 111, F. & A. M., Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M., and Shamokin Commandery, No. 77, K. T. In political matters he is a Republican. He is a member of the Union League, Philadelphia.

**FAGELY.** The Fagely family is of German origin and was founded in Pennsylvania by Jacob and Maria Eve Fagely, who came to this country from the Old World in 1733 in the ship "Samuel," of London, Hugh Percy master, from Rotterdam, last from Deal, which qualified Aug. 17, 1733. Jacob Fagely was thirty-two years old at the time, his wife, Maria Eve, twenty-seven; their son, Christian, was four years old.

Christian Fagely, son of the emigrant, had a son George.

George Fagely, son of Christian, had a son Christian, who was the great-grandfather of Mr. Curtis Q. McWilliams, of Shamokin.

Christian Fagely, son of George, was born Sept. 28, 1764, in Maiden-creek township, Berks Co., Pa., and moved with his family to Shamokin township, Northumberland county, in 1808. There he spent the rest of his life, engaged in farming, purchasing a large tract of uncultivated land which he cleared and improved, becoming one of the leading and most prosperous agriculturists in his community. He died Dec. 31, 1845, and is buried at the Blue church. He was a Lutheran in religious faith. His wife, Magdalena (Lehman), who was born April 1, 1773, in Berks county, died June 19, 1843, and is buried at the Blue church in Northumberland county. They were married in June, 1792, and had a large family, as follows: Elizabeth, born March 16, 1794, married Henry Martz, and died in May, 1870; Catharine, born

Dec. 1, 1795, married Jacob Unger, and they went West, where they died; John was born Feb. 28, 1797; Benjamin, born Nov. 21, 1798, died unmarried; Hannah, born Dec. 1, 1800, died young; Solomon, born June 19, 1802, died Sept. 6, 1883; Hannah (?), born March 31, 1804, was the last survivor of the family; William, born Jan. 5, 1806, died Feb. 17, 1874, unmarried (he was the first postmaster at Shamokin); Amos was born Feb. 1, 1808; Mary Magdalena, born March 21, 1810, died young; Nathan, born June 30, 1812, left a daughter; Reuben, born July 25, 1814, died Feb. 21, 1880, unmarried.

Solomon Fagely, son of Christian, born June 19, 1802, in Maiden-creek township, Berks county, was reared in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, having been but six years old when the family settled there. He was educated in the common schools and was reared to farming, which he followed principally all his life, also conducting a hotel at Mount Carmel two years and later operating a mill at Paxinos for several years. He then returned to the old homestead, where he farmed the rest of his life. He was a prominent man in the community in his day. With his wife and family he belonged to the Lutheran Church, and in politics he was originally a Democrat, later (after the breaking out of the Civil war) a Republican. He died Sept. 6, 1883, and is buried at the Blue church.

In 1823 Solomon Fagely married Maria Eve Klase, who was born Dec. 20, 1803, in Northampton county, Pa., and died Feb. 13, 1887; she, too, is buried at the Blue church. She was a daughter of Valentine and Maria Eve Klase, the latter born Oct. 1, 1766, in Northampton county, Pa., dying Aug. 2, 1838; she is buried at Snyderstown, Pa. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Fagely: Eliza, born Oct. 4, 1824, in Shamokin township, married Solomon Weaver, of Sunbury, and died Aug. 22, 1879 (she is buried at Sunbury); Valentine, born in 1826, in Shamokin township, lived at Shamokin in retirement; Rosanna, born March 17, 1828, in Shamokin township, died Sept. 17, 1883, and is buried at Sunbury (she was twice married, first to John Sober, and second to Henry Tregollas, of Sunbury); Catharine, born Aug. 28, 1830, in Shamokin township, was the first wife of J. Scott McWilliams, and died Oct. 31, 1854; Caroline, born Jan. 26, 1832, in Shamokin township, married W. J. Longley Haas, of Shamokin township, died May 25, 1906, and is buried at the Blue church; William, born Nov. 20, 1833, in Shamokin township, died Aug. 5, 1876, and is buried at the Blue church; Henry K., born March 15, 1836, in Shamokin township, lived in Sunbury, where he was proprietor of the Standard Wire Nail Works and of a general mercantile store; Harriet, born April 7, 1838, in Shamokin township, died Jan.

1, 1839, and is buried at the Blue church: Ellen, born Jan. 8, 1840, in Mount Carmel, Pa., was the second wife of J. Scott McWilliams, and died Feb. 1, 1900; Mary Eve, born March 9, 1843, in Shamokin township, died March 21, 1860, and is buried at the Blue church: George K., born Nov. 24, 1845, in Shamokin township, was formerly sheriff of Northumberland county.

**FETTEROLF.** The Fetterolf (Federolf, Fetherolf) family, two of whose representatives in Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, are Edward and Daniel Fetterolf, brothers, is of Dutch origin, its founder in this country, Peter Federolf, having been a native of Wachbach, Holland, born in 1699. In 1729 or 1730 he married Anna Maria Rothermel, only daughter and eldest of the six children of Johannes and Sabilla (Zimmerman) Rothermel. In 1730 Peter Federolf and his wife accompanied his father-in-law to America, the voyage being made in the "Thistle," and about 1732 he and his wife and one of her brothers, Leonard and Rothermel, located in Hereford township, Berks Co., Pa., where Peter Federolf acquired a large acreage of what has become valuable farmland, upon which he passed the remainder of his life, dying there. His property was partly in Hereford township and partly in Longswamp township, and he made his home near what is now Seisholtzville, near the line of Lehigh county. Leonard Rothermel located in Perry township, Berks county, before the Revolution, and there died at an advanced age, leaving a large family.

Peter Federolf was a man of more than ordinary importance in his locality, not only because he was a large land owner, but because his successful management of his own affairs showed him entitled to influence and leadership in the conduct of such matters as affected the general welfare. He reared a family of seven children, who became connected by marriage with other substantial old families of the county, and all of whom are mentioned in his last will and testament (on record in the courthouse at Reading, Will Book B), made July 19, 1784, and probated Sept. 16, 1784, showing that he died during the summer of that year. The witnesses to the will were Henry Bortz and Christopher Schultz, the executors Paul Groscup, of Rockland township, who was the testator's true and trusty friend (he was the ancestor of Judge Peter Groscup, the Federal jurist of Chicago), Jacob Fetherolf, the eldest son, and Christopher Bittenbender, blacksmith, a son-in-law. In later years this Christopher Bittenbender obtained the original Federolf homestead, on which is located the Federolf private burial ground, where the emigrant ancestor, Peter, is buried, as well as Christopher Bittenbender, his wife, and some of their children. The will sets forth that the son Jacob was to have three hundred acres of land;

the son-in-law, Christopher Bittenbender, one hundred acres of land; the six children of the son Peter, who predeceased his father, three hundred pounds of money (divided between them); that the son Philip, deceased, left one daughter; that the daughter Catharine was twice married, first to John Siegfried and after his death to Abraham Zimmerman; that the daughter Barbara married a Helm (name now spelled Hain); the daughter Magdalena married Christopher Bittenbender, who was a blacksmith and farmer, and who as previously noted eventually acquired the old homestead of Peter Federolf, which remained in the Bittenbender name until 1908. About 1840 a valuable find of iron ore was discovered on this property, and some of the Bittenbenders became wealthy thereby, the ore mines being worked until the early eighties.

Jacob Fetherolf was born Feb. 16, 1762, and died April 6, 1823; he is buried at Wessnersville, Berks Co., Pa. His wife Catharine, born May 12, 1760, died Jan. 10, 1849. (There was a Jacob Fetherolf, son of Peter, who died in Albany township in 1823, and whose will is on record in Will Book 5, page 112. He left sons John and Peter.)

The will of a Peter Fetherolf of Berks county who died in 1840 is also on record (Will Book 8, page 242). He died without sons, and John S. Kistler and William Mosser were the executors.

Johann Peter Fetherolf, ancestor of the Northumberland county branch of the family, was born June 30, 1774, in Hereford township, Berks county, and was one of the six children of Peter Federolf, son of the emigrant Peter Federolf, mentioned in the latter's will. He came to this region before his marriage and here wedded Anna Maria Dunkelberger, who was born Sept. 2, 1772. They lived for some years in Cameron township, where their children were born, later settling on a large farm in Upper Mahantango township, across the line in Schuylkill county, which Mr. Fetherolf purchased from a man named Carl, who got the best of the bargain. He did not tell Fetherolf that there was a mortgage upon the property, which he (Fetherolf) was obliged to pay, so that the transaction proved an expensive one. Nevertheless, he became a most successful man, and by the time of his death had accumulated a large estate. His original tract in Upper Mahantango township is now divided into three farms, the one on which the first set of buildings was erected, and on which Johann Peter Fetherolf lived, being now the property of William Mattern. When he came to the Mahantango Valley the Mahantango creek was alive with fine fish, and he and his family found them an acceptable addition to the larder in those days when variety in food could not always be obtained even by the well-to-do. Johann Peter Fetherolf died Nov. 2, 1848, his wife on Feb. 7, 1853, and they are buried at the Salem



(Herb) Church, located immediately across the Northumberland county line in Schuylkill county, where some of their children also rest. In religious faith the family were all Lutherans, Johann Peter Fetherolf was a saddler by trade, and he was a short-set man physically. His ten children were: Samuel, Peter, John, Joseph, George, Joseph (2), Daniel, Mrs. Josiah Geist, Mrs. Joseph Dunkelberger and Mrs. John Zimmerman. We give some account of the six sons who reached maturity.

Samuel Fetterolf, son of Johann Peter, was born Oct. 11, 1800, and died March 29, 1880. He was a worker in a fulling or carding mill, where wool was manufactured, the old establishment standing on the Little Mahantango creek. Later he owned and operated a grist and saw mill, and he was a large land owner, having 360 acres of land at County Line, in which region he was a most useful and influential citizen, being a man of extensive business interests. In his grist and saw mill he gave employment to a number of hands, and he built a number of dams or retaining walls, upon which he expended considerable money, and which also afforded work for many men. He also built a large brick house and several barns. His example and encouragement were powerful factors for good in the development and betterment of his section, in more than a material sense. He was a pillar of the church of his choice, he and his wife being active members of the Evangelical Association, and they are buried side by side at the Bingaman meeting-house near County Line, the Lower Mahanoy Church of that denomination. Mrs. Fetterolf, whose maiden name was Rachel Maurer, was born Dec. 15, 1807, daughter of John Maurer, of Lehigh county, Pa., and died Sept. 21, 1889, at the home of her son Daniel. Their ten children were: Elizabeth, Mrs. Peter Kehler; Catharine, Mrs. John C. Renn; Sarah, Mrs. George Kehler; Hannah, Mrs. Isaiah Kiehl; Lydia, Mrs. John D. Deibler; Felix, whose wife Elizabeth died Aug. 30, 1900, aged sixty-four years, six months, ten days; Daniel; Samuel; John, and Elias. Of this family.

Daniel Fetterolf, a farmer of Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, born July 1, 1835, has been an agriculturist all his life. In 1860 he began farming on his own account in Dauphin county, at County Line, being a tenant for ten years. In 1870 he purchased his present farm, a tract of eighty-three acres which was formerly the John Kohl homestead (it was much larger in Mr. Kohl's time). Mr. Fetterolf has since occupied and cultivated this farm, and he has prospered steadily, in 1907 building the attractive frame residence which now adorns the property. In politics he is a Republican, and he has served as election officer and filled the position of supervisor in his township. His wife, Sarah,

was a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Shutt) Spotts and granddaughter of John Spotts. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Fetterolf: Amelia (deceased) married Jacob H. Schaffer, and their only son, Charles F., is mentioned elsewhere in this work; Alexander was accidentally killed in a runaway, when a young man.

Peter Fetherolf (tombstone inscription Fetterolf), son of Johann Peter, was born Jan. 6, 1806, and died March 16, 1861. He lived in Upper Mahantango township, Schuylkill county, following farming. He married Sarah Reiner, born Feb. 26, 1805, who died Sept. 13, 1887, and they had children: Harris, Peter (who was an undertaker), Elias, Hettie, Katie, Mary (married Nelson Knorr) and Elizabeth (married Isaac Knorr).

John Fetherolf, son of Johann Peter, was a farmer. His first wife, whose maiden name was Maurer, is buried with him at Kimmel's Church. She was the mother of Peter, Daniel and Jesse; and by his second wife, who was a sister of the first, he had one son, Frank Dengler Fetherolf, named after his sponsor, Frank Dengler.

George Fetterolf, son of Johann Peter, was born March 11, 1809, and died Dec. 31, 1888. By trade he was a shoemaker, but farming was his principal occupation. Through his wife he obtained the homestead of his father-in-law, Johann Nicholas Rebeck, which was located in Upper Mahanoy township on the public road between Rough & Ready and Urban, now owned by Edward Fetterolf, grandson of George. His wife, Polly (Rebeck), born March 30, 1810, was a daughter of Johann Nicholas Rebeck (1771-1855) and his wife Magdalena Wolfgang (1777-1859). She died aged eighty-five years, three days. Mr. and Mrs. Fetterolf are buried at the Salem (Herb) Church, which he served in the offices of deacon and elder. They were the parents of ten children: Adam and Emanuel are mentioned later in this article; George is a resident of Illinois; Gabriel lives at Heplers, Schuylkill county; Dinah died unmarried; Amanda married George Wolfgang; four died young, George and three who were older than he.

Joseph Fetherolf, born May 25, 1813, died July 11, 1882. He married Abby Rice, who was born April 12, 1815, and died Dec. 24, 1890, and they were farming people in Upper Mahantango township, living near Heplers post office. Their children were: Joseph, Daniel, Samuel, Alice, Hettie, and Amelia (married James Thomas).

Daniel Fetherolf, son of Johann Peter, married a Miss Miller, and they had one daughter, Katie, who married Henry Herb. Daniel Fetherolf died at a comparatively early age, of smallpox, and he and his wife are buried at Klinger's Church. (There is a Daniel Fetherolf buried there, born April 27, 1800, died Aug. 13, 1850.)

Adam Fetherolf, son of George, was born Mar-



27, 1834, in Upper Mahanoy township, of which his brothers and sisters were also natives, and has passed all his life there, being now one of the oldest residents of that section. He received his education in the German subscription schools conducted during his boyhood, and worked for his parents until he reached the age of thirty, soon after the Civil war commencing farming for himself on his father's place, where he continued to live and work for eight years. In 1877 he purchased his present place, to which he removed at that time, and which consists of 105 acres of valuable land. He is a Democrat in political connection and a Lutheran in religion, he and his family belonging to the Lutheran congregation at the Salem (Herb) Church, which he served as elder four years. In 1867 he married Mary Brown, daughter of Michael and Peggy (Erdman) Brown; ten children have been born to this union: Sarah, Lydia, Nathan, Mary, George Henry, David, Harriet, Wilson, Victor, and one that died young.

Emanuel Fetterolf, son of George, farmed his father's homestead, of which he became the owner. It is located on the public road between Leck Kill and Klingerstown, the latter being his post office. He was a useful man in his district, serving as school director, and he was an active member of the Lutheran congregation at the Salem Church, which he served as deacon and elder. He was a Democrat in politics. He died Nov. 26, 1894, aged fifty-seven years, ten months, six days, and is buried at the Salem Church. Mr. Fetterolf married Catharine Knorr, daughter of John and Catharine (Schadle) Knorr, and since his death she has become the wife of Nathan Steely, of Schuylkill county. By her union with Mr. Fetterolf she was the mother of seven children: Catharine married Samuel Kessler and they live in Upper Mahanoy township; Edward is mentioned later; John M. died at the age of twenty-seven years, unmarried; Daniel C. is mentioned later; Emma J. married Samuel Schmeltz and they live in Schuylkill county; two died young.

Edward FETTEROLF, a farmer of Upper Mahanoy township, was born there, on his father's homestead, Oct. 2, 1867, and attended the township schools during his boyhood. He was reared to farming, working for his parents until he reached the age of twenty-four, and in the spring of 1891 began cultivating his grandfather's place, where he lived for fifteen years. He then purchased the fine farm he now owns and occupies, which contains fifty-eight acres along the road between Leck Kill and Line Mountain. It was the old John Diehl homestead. Mr. Fetterolf has made a number of improvements on this property during his ownership, and he also owns the homestead of his grandfather, George Fetterolf, now comprising 127 acres. He is a prosperous, enterprising and highly respected citizen of his dis-

trict, where he has been chosen to the office of school director, in which he has been serving for the last five years.

In December, 1894, Mr. Fetterolf married Cevilla Snyder, daughter of Levi Snyder, of Upper Mahanoy township, whose wife was a Diehl. They have no children. Mr. and Mrs. Fetterolf are members of the Salem (Herb) Church, and he has served as deacon.

DANIEL C. FETTEROLF, now farming his father's old homestead in Upper Mahanoy township, was born there Feb. 7, 1871, and received his education in the local common schools. Farming has been his occupation all his life, and he worked for his parents until he attained his majority. In the spring of 1895 he began working the home place on his own account, purchasing the property from his father's estate. This place was formerly the homestead of Paul Brosius, from whom George Fetterolf purchased it for his son Emanuel, father of the present owner. The house was built many years ago and was remodeled by the late Emanuel Fetterolf. The barn was erected in 1904 by Daniel C. Fetterolf, to replace the one destroyed by fire May 10th of that year. The farm contains 110 acres, which Mr. Fetterolf has under profitable cultivation. He is an industrious and intelligent worker, and has taken his place among the progressive farmers of his district.

On Dec. 26, 1903, Mr. Fetterolf married Lydia Rebuck, daughter of Jonas and Rebecca (Malick) Rebuck, and they have had two children, Minnie G. and Lottie D. Mr. Fetterolf and his family are Lutheran members of the Salem Union Church, located just across the Northumberland line in Schuylkill county. Politically he is a Democrat.

NATHAN F. MARTZ, of Sunbury, is the oldest living member of the Martz family, which has been settled in Northumberland county for at least a century, and he has long been known as the "grand old man" of that borough, where over half of his ninety years have been passed. He is a grandson of David Martz, the pioneer of this family in Northumberland county.

The Martz (or Mertz) family is quite numerous in Berks county, Pa., where, in Longswamp township, the first ancestor to come from Germany made a settlement. The name is perpetuated there by the town Mertztown, in Longswamp township, and Mertz's Church in the same section. Johannes Martz (also Maertz), the founder of this family in America, was one of 242 passengers on the ship "Ann," which sailed from Rotterdam, last from Cowes. He was a son of Johannes Maertz, of Stockhausen, Wurtemberg, about thirty-five miles northwest of Frankfort-on-the-Main, and forty miles northeast of Coblenz, in Germany. Johannes Maertz, the emigrant, landed at Philadelphia Sept. 28, 1749. He settled in the vicinity

of Lyons, Berks county, and the church located near his home was named Mertz's Church in honor of him. The births of his first four children are recorded there. On May 24, 1756, he married Rosina Hase, daughter of Melchior Hase. Their children were: Johannes, born July 17, 1757; Anna Maria, Dec. 2, 1760; Maria Salome, May 24, 1763; Melchior, April 11, 1765; and Peter, March 9, 1769. The line in which we are interested at present descends from either Johannes or Melchior.

David and Jacob Martz, brothers, moved from Berks or Lancaster county toward the close of the eighteenth century, settling on the Shamokin creek, three miles south of Sunbury, in Northumberland county. Jacob, however, did not remain long, moving to the Lykens valley, in Dauphin county, where he died and is buried. David Martz was a blacksmith, and followed his trade in connection with farming. He married Barbara Miller, and they had a family of seven children, five sons and two daughters: David, Henry, Peter, Abraham and George, all of whom but Henry moved to Dayton, Ohio, where they died; Susan, who married John Richstine, and Elizabeth, who married Abraham Arter. The son Peter, of this family, was commissioned associate judge of Northumberland county April 12, 1833, qualified on the following day, and served a little more than a year.

Henry Martz, son of David, was born on the homestead in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, and was a farmer by occupation. He married Elizabeth Fagely, daughter of Christian and Magdalena Fagely, pioneers of Shamokin township. Mr. and Mrs. Martz both died in Shamokin and are buried in St. Peter's graveyard. They had six children: Hettie, Katie, Mary Ann, George, Solomon and Nathan F., all now deceased but the last named.

Nathan F. Martz was born July 20, 1820, in Shamokin township, Northumberland county. He spent most of his early days on the farm and when eighteen years old went to Mauch Chunk, where he became a clerk in the store of his uncles, Nathan and George Fagely. After eight years in their employ he formed a partnership with Robert Klotz, under the firm name of Martz & Klotz, and they carried on a general store for some time, until Mr. Klotz's enlistment in a military company; he served as a lieutenant in the Mexican war. During the period of that war Mr. Martz sold out to a Mr. Lowry and went into the butchering business, in which he continued for two years. In 1851 he came to Sunbury, where he has since made his home. Here he was first associated with his uncles William and Reuben Fagely, who shipped considerable coal at that time, remaining with them until the completion of the Northern Central railroad, in 1856, at which time he be-

came the first baggagemaster for that road at Sunbury. He held the position continuously for thirty-five years, until his retirement, and was undoubtedly one of the most familiar figures in this section of Northumberland county. Mr. Martz has always been popular with his fellow citizens, who have shown him many evidences of their esteem. A social organization of the town has been named the Nathan F. Martz Club in his honor. Though he has passed the ninetieth anniversary of his birth he is remarkably well preserved and reads the newspapers assiduously without glasses, retaining his interest in local and national events and in everyday affairs of all kinds. He was never addicted to the use of tobacco or liquor, and enjoys a game of cards as much as ever. Tall and of massive build, he has been blessed with a fine physique, and he is very active for one of his years, though he has long since retired from arduous labors. He speaks both English and German.

In 1842 Mr. Martz became a member of "Old '76 Lodge," at Mauch Chunk, of the I. O. O. F., and he is now one of the oldest living Odd Fellows in the United States. His first Presidential vote was cast for James K. Polk, but he left the Democratic party when Polk took his stand on the tariff question and has been a Republican since the formation of the party. He has held local offices, having served four years as overseer of the poor, and was a member of the town council for several years. He has been a member of the Reformed Church for seventy-six years, having joined when he was a boy of fifteen. He first became a member of the Blue Church in Ralpho township, and later was a member of the First Reformed Church of Sunbury, in which he and all his family have been active workers. He was a member of the consistory for half a century and has long been one of the pillars of the congregation. Mr. Martz lived on Market street for many years, but since 1885 has made his home at the corner of Fourth street and Woodlawn avenue.

On Sept. 19, 1848, Mr. Martz married, at Allentown, Eliza Samuels, who was born Sept. 13, 1827, daughter of Jesse and Mary (Engleman) Samuels, of Allentown. They celebrated their sixtieth anniversary Sept. 19, 1908, and Mrs. Martz passed away Sept. 21, 1908. Six children were born to this union: One daughter died in infancy; William E. is a resident of Shamokin; Jesse S. died in 1856; Edward died Feb. 2, 1857; Ida V. B. is the wife of W. C. McConnell; Mary Elizabeth is the wife of Henry B. Smith.

HENRY B. SMITH, of Sunbury, was born Nov. 19, 1855, in Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa., son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Hank) Smith, he being the second of their four children, two sons and two daughters. The father, who was a lumber



merchant, died in 1876, at the age of fifty-six years. The mother continued to live at Womelsdorf. Henry B. Smith had received all his schooling by the time he reached his thirteenth year, when he began to clerk in his native place. At the end of a year he had saved twenty dollars, with which he started out, intending to go West. By the time he reached Sunbury, Northumberland county, his money was so nearly gone that he took employment with Clement & Dissinger, merchants, with whom he remained for ten or eleven years, until he was ready to commence business on his own account. In 1882, having saved about two hundred dollars, he formed a partnership with S. C. Drumheller and embarked in the coal business. The following year he became associated with Mr. Drumheller and Walter Zeigler as H. B. Smith & Co., dealers in dry goods. Mr. Zeigler withdrew from this partnership three years later, and Mr. Drumheller two years after that, Mr. Smith doing business alone as a merchant since 1887. Their combined capital at the outset was but three thousand dollars; Mr. Smith has since increased his investment to many times that amount, and he does a wholesale as well as a retail business, being one of the most substantial merchants in the borough of Sunbury.

On Oct. 24, 1888, Mr. Smith married, in Sunbury, Mary E. Martz, daughter of Nathan F. Martz, and they have one daughter, Elizabeth Martz Smith. In religion Mr. Smith is a member of the Lutheran Church. Socially he belongs to the Patriotic Order Sons of America, Royal Arcanum and Conclave.

**BINGAMAN.** The Bingaman family now numerous throughout Northumberland county is descended from one John Bingaman, one of the "Hessian" soldiers (many of them came from Hessen Cassel, Germany) sent to this country in the pay of the British during the Revolutionary war, and one of those captured on Christmas night, 1776, by Washington at Trenton. Many of those taken prisoner were held at Penn Common, at Reading, Berks Co., Pa., until the close of the war, and John Bingaman was one of those who refused to leave this country, of which he became a loyal citizen. About 1790 he came to Northumberland county, where his first location was in the vicinity of Mahantango, in Lower Mahanoy township, about where Levi Kauffman now lives. There he conducted a hotel on the banks of the Susquehanna river, and according to family tradition the Indians used to visit him and drink his applejack. He afterward settled farther north in the township, on a large tract which is now the farm of Edwin Badman, and there he erected buildings and continued to make his home for many years. Some years before his death he retired and went to live with one of his sons, at

whose home he died about 1843. He is buried at the western end of the old graveyard of Zion's (Stone Valley) Church. As tradition has it that he was in his twenty-second year when he came to this country, in 1776, having been born in 1754, he was evidently about ninety at the time of his demise. He was a tall, robust man, of strong character and convictions, and lived a peaceful, industrious and useful life. His many descendants in Northumberland county have been numbered among the thrifty and successful farmers and business men of their respective communities. He married Anna Reed, born March 11, 1759, died Dec. 11, 1833, and they had six children: John; Adam; Nicholas; George; Eve, who married and moved West, where she died, leaving one daughter; and Catharine, who married Peter Hain.

John Bingaman, son of John, born April 27, 1801, died May 10, 1882; his wife Susanna died Nov. 20, 1903, aged ninety-eight years, one month, ten days, and both are buried at Georgetown, this county, where they died. He owned part of the homestead farm, which was later owned by John Kiehl and was still later purchased by David Hain. His children were: Adam, John (better known as "Jack"), Sarah (married Enoch Raker), Mary (married William Wiest) and Eliza (Mrs. Sholl). "Jack" Bingaman had a son William who was known locally as "Haughel Bill," and "Jack's" brother Adam had a son William who was distinguished from his cousin of the same name by the cognomen of "Deuvel's Bill."

Adam Bingaman, son of John the emigrant, was born July 5, 1791, in Lower Mahanoy township, and lived on and cultivated the farm in that township lying adjacent to the property now occupied by his grandson William E. Bingaman. He died Jan. 28, 1856, on his home place. He owned another tract of 123 acres in the Stone Valley which had belonged to his father, and which is now owned by Edwin Badman. He was enterprising, and prospered in his farm work, and was also a popular auctioneer, crying most of the sales held in the neighborhood in his day; he was widely known in this connection. He married Hannah Schroyer, born Feb. 9, 1796, died Oct. 27, 1871, and they are buried at Zion's (Stone Valley) Church, of which he was a Reformed member. Their children were: John, Jacob, Abraham, William, Alexander, and Catharine (married Elias Wiest). Elizabeth, wife of Jacob, born July 13, 1819, died Aug. 9, 1851. Rebecca, wife of William, born March 29, 1839, died July 30, 1866.

Nicholas Bingaman, son of John the emigrant, was born Nov. 28, 1798, in Lower Mahanoy township. He made his home on the farm of 100 acres where Benjamin Bingaman now lives, and was a substantial and industrious man, engaging in



huckstering as well as farming for many years; he made trips with produce to Tremont and Donaldson every week. At the time of his death he owned three farms. He was a leading member and supporter of Bingham's Evangelical Church, at the county line, which he served as class leader and exhorter, and was an upright and conscientious man in all the relations of life. He married Mary (Polly) Witmer, who was born Oct. 15, 1801, daughter of Christophel Witmer, and died Aug. 11, 1883, surviving her husband many years. He died June 10, 1860. They are buried at Bingham's Church. They had children as follows: Annie married John Kiehl; Catharine married John Underkoffler; John; Hannah, who died of smallpox, married Isaac Schaffer and they had one son, Benjamin; Sarah married George Bohner and went to live in Dakota; Mary married Philip Grim; William W. and Elias are mentioned below; Caroline married Cyrus Burlington; Henry died in Dakota. Sarah and her brothers Elias and William W. are now the only survivors of this large family.

George Bingham, son of John the emigrant, lived for some years with his brother Nicholas in Lower Mahanoy township, later moving out to Illinois, whither he made the trip in big covered wagons. He located near Polo. His wife was a daughter of Philip Zerbel, of Lower Mahanoy township, and among their children were: John, who was a tall man, and who is said to have become very rich; Jacob, who came East to marry; Lovana; and George. Long after reaching maturity these sons came East to visit. John had no children.

Of the posterity of Adam Bingham, son of John the emigrant, we give herewith the record of three lines, those of his sons John, Abraham and Alexander. John Bingham was born in Lower Mahanoy township in 1817, and was reared upon the farm. Early in life he became a boatman upon the Susquehanna canal, and in the winter drove teams to Pittsburg and Philadelphia, transporting farmers' produce to market. Locating at Georgetown, this county, early in the forties, he engaged in the coal and lumber business, and in 1850 purchased what is now known as the "Bingaman House," conducting same in connection with his other affairs. In 1875 he built the brick store where he was engaged in the mercantile business until his death, and he also had extensive agricultural interests. He was an ardent Republican in politics, but never took any part in public matters, his time being well occupied with his many private concerns. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. and in religion united with the Reformed Church. He died March 31, 1889. To his first marriage, with Louise Brosius, was born one son John, who lives in Virginia. By his second marriage, with Mary Wiest, who survived

him, there were nine children, six of whom were living in 1890, namely: William O., Charles C., Mary (married Joseph Morgan), Harry W., Frederick W. and Lizzie.

WILLIAM O. BINGAMAN, son of John, was born Feb. 6, 1856, and received a good education, attending the academies at Berrysburg and Freeburg and the State normal school at Shippensburg. In 1875 he entered his father's store as clerk, and upon his father's death he purchased the business. He has been a prominent citizen of Georgetown in public as well as business circles (serving as assessor, postmaster and tax collector of that town and Lower Mahanoy township) and as a well known member of the Republican party. He married Lillie Beaver, of Snyder county, and they had three children, Blanche, John G. and Ella Corrine. The family belong to the German Reformed Church.

CHARLES C. BINGAMAN, son of John and Mary (Wiest) Bingham, was born March 28, 1863, in Lower Mahanoy township, and attended school at Dalmatia, receiving a good education. He assisted his father in the management of his various business interests, store, hotel and farm, coal and lumber trade, etc., and, his father being the leading business man of Georgetown for years, he gained ample experience in that connection. He eventually engaged in the hotel business at Dalmatia (Georgetown) on his own account, conducting the "Bingaman House" for fourteen years. He sold it to the present owner in about 1907. Meantime he had gone to Jersey Shore, Lycoming Co., Pa., where he conducted the "Crawford House" for about four years, in January, 1905, removing to Sunbury, where he accepted a position as traveling man. After two and a half years in that work he took the "Keystone Hotel" at Selingsgrove, this county, which he carried on for about two and a half years, in October, 1910, becoming proprietor of the "Hoffman House" at Sunbury, one of the leading hotels of that borough. It is located on Third street, south of Market, in an advantageous situation near the Pennsylvania railway depot and the post office, and has forty guests rooms. Mr. Bingham has been well fitted by long business experience to make a success of this hotel, which already has a well established patronage. His reputation in previous ventures of the kind, his adaptability for the business and recognized executive talents all augur well for the future of the "Hoffman House."

Mr. Bingham is well known socially, belonging to Aerie No. 970, F. O. E., of Williamsport, to the Owls at Sunbury, and to No. 1 Fire Company, one of the leading companies in the State, whose membership of 344 includes the leading business men of the borough.

In 1881 Mr. Bingham married Ida L. Rothmeyer, daughter of Andrew Rothmeyer, of Dal-

matia, and they have had two children: Clarence, who died when four years old; and Clinton C., his father's assistant in business, who married Effie Fegley.

Abraham Bingaman, son of Adam and grandson of John the emigrant, was born Oct. 22, 18—, and died Feb. —, 190—. He was a life-long farmer, owning and cultivating the 123-acre farm which is now the property of his son William E., and there making his home. He built the present house on the farm now owned by J. M. Kiehl and Daniel Kauffman. Mr. Bingaman served as school director of his township before the establishment of the free schools. To him and his wife Rebecca (Enterline) were born the following children: Adam E., William E., Jacob E., Belle (married Philip Drumm), Mary (deceased wife of John Host) and Jennie (married Adam Dubendorf).

Adam E. Bingaman, son of Abraham, was born Dec. 25, 1851, on the original Bingaman homestead farm in Lower Mahanoy township, and was reared to farm life, working for his parents until he attained his majority. He was then in the employ of his uncle Elias Wiest for some years, and for four years burned lime for different parties. For another year he was engaged in hauling powder for the Berry Powder Company, and then farmed for the same employer three years. For one entire year he was ill and unable to work. Following this he was engaged in farming for his father, for a period of three years, in Lower Mahanoy township, and during the next five years found work in the lumber woods. He then settled on the Harry Dornsite farm, where he was engaged in farming for six years, after which for four years he was in business threshing and cutting wood in Little Mahanoy and Jackson townships. Selling his threshing outfit, he began farming at his present place in Little Mahanoy township, near Hunter station, in March, 1902, this being the old Conrad Raker homestead (his post office is Raker). It consists of some fifty acres, which Mr. Bingaman has under successful cultivation.

In 1872 Mr. Bingaman married Margaret Elizabeth Byerly, daughter of Elijah and Mary (Bower) Byerly, and they have had a family of twelve children: Benjamin F., who died when eight years old; Abraham, of Little Mahanoy township; Mary A., who died when five years old; Israel and Joseph, both of Little Mahanoy township; George and Charles, both at Shamokin; and John, William, Fred, Isaiah and Eve, all at home.

Mr. Bingaman and his family are Reformed members of Zion's Stone Valley Church. He is a Democrat politically, was formerly supervisor of his township and is now serving as member of the township road board.

William E. Bingaman, son of Abraham, was

born April 28, 1854, in Lower Mahanoy township. He worked on the farm for his father until he became of age, meantime obtaining his education in the subscription schools then conducted in the neighborhood and the public schools established during his boyhood, and still later he attended the academy at Freeburg. He received a thorough training, and received a license to teach public school in Northumberland county in 1874, spending his first term at what is known locally as the Washington schoolhouse in Lower Mahanoy township. In all he taught five terms in his home district. His salary was a dollar a day, or twenty-two dollars a month for twenty-two days' teaching. In the spring of 1880 Mr. Bingaman began farming on his father's place, on shares, and in 1882 he purchased his present home in Lower Mahanoy township, which at that time contained thirty-five acres, to which he has since added about thirteen acres. This farm, which is located on the road between Hickory Corners and Pillow, was owned long ago by Isaac Witmer, a tailor; later by Elijah Byerly; next by Jacob Schaffer, and after him by William L. Schaffer, whom Mr. Bingaman succeeded in the ownership. He is a respected and reliable citizen of his township, one who holds the confidence of his fellow citizens, as evidenced by the fact that for six successive terms he was chosen auditor of his township. He is a Democrat in politics, and he and his wife are Reformed members of Zion's Union Church of Stone Valley. He has been a deacon of that church since 1888. On Jan. 8, 1876, Mr. Bingaman married Mary M. Kiehl, daughter of John and Esther (Frymoyer) Kiehl. They have no children.

JACOB E. BINGAMAN, son of Abraham, was born May 19, 1857, in Lower Mahanoy township, and there grew to manhood. After attending the local schools he went to Uniontown Seminary, then taught by Prof. Harry Eisenhower, and in 1880 received a license to teach, following the profession a few terms. His first term was spent in Jordan township, his second and third at the Stone Valley schoolhouse, and he gave excellent satisfaction. However, he returned to the pursuit to which he had been trained from boyhood, farming the Lessman place in Lower Mahanoy township for three years. He was next engaged as a huckster, driving a produce team weekly to Pottsville, Minersville and Tremont for six years, during which period he and his family resided at Hickory Corners. In the spring of 1896 he became proprietor of the "Keystone Hotel" at Hickory Corners, conducting that house very successfully for the next eleven years, and in the spring of 1907 moving with his family to Dalmatia (Georgetown), where from July 2d until the spring of 1908, he was engaged in no special line. On the latter date he assumed charge of the "Na-



tional Hotel" at that point, the leading first-class hotel of this region. It is situated near the Northern Central depot, and has twenty-two guest rooms, provided with all modern conveniences and comfortably furnished. This hotel is conducted along modern lines, the accommodations are of the best, and the place has an appearance of thrift, neatness and good management which attracts the best element of the traveling public. Mrs. Bingaman is an excellent cook, noted for the preparation of dainty and original dishes, and her assistance has done much to add to the popularity of the hotel. Mr. Bingaman owns a lot in Dalmatia, some limestone quarry property and four tracts of land—totalling twenty-one acres—in Lower Mahanoy township. He has been active in citizenship, having served three years as township clerk in Lower Mahanoy, and after the expiration of his term in that office was twice elected auditor, for terms of three years each. He is a Democrat on most political questions, but independent when he thinks it necessary to follow his own convictions.

In September, 1881, Mr. Bingaman married Fietta Harris, daughter of Isaac and Polly (Kemp) Harris, and granddaughter of George and ——— (Batteau) Harris, who came from Berks county, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Bingaman have had children as follows: Clara E., who is the widow of Harry H. Engel (she has a daughter, Helen); Jay A.; Winton V.; Melvin H.; Beulah G.; Garrett Q., and Fara U. Mr. Bingaman and his family worship at Zion's (Stone Valley) Church, he being a member of the Reformed congregation, his wife of the Lutheran.

Jay A. Bingaman, son of Jacob E., was born Oct. 15, 1884, in Lower Mahanoy township, attended the local schools, and later took a course in a Philadelphia Business college and a business course in the Scranton Correspondence School. He then obtained a position as clerk in a Philadelphia hotel, where he was engaged for four years, in the spring of 1908 returning to Dalmatia, where he became clerk for his father at the "National Hotel."

On Aug. 1, 1908, Mr. Bingaman married Jennie R. Lenker, daughter of Cornelius and Rebecca (Witmer) Lenker and granddaughter of Isaac Lenker and of Isaac Witmer. One daughter, Helen Constance, has been born to this union. Mr. Bingaman and his family worship with the Reformed congregation at Zion's (Stone Valley) Church. He is a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M. at Dalmatia.

Melvin H. Bingaman, son of Jacob E., was born Feb. 28, 1889, in Lower Mahanoy township, and there received his education in the public schools. He is at present engaged in assisting his father. He is a Reformed member of Zion's (Stone Valley) Church.

Alexander Bingaman, son of Adam and grandson of John the emigrant, was born Aug. 25, 1838, in Lower Mahanoy township, on what was the homestead of both his father and grandfather. He was a farmer by occupation, for forty-nine years cultivating the tract now owned by his son Jeremiah A. Bingaman, erecting the house and barn on that property in the year 1845. He and his wife began housekeeping there Jan. 1, 1846, and he passed all his life on that place. One of the well known and highly esteemed citizens of his locality, he was for a number of years an official of Zion's (Stone Valley) Church, of which he was a Reformed member, held the office of township supervisor fifteen years, and served about the same length of time as constable and overseer of the poor. Politically he was a Democrat. Mr. Bingaman died in his native township July 29, 1895, and is buried at the Stone Valley Church. His wife, Catharine Radel, daughter of Michael Radel, was born Dec. 25, 1834, in the second house north of the place where she settled upon her marriage, and though now over seventy-five years old is well preserved and in the enjoyment of good health. Five children were born to this marriage: Sophia, who died in her fourth year; Agnes, who died in her fourth year; Alveretta, wife of John Reitz, of Harrisburg; Jeremiah Adam; and Malinda, wife of John Fetterolf, of Lykens Valley.

JEREMIAH ADAM BINGAMAN, son of Alexander, a prosperous farmer and teacher of Lower Mahanoy township, was born in that township June 8, 1867, at the place which is now his home. He was reared to farm life, and began his education in the schools of the home district, later attending the National Pen Art Hall and Business College, then located at Canfield Ohio, and the West Farmington College (also in Ohio), from which latter he was graduated in 1892, with the degree of B. S. After his graduation he went to Chicago, Ill., where he engaged as bookkeeper with the Sykes Steel Roofing Company, having general charge of their office from June 11, 1892, until June 16, 1894. During the World's Columbian Exposition, held at that city in 1893, he was a guard at the fair grounds for seven and a half months. He left Chicago Dec. 23, 1894, and returning to Pennsylvania taught school in his native township for three consecutive terms, at the Mahantango school house. He then taught the Stone Valley school for two terms, and Byerly's school in the same township for one term, and accepted a school for the following term which, however, he resigned after four months to take a position with the Standard Oil Company. He was with the Baltimore branch, which has headquarters at Salisbury, Md., and filled the position of district manager, his territory comprising Wicomico and Dorchester counties, Md., and Northampton and Accomack counties, Va., as well as Leonard



jacent island in the Atlantic. He held this position from February, 1902, until his resignation, in August, 1907, when owing to the condition of his health he deemed it advisable to resume farming. He cultivates his father's old homestead, which consists of sixty-four acres of fine, fertile land, and is making a thorough success of his work. In addition to farming he acts as agent for the Aermotor Company of Chicago, manufacturers and dealers in wind machinery, and he also installs bathtubs and does various kinds of work in these lines. He has been quite active in the public affairs of the township, of which he is an auditor, and he has been Democratic committeeman of his township since 1908, being one of the party's staunch supporters in his locality.

On Dec. 24, 1896, Mr. Bingaman married Laura J. Wert, daughter of Peter and Sarah (Emerrick) Wert.

William W. Bingaman, son of Nicholas and grandson of John the emigrant, was born April 8, 1836, at the place in Lower Mahanoy township where he still lives. With the exception of two years when he was engaged with George Bohner as an apprentice at the saddler's trade he always followed farming throughout his active years, beginning on his own account at the age of twenty-two years, on his father-in-law's farm. He lived eight years at that place, which period and the two and a half years he spent at Uniontown before his marriage, while in the employ of Mr. Bohner, constitute his entire absence from the home farm. This place comprises ninety-six acres, which Mr. Bingaman sold in 1910 to his son Benjamin, who is now cultivating it. Mr. Bingaman always did his own harness-making and similar work while engaged in farming. He was a quiet, industrious citizen, prospering by hard work and good management, has never touched intoxicating liquor of any kind, and has never been in court even as a witness. In 1855 he married Polly Kocher, daughter of Peter and Sarah Kocher, and to them were born ten children, four of whom are deceased, including Charles. The survivors are Jane, Joseph, Benjamin F., William, Lindon and Alice. Mrs. Bingaman was born at Orndorf.

Benjamin F. Bingaman, son of William W., was born Jan. 2, 1860, in Lower Mahanoy township, and was two months old when his parents settled at the old Bingaman homestead. He has been used to farming from earliest boyhood, and in 1892 began to work for his uncle Elias Bingaman, with whom he farmed for six years. He then moved upon his present farm, taking possession of same in the winter of 1910. He is an intelligent and thrifty worker, a reliable citizen, and a man respected wherever known. He and his family are members of Trinity Evangelical Church (also known as Bingaman's Church) at the county

line, and he has been one of the leading workers in that congregation, serving as class leader and trustee, and in official positions in the Sunday school, of which he has been superintendent for many years.

On Aug. 10, 1888, Mr. Bingaman married Jennie Peiffer, daughter of Henry C. Peiffer, and they have had a family of five children: Roy (who is a teacher in Lower Mahanoy township), Spurgeon, Hale, Gertie and Harry.

Elias Bingaman, son of Nicholas and grandson of John the emigrant, was born Oct. 12, 1838, in Lower Mahanoy township, and there received his early education in the pay schools then conducted in the vicinity, attending the free schools for one winter. He worked for his parents until he became of age, when he began farming on a ninety-acre place adjoining his present home, remaining there for twenty-five years. Since 1889 he has lived at his present place in Lower Mahanoy, a farm of ninety-one acres, but he is not now actively engaged in its cultivation, living retired in the enjoyment of the earnings of his earlier years. He is a man of upright character and consistent Christian life, a faithful member of the Trinity Evangelical Church, in which he has been a most dutiful worker, serving many years as classleader, trustee and exhorter.

About 1867 Mr. Bingaman married Lucinda Dunkelberger, daughter of John and ——— (Geist) Dunkelberger. She passed away Feb. 28, 1904, aged sixty-five years, eleven months, four days, and is buried at the Trinity Evangelical Church.

SAMUEL STILL, farmer and fruit grower of Lower Augusta township, belongs to a family which has for several generations been settled in Dauphin county, this State, where the Stills were represented among the early residents. The Federal Census Report of 1790 shows Benjamin, Charles, Christian, David, Elisabeth, John, Samuel, Thomas and William Still as heads of families in the several counties of Pennsylvania. The family to which Isaac Still, grandfather of Samuel Still, belonged is known to have moved to Dauphin county from another section of the State, and it is known that the Stills were located in the Lykens Valley before 1800.

Mr. Still's great-grandfather was an Englishman, and his wife was a German woman. She died at an advanced age, suffering a stroke while sitting at the table. This was when her great-grandson, Samuel, was a boy of about seven years.

Isaac Still, the grandfather, passed his earlier life at Elizabethtown, along the Sweet Arrow creek, in Lancaster county, and when his son Jacob was about six years old moved across the Peters mountain in Armstrongs Valley, one and three-

quarters miles from Halifax, Dauphin county, where he remained until his death. He was a farmer, and willed his farm to his son Jacob. Of his six children, one son and five daughters, we have record of but three: Jacob, Polly (married John Miller) and Elizabeth (married James Buchanan).

Jacob Still, only son of Isaac, was born in 1808, and passed practically all his life in Halifax, Dauphin county, where he died at the advanced age of eighty-six. He was a farmer, and came into possession of the paternal farm, which he continued to cultivate throughout his active years. His wife Elizabeth (Bailey), born in 1812, died in 1869. They are buried at Long's Church in Dauphin county. Twelve children were born to this couple: Mary, Sallie, Jacob, Samuel, David, Hannah, Nancy, William, Maggie, a twin of Maggie that died in infancy, Daniel and Louisa.

Samuel Still was born Oct. 11, 1840, in Halifax, Dauphin county, and was reared upon the farm, where he began work at an unusually early age. He handled the plow when only eight years old, and continued to work for his parents until he was seventeen, after which he learned the potter's trade at Elizabethtown. After four years in that line he turned to the carpenter's trade, which he followed for nearly forty years, in the boroughs of Shamokin and Herndon and the territory surrounding them. He worked on houses in Herndon when the place contained only four dwellings. For one year he assisted on bridge work at Rondout, N. Y. He rose to the grade of boss carpenter, and taught the trade to a number of apprentices. In 1886 Mr. Still bought his present property, the "Klondyke" fruit farm, in Lower Augusta township, to which he has added until now it contains eighty-two acres, in 1902 buying the homestead of Samuel and Harriet Coldren, formerly a Clements homestead. Mr. Still raises considerable fruit, and though now seventy years old continues to attend the Sunbury markets weekly, finding ready sale for all his products. He is a progressive farmer, and has reaped rich returns for his up-to-date methods and careful management.

In 1866 Mr. Still married Rebecca Zearing, daughter of John Zearing, of Halifax, Dauphin Co., Pa., and to this union were born eight children, of whom but two survive: Harry, who lives at Sunbury; and Sylvester D., of Lewistown, Pa. Mrs. Still died about 1883, and she and her six children are buried at Zartman's Church, in Jackson township. In about 1884 Mr. Still married (second) Rosilla Coldren, daughter of Samuel and Harriet Coldren, and they have one daughter, Hattie J., who is unmarried and lives at home. Mr. Still is a member of the Evangelical Church at Herndon.

CHARLES P. RINEHART, a prominent citizen of Upper Augusta township, engaged in general farming and dairying, a man who has been thoroughly identified with the development and progress of his section, was born May 19, 1851, in Sunbury, near which borough he now lives. He is a grandson of John Rinehart (Blumhart), a native of Germany.

John Rinehart was born in 1772, and emigrated to America about 1790. He had to serve three years to pay the expenses of his passage, and his time was bought by one Gideon Wolf, of Lancaster county, Pa., in whose household was also Elizabeth Oberhoff, like himself a native of Germany, who had come to America eighteen months before John Rinehart. She was to serve five years to defray the cost of the voyage, but when John Rinehart's period of redemption had expired, the young couple having decided to marry, Mr. Wolf released her from the remaining six months of her period of service. Young Rinehart could neither read nor write at that time, but he was strong and industrious, and he made his way in the world without assistance. The young couple married as soon as Mr. Rinehart was free, but continued to live in the Wolf family for another two years, after which they continued to live in Lancaster county for several years longer. He was naturalized there. He kept hotel until his removal from that county, paying twelve dollars for his license. Removing to Montgomery county in 1812 he remained there a few years, thence coming to Sunbury, Northumberland county, and soon thereafter settling in Upper Augusta (then Augusta) township, where Mr. Rinehart acquired a farm of 100 acres. He also had a piece of property in Sunbury. Besides farming, he did threshing, and one season after threshing his own grain he worked out for a tenth, receiving ninety bushels of grain as his share that year. He continued to farm in Northumberland county until his death, which occurred in 1837, and he is buried in the lower cemetery at Sunbury. In religious faith he and his wife were Lutherans. She died in 1845. They had children as follows: Elizabeth, Mrs. Steel, lived in Philadelphia; Sarah, Mrs. Collins, lived in Baltimore; Mrs. Crosby lived in Philadelphia; Mary married Martin Huhn and they lived out West; Louisa, Mrs. Reed, lived in Sunbury; John went to Michigan in an early day and there followed farming; Charles was the father of Charles P. Rinehart.

Charles Rinehart, youngest son of John, was born Jan. 31, 1847, in Augusta township, this county, and was reared on the homestead. In his early life he assisted with the farm work at home, but when a young man he commenced boating on the Pennsylvania canal, and followed that occupation for about a quarter of a century. Mean-



while he resided in Sunbury, where he became a well known citizen, filling a number of the borough offices. He built a residence on Front street, where he resided from the time he began boating until he left Sunbury. In 1868 he bought the farm in Upper Augusta township, near Sunbury, now owned by his son Charles, and there engaged in farming until his death, which occurred in 1890, when he was seventy-three years and one day old. He is buried in the lower cemetery at Sunbury. Mr. Rinehart was a Democrat up to the time of the Civil war, when he gave his support to Lincoln and thereafter was identified with the Republican party. He was actively interested in political issues, and did his share in the administration of local public affairs, serving as overseer of the poor and as school director of his township, where he was considered a highly useful citizen. In religion he was a Lutheran. Mr. Rinehart married Mary Crissinger, who was born April 24, 1808, daughter of Jacob Crissinger, and died in 1884, aged seventy-seven years. Six children were born to their union: Martha married George W. Fisher, who is now deceased, of Sunbury; Sarah C. married George P. Krohn, of Sunbury; Amelia died when thirteen years old; Susanna married Charles F. Martin, of Sunbury; Margaret Louisa married William Kreisher, of Sunbury; Charles P. lives on the home farm.

Charles P. Rinehart attended the schools of Sunbury, and began to assist his father at an early age, boating on the canal from 1860 to 1868. When seventeen he settled on the farm with his father, and has ever since been occupied with the cultivation of that place. On Dec. 16, 1868, he and his father commenced the dairy business, which he has continued ever since in connection with general farming, having now made a specialty of that line for a period of forty-two years. He is considered one of the most reliable dairy farmers in this district. At present he keeps twenty cows, and his dairy products are marketed in Sunbury. Mr. Rinehart's farm contains 184 acres and is one of the best in the township, not only because of the quality of the land but in the way of improvements, the buildings being substantial and in good order, and the other improvements up-to-date in every respect. In 1891 he built the large brick residence, which is equipped with all modern conveniences and is a valuable addition to the property. He has not only found time to attend systematically to his personal interests, but he has taken a public-spirited interest in the general welfare and has held various local offices. For three consecutive terms he was auditor of his township; has been a member of the board of supervisors, and since 1899 has been a school director, during that time filling all the offices of the board except that of secretary. Politically he is a Demo-

crat. Socially he belongs to the Royal Arcanum and the Conclave of the Lance and Shield at Sunbury. When he was a boy of nine years he was in Philadelphia just after the election of Lincoln, whom he remembers seeing there.

On March 12, 1885, Mr. Rinehart married Clara Ella Stroh, daughter of John Stroh, of Riverside, and they have had five children: William C., who graduated from the township schools and later attended Susquehanna University, now assisting his father; Mary A.; Charles O., who died when two years old; John J., who graduated from the Sunbury school in 1911, when sixteen years old; and Anna E. Mr. Rinehart and his family are Lutherans in religious connection.

Philip Stroh, the pioneer of Mrs. Rinehart's family in this section, was a native of New York State, and came to Northumberland county, Pa., about the year 1825. He settled in Upper Augusta township, at what is now known as Klinesgrove, and there followed farming, owning a tract of land. He died in New York State and is buried there. His wife, Elizabeth (Oberdorf), daughter of Peter Oberdorf, long survived him, and is buried at the Klinesgrove Church, where Mr. Stroh and his family were members of the Lutheran congregation. In politics he was a Democrat. Mr. and Mrs. Stroh had the following children: Peter lived near Seven Points, this county; Samuel, a machinist of great ability, who built rolling mills, lived for a time at Danville, Pa., and later at Reading, Pa.; Mary Ann married Jacob Evert and they lived in Upper Augusta township; Elizabeth was Mrs. Kocher; David, a carpenter, lived and died at Danville; John, a farmer, lived at Riverside (he was the father of Mrs. Rinehart); Solomon is mentioned below; William, who was a blacksmith, lived and died at Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Solomon Stroh, son of Philip, was born June 13, 1825, in the State of New York, and was brought by his parents to this section. The removal was made by wagon. He learned the trade of blacksmith, and proved to be a mechanic of unusual skill, making hinges, handcuffs, and iron work for bridges, mills, houses, etc. He was a remarkable man in many ways, and one of the notable citizens of his time in this region, taking an active part in every movement with which he was identified. He served some years as councilman in Sunbury. He was one of the organizers of the volunteer fire department of the borough, rendering valuable service to the community as head of the Washington Fire Company for a number of years. He was a prominent Democrat, party chairman of his ward, and chosen as delegate to many county conventions. A prominent member of the Odd Fellows fraternity, he was past grand of Lodge No. 203, passed all the chairs in the encampment, and was the first representative from



his town to the meeting of the Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home Association, located near Sunbury. For many years he acted as chaplain of his lodge. In the days of the old State militia he was an officer, and did efficient work in that capacity. A strong, robust man, six feet in height, and of commanding presence, he was an attractive figure, and he was as popular as he was widely known. He was a member of Zion's Lutheran Church and a zealous worker in its behalf, serving as deacon and elder, holding the latter office at the time of his death. For some years he was superintendent of the Sunday school, which he served efficiently as librarian for the long period of thirty years, being active in all the departments of the church and Sunday school, in both of which he was highly esteemed. He died at Sunbury April 12, 1898.

On Sept. 12, 1850, Mr. Stroh married Mary Zimmerman, who was born May 4, 1827, daughter of George and Mary (Hall) Zimmerman, and still makes her home in Sunbury. Though past eighty she is well preserved and still active, and she is highly esteemed in Sunbury, where she has had her home for so many years. She, too, is an active member of Zion's Lutheran Church, and she taught one of the classes in its Sunday school for fifty-five years, relinquishing the work only because of her advancing years. Her sympathies have always been practically shown in her activity in the church work, and she also sang in the choir for a number of years. To Mr. and Mrs. Stroh were born eight children, as follows: Naomi, born in 1851, married W. A. Heller, and is deceased; George, born in 1853, died in 1856; Samuel, born in 1855, is a resident of Sunbury; Jeremiah, born in 1857, died at Sunbury in 1906; William, born in 1859, lives at Sunbury; Anne E., born in 1862, died in 1874; Stella and Miriam are unmarried and at home.

ISAAC BLOOM, now living retired in Sunbury, has made his home in that borough since 1872. His active years were for the most part spent in lumbering, and as raftsmen and pilot on the Susquehanna river he became thoroughly familiar with that stream, upon which he has had many interesting experiences. He was born Jan. 27, 1842, in Pike township, Clearfield Co., Pa., son of John Bloom, and is a descendant of a family now numerous in Northumberland and Clearfield counties, descended from two brothers who came into Pennsylvania from New Jersey. In the archives of that State are recorded the names of five Bloom brothers who served in Baxter's Brigade of New Jersey volunteers. One was killed in action. After the war one remained in New Jersey, the other three coming to Pennsylvania. Of these, Stephen Bloom, the ancestor of Urias Bloom, of Sunbury, settled in the Shamokin Hills, in Northumberland county; William, the ancestor of Isaac

Bloom, whose name opens this article, and of Amos Bloom, also of Sunbury, took up a large tract of land in Clearfield county; the third settled in a valley near Bellefont, in Center county, where a large number of his descendants have since lived.

William Bloom, as stated, took up a large tract of land in Clearfield county, at what is known as the "Peewee's Nest." He was born in New Jersey in 1752, and lived to the age of 104 years; he is buried at Curwensville, Clearfield county. He followed farming on land which he himself cleared, and where he erected a log house and barn. His wife, like himself a native of New Jersey, also attained an advanced age, living to be ninety-eight. They were the parents of eleven children, seven sons and four daughters: Abraham, James, Isaac, John, William, Benjamin, Peter, Mary (married Matthew Caldwell) and three daughters whose names are not recalled.

From the above source there is a large posterity, and we quote the following from the Philadelphia *North American* of Aug. 18, 1909, as being of interest in this connection:

"The Bloom reunion was held at the 'Peewee's Nest,' on the bank of the Susquehanna river, near Curwensville, Pa. The Bloom clan is one of the largest in Clearfield county. They are descendants of William Bloom, a native of New Jersey, and a Revolutionary war veteran, who came to Clearfield county with his wife in 1796. They came up the West branch of the Susquehanna river in a canoe and settled on the spot where the family reunion was held. The ancestor Bloom and his helpmate had eleven children, seven sons, four daughters, and from them are descended the many hundred of Blooms of Clearfield and surrounding counties. The eighth generation of the family participated in the reunion in 1909. The Blooms have figured extensively in the affairs of Clearfield county since its organization. They are a hearty and tall people, noted for longevity and multiplicity. Ross Bloom, of near Curwensville, who was eighty-eight years old, attended the gathering of the family. Benjamin Bloom, who attended the reunion, . . . is seventy-seven years old, and the father of thirteen children, eleven of whom are living. He has so many grandchildren that he fears missing some should he endeavor to count them, scores of great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

"The Blooms are members of the Democratic party. During the Civil war the family sent many of its sons to do battle for their country."

Isaac Bloom, son of William, was the all his brothers and sisters born in Clearfield county. He was a farmer by occupation, and owned the farm on which he died. He married Mary (Polly) Agar, who survived him, dying in 1870 at a ripe old age, and they had a family of twelve children,

six sons and six daughters, namely: John, James A., William, George, Reuben, Benjamin, Caroline (Mrs. Owens), Priscilla (married John Norris and had eighteen children), Geneise (married Samuel Taylor), Mrs. George Ogden, Margaret (married Nicholas McCracken) and Mrs. George Garrison.

John Bloom, Jr., son of Isaac, was born Feb. 4, 1809, in Pike township, Clearfield Co., Pa., and was a prosperous farmer, owning about three hundred acres of land. He served three years as constable, and for a number of years as supervisor, and was a man well known in his district. He was a Democrat in politics and a Methodist in religion. On Oct. 24, 1833, John Bloom married Mary Ann Jordan, who was born April 9, 1812, eldest of the large family born to John and Eve (Lawyer) Jordan, and granddaughter of Peter and Mary Magdalena Lawyer. Mr. Bloom died in August, 1883, at the age of seventy-four years, and his wife died at the age of eighty-five. They are buried at Bloomington, Clearfield county. Their children were born as follows: Frederick, Sept. 24, 1834; Eliza, March 3, 1836; Matilda, Nov. 10, 1837; Rachel, Dec. 11, 1839; Isaac, Jan. 27, 1842; John Jordan, April 8, 1844; Mary J., Dec. 21, 1845; Sarah A., Dec. 24, 1847; Susan, April 7, 1849; Jerusha, May 11, 1851; Eva A., Nov. 7, 1853; Alfred, May 27, 1856.

Isaac Bloom received his education in the common schools of Pike township. He was reared upon the farm, and after reaching manhood continued to follow farming during the summer season, in the winter time working in the lumber woods, with which he was also familiar from boyhood. Rafting on the river was a great business in those days, and he was thus engaged on the west branch of the Susquehanna for many years, making his first trip when only fourteen years old. He made two trips every spring for about fifteen years, bringing some of the finest square timber ever sent down the river to Marietta. Some of the logs he brought down contained 125 feet of good, solid timber. For seven years Mr. Bloom engaged as a pilot on the Susquehanna, where there are many dangerous falls and rocks to be avoided or skillfully passed, all known by name to the pilots, as "White Break," "Side Pocket," "Stepping Stone," "Sandy Harbor," "Meshannon Falls," "Wood Rock," "Karthus House," "Buttermilk Falls," etc. In 1872 Mr. Bloom and his family moved to Sunbury, where they have since resided. After settling in this place he was engaged in superintending lumber jobs for different parties, later served five years as street commissioner of the borough, was janitor at the courthouse for three years and for another three years was boss of the carpet weaving department at the Northumberland county jail before his retirement, in 1908. He has been an active Democrat ever since

he attained his majority, having missed but two elections in all that time. He has long been a leading member of the Methodist Church, of which he has served as trustee and steward since 1880. As a citizen he has commanded the respect of his fellow men in every relation of life.

In 1867 Mr. Bloom married Sarah E. Kline, daughter of John F. and Eliza (Mittler) Kline, and to them have been born nine children: Carrie K., who is engaged in school teaching; J. Byron, who makes his home in Sunbury; and Charles W., Arthur M., Lucy, Chester C., Emma, Henry O. and Mary E., all of whom died in infancy.

John Jordan, Mr. Bloom's maternal grandfather, was born Dec. 4, 1790, and Eva, his wife, was born Aug. 8, 1792. They had a large family, born as follows: Mary Ann, April 9, 1812; John, May 12, 1814; David, June 10, 1816; Margaret, June 15, 1818; Samuel, Nov. 12, 1820; Rachel, Nov. 17, 1822; Daniel, July 2, 1825; Janiza, May 15, 1827; one that died in infancy, May 10, 1829; Leir, June 17, 1830; Susan, May 12, 1832; William, April 29, 1834; Sarah Ann, July 9, 1836.

AMBROSE PERSING, senior member of the firm of Persing & Cooke, of Arters, Northumberland county, proprietors of the Shamokin Valley Roller Mills, was born Dec. 29, 1860, at St. Clair, Schuylkill Co., Pa., son of Matthias Persing, in his day a prominent contractor of this county. Several generations ago the family was settled in New Jersey, where William Persing, great-grandfather of Ambrose Persing, lived, at Greenwich, in Sussex county. There all his children were born, among them being William, Jr., and John, both of whom came to Northumberland county, Pennsylvania.

William Persing, Jr., born in New Jersey April 23, 1773, settled in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, where he died Feb. 19, 1853. He is buried at the old Blue Church. He was a man of enterprise and had large interests, engaging in farming, building a gristmill which he operated, and also carrying on a rope walk and distillery. He was an extensive fruit grower, the most extensive in his section, using the fruit in his distillery. He also made peppermint products. William Persing was twice married, his second union being with Margaret Dimmick. The children of his first marriage were born as follows: Mary, 1795; Philip, 1797; Matthias, 1800; William, 1802; Samuel, 1804; Isaac, 1807; John, 1809. To the second marriage were born: Hannah, 1812; Elizabeth, 1814; a son and a daughter, twins, who lived only a few days; Abigail, Feb. 11, 1817; Peter, June 28, 1819; Rebecca, Dec. 24, 1821; Daniel, April 10, 1825; and Susanna and Margaret, twins, July 2, 1829.

John Persing, the other son of William Persing who came to Northumberland county, was born



March 12, 1775, and on removing to Pennsylvania settled in Schuylkill county, where he followed farming. Coming later to Northumberland county, he settled in the Irish Valley on land later owned by Joseph Bird, and engaged in farming and distilling. He died March 18, 1858, at the home of his son Matthias, and is buried in the old Presbyterian graveyard near Deiblers station, below Shamokin. Mr. Persing was married in 1797 in New Jersey to Anna Eve Larkins, who was born March 28, 1776, and died July 13, 1850. They were the parents of the following children: William, born March 28, 1797; Mary, born Sept. 12, 1800, who married John Shipman; George, born Feb. 1, 1802, who died Nov. 23, 1824 (his death was caused by a falling tree); Sallie A., born March 28, 1804, who married Michael Taylor; Catharine, born Oct. 18, 1806, who married Isaac Teitsworth; Benjamin, born April 7, 1809; Matthias, born Dec. 21, 1810; Susanna, born Feb. 10, 1813, Mrs. Willitt; Nancy, born April 19, 1815, who married Jacob Goss; Washington, born June 3, 1818, of Illinois; and Alfred, born Sept. 15, 1822, who died Oct. 23, 1824.

Matthias Persing, son of John, born Dec. 21, 1810, in New Jersey, was reared on the farm in Shamokin township, and himself took up farming, owning a 100-acre tract, now the property of K. C. Leisenring. By trade he was a stonecutter, and he did contracting in that line, one of the last large contracts which he filled being for part of the stone work on the Sunbury, Hazleton & Wilkes-Barre railroad. After this he was associated in the contracting business with Andrew Knoble, under the firm name of Persing & Knoble. Among other important work which Mr. Persing performed was the mason work on the large coal breakers at Shamokin. He was one of the leading men of this region in his day, employing large numbers of men, and showing great ability in all his undertakings, which were ambitious enough to give him a place among the most progressive men of his time. He died April 25, 1874, at Elysburg, and is buried in the graveyard at Reed's Church, at Reed's station, below Shamokin. Politically he was a Republican, socially a Mason, a charter member of Elysburg Lodge, No. 414, F. & A. M., of which he was a past master "by merit." In religion he was a Presbyterian, and served as deacon of his church. He married Joanna Parent, daughter of John Parent, an Englishman, among whose children were also John, Elizabeth, Sophia, Sarah, Caroline and Ellen. Mrs. Persing died about 1871. The following children were born to this union: Emanuel S., born in August, 1843, who died in 1909; Alson, who died in infancy; Joanna, who died in infancy; Emma, Mrs. George W. Heffly, deceased; Hamilton S., who died at Williamsport, Pa. (he left a daughter, Carrie C.); Edward E., who died in 1907 at Altoona, Pa.

Ida V., Mrs. Adolphus Hartman, deceased; and Ambrose.

Ambrose Persing began his education in the schools of the home locality, later attending Elysburg Academy. At the age of eighteen years he commenced to learn milling, at Paxinos, and in 1885 engaged in milling upon his own responsibility, leasing the mill at Arters for two years. He then became associated with Ritter & Son, of Lairdsville, Lycoming Co., Pa., continuing with them for two years, at the end of which time he and his brother Emanuel S. Persing formed a partnership, buying the Shamokin Valley Roller Mills at Arters, in Upper Augusta township, which they operated under the firm name of Persing Brothers. In 1892 Frederick W. Cooke bought the interest of Emanuel S. Persing in these mills, and he and Ambrose Persing have since done business together as Persing & Cooke. They turn out a number of popular brands of wheat flour, Golden Sheaf and White Falcon among others, and make a specialty of buckwheat flour, which is famous over a wide territory, having few equals. The firm also deals in flour, feed, grain, etc., and has a large patronage in every line. The business has long been the leading industry of the town and vicinity. Mr. Persing has taken an active part in the public affairs of his community, having served fourteen years as auditor of Upper Augusta township, and he is at present assistant postmaster at Arters. In political connection he is a Republican, and socially he is a Mason, belonging to Elysburg Lodge, No. 414, F. & A. M.

On March 28, 1885, Mr. Persing married Ida E. Cooke, daughter of Edwin and Catharine (Casey) Cooke, and sister of his business partner. Mr. and Mrs. Persing have no children. They are members of the Church of Christ at Sunbury.

FREDERICK W. COOKE, member of the firm of Persing & Cooke, proprietors of the Shamokin Valley Roller Mills, at Arters, in Upper Augusta township, is not only one of the able business men of his section but also well known in his connection with its public affairs. He was born July 27, 1861, in Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., son of Edwin Cooke, and has passed all his life in Northumberland county.

Edwin Cooke was born in Shropshire, England, came to America in 1857, and settled down to farming in Ratapoa township, Northumberland Co., Pa., where he had a tract of 150 acres. He was a Methodist in religion and particularly interested in church affairs, helping to rebuild the present Oak Grove Church. He died in 1902, at the age of sixty-five years, and is interred in the Oak Grove burying ground, near Paxinos. He married Catharine Casey, a native of Limerick, Ireland, whom he met aboard the vessel while coming to America. She still survives, living on the



old homestead, and is well preserved in spite of her advanced years. Six sons and five daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Cooke; Edwin H., now of Union Corners, Pa.; John J., who lives near the homestead, in Ralpho township; Sarah J. (deceased), who married Hamilton Persing; Frederick W.; Ida E., wife of Ambrose Persing; George W., of Ralpho township; Daniel W., of Pittsburg, Pa.; James A., of Rush township; Kate, who died aged five years; Kate, wife of W. E. Fisher, of Paxinos; and a daughter that died in infancy.

Frederick W. Cooke began to learn the trade of miller at Paxinos when twenty years old. For seven years he conducted the Shamrock Mill, located near Paxinos (then known as Hughes station mill), and in 1892 formed his present partnership with Ambrose Persing, with whom he has since been engaged in the milling business under the name of Persing & Cooke. This firm has had a career of continuous prosperity, and has a large custom, drawn from a wide territory. In addition to manufacturing, they deal in flour, feed, grain, etc. Among their various brands Golden Sheaf, White Falcon and Silver Cloud are the leaders, and their buckwheat flour, of which they make a specialty, has a wide reputation, so much so that the supply has never been equal to the demand, although they have never advertised it, or done any soliciting.

Mr. Cooke has no political affiliations, voting independently, but he has taken considerable part in the public affairs of his locality, having served eighteen years as overseer of the poor in Upper Augusta township. He was also supervisor one term, refusing to serve longer though re-elected. He was elected justice of the peace, but refused to accept the honor. He was instrumental in having the postoffice at Arters—the only one in the township—established, in 1895, was the first postmaster, and is still serving in that capacity. In 1900 Mr. Cooke took a course in Spencerian penmanship under Prof. A. C. Crawford, of Sunbury, and he became a master of skillful and legible penmanship, having a high reputation in that capacity. Socially he is widely known, belonging to Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., of Sunbury, and to Lodge No. 203, I. O. O. F., of Sunbury. He was originally a member of Elysburg Lodge, No. 414, F. & A. M., of which he was worshipful master. He and his family are members of the Church of Christ at Sunbury, of which he is the elder.

On Jan. 29, 1885, Mr. Cooke married Laura Fenstermacher, daughter of G. Washington and Caroline (Zhenders) Fenstermacher, of Franklin township, Columbia Co., Pa. She died Oct. 27, 1908, aged forty-four years, the mother of six children: Frank married Josephine Feffingwell and they live in Upper Augusta township; George W. married Margaret Ruch and they live at Northumberland; Frederick W., Jr., was drowned

when seventeen months old; Jesse A. died of diphtheria when five years old; Roy A. is at home; and Ida L. is at home. On Nov. 19, 1910, Mr. Cooke married (second) in Philadelphia Mrs. Martha L. Huff.

**GEORGE W. PARMLEY**, deceased, for many years successfully engaged as a florist and merchant at Shamokin, was of English blood but American birth. He was born at Tamaqua, Schuylkill county, in 1858, son of Samuel and Matilda (Ellis) Parmley.

Samuel Parmley was born in England, and came to America with his first wife. After a short time in New York his wife died, leaving two children, Henry (since deceased) and Elizabeth (who married Dallas Van Horn). Mr. Parmley married (second) Matilda Ellis, and to this union were born: Charles S.; George W.; Thomas J., of Carlisle, Pa.; and Mary E., deceased wife of Lowellyn James. Mr. Parmley after his second marriage settled at Tamaqua, in Schuylkill county, where he engaged in a mercantile business and prospered.

George W. Parmley came to Shamokin in 1884, and was first engaged in a milling business with Andrew Robertson. Later he became a florist, and acquired a wide reputation by his success in that line. He also carried on a china store, located at Independence and Orange streets, one of the best locations in the city, and was so engaged until his death.

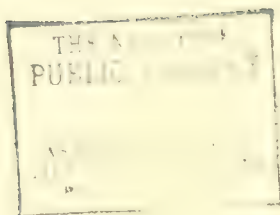
Mr. Parmley married Minnie F. Douty, daughter of William H. Douty, and to this union were born: George W., Jr.; Samuel C.; J. Hillmer; and Dorothy L. Mrs. Parmley resides in her comfortable home at No. 126 Church street.

**DOUTY.** Mrs. Parmley is a member of a family that was active in pioneer days in Pennsylvania.

**JOHN BLUNDIN DOUTY**, her grandfather, was a prominent man in the coal regions. He was born near Lambertville, N. J., May 30, 1812, son of William and Mary (Blundin) Douty, who came to Rush township, Northumberland county, about 1822. Four years later they removed to Pottsville, where the father became the owner of five boats on the Schuylkill canal, John B. being placed in charge of one of them. He worked as a boatman until 1842, when he became interested in the coal trade at the East Delaware mines. After a few years there he went to the West Delaware mines where he operated until the failure of the company in 1851 caused the loss of all he had accumulated. In 1852 he came to Shamokin and began mining in a small way at the Gap, as a member of the firm of Kase, Douty & Reed. This venture met with little success, and in 1856, with others, under the name of Bird, Douty & John, he leased the Big Mountain colliery, which in the



*John Couch*





end proved successful. In 1859 he withdrew from the firm to take charge of the Henry Clay colliery, and he acquired a handsome fortune. He opened and operated the Brady colliery for a few years, and in 1873 began working the Ben Franklin colliery, at which he was engaged for the remainder of his life. He died Nov. 15, 1874, in the faith of the Presbyterian Church. On May 22, 1836, he married Lavinia Jones, daughter of William and Catharine Jones, of Reading. They had one son, William H. Mr. Douty was a man of decided views, and was very tenacious of his opinion. He had a kind heart, and was ever generous to those less fortunate than himself.

WILLIAM H. DOUTY, son of John B., was born at Pottsville, Pa., in 1836, and died in October, 1896, in Philadelphia, where he was buried. He assisted his father in the management of his coal mines at Shamokin and Doutyville. He was sole manager of the Ben Franklin colliery at Doutyville, one of the largest mine workings in the anthracite field, and with John Gabel became the owner of the Garfield mine. He was one of the chief movers in suppressing the terrible crimes of that desperate band of men known as the "Mollie Maguires," who infested the coal region in the early seventies. He had other business relations, however, being engaged in the dry goods and grocery business on Sunbury street, his place being known as the "Brown Stone Front," and was very successful in his undertakings. In 1893 he went to Philadelphia, where he lived in retirement until his death. He married Dorothea M. Stroup, daughter of William and Sarah (Christ) Stroup. Their children were: Phoebe, wife of Philip Goodwill, of Bramwell, Mercer Co., W. Va.; Minnie E., widow of George W. Parmley; John, of Cumberland, Md.; and Sallie, who lives with her sister Mrs. Goodwill.

Mr. Douty was burgess of Shamokin in 1873, an office in which his father's brother, R. B. Douty, had been the first incumbent in 1864-65. He was the first president and director of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Shamokin, which was incorporated Nov. 29, 1882. Mr. Douty was one of the prominent citizens of Shamokin appointed as a committee to prepare a constitution and by-laws for the Board of Trade, Jan. 24, 1887, and he became the first president of that important organization. The first attempt at fixing up the streets of Shamokin was made by Mr. Douty and Dr. R. S. Hollenback, both going to Harrisburg to appeal to the Legislature for a loan of money from the State for that purpose, as the taxes at that early time were insufficient for any improvements of this kind. Mr. Douty and his family were Presbyterians.

JOHN H. BECK, of Rockefeller township, has long been considered one of the most progressive

farmers of his section of Northumberland county. He was born Aug. 30, 1850, in Frailey township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and belongs to a family which has been settled in Pennsylvania since Provincial times, being a descendant of John Martin Beck, who was born in Europe in the year 1724, and died Sept. 29, 1785. His wife, Catharine, was born May 1, 1726, and died Oct. 19, 1804. Among their children were sons Daniel, John and Jacob. A Catharine Beck, born June 27, 1766, who died July 2, 1846, was probably a daughter of John Martin and Catharine Beck, who were the grandparents of Gottlieb Hoeckly.

John H. Beck, the grandfather of John H. Beck, was a grandson of John Martin Beck, the immigrant ancestor. He was born Feb. 11, 1786, in Northampton county, Pa., and settled in Lykens valley, in Dauphin county, where he followed farming throughout his active years. He died June 20, 1855, aged sixty-nine years, four months, nine days, and is buried at Uniontown, Dauphin Co., Pa. He gave considerable land to the cemetery. He married Susan Greenswicht, of Northampton county, and to them were born the following children: Daniel; John and David, twins; Jonathan; George; John Jacob; Polly, Mrs. Benneville Ossman; Harriet, Mrs. Wolf (she and her husband moved to Ohio); Susanna, Mrs. Heater; and Christianna, Mrs. Charles Drumm.

John Jacob Beck, son of John H., was born June 24, 1820, and died May 15, 1883. He is buried at the Wolf's Cross Road Church. For a number of years he was a coal miner, living in Audenried, Pa., for several years, and for three years at Hazleton. After his marriage he moved to Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, Northumberland county, where he bought from David Shipe the farm of eighty acres upon which he made his home to the close of his life. He carried on general farming, in which he prospered so well that he was able to buy more land, adding materially to his original acreage. He was a Republican in politics and a Lutheran in religion.

In the spring of 1848 he married Elizabeth Shadel, who was born in Schuylkill county, Aug. 24, 1822, daughter of David Shadel, a native of Northumberland county, who married Polly Hotfey, of Lykens valley, Dauphin county. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Shadel: Elizabeth, Henry, Caroline, Sarah, Catharine, and Eliza. Mr. Shadel passed most of his life in the Lykens valley, and was a far manufacturer by occupation. Mr. and Mrs. Beck had three children: John H.; David, who died at ten years of age; and Eliza, who married W. B. Fisher, Esq., a merchant and postmaster at Souderton, this county.

John H. Beck was reared and educated in Rockefeller township, where he has passed all his life. He was reared to farm work, and eventually bought the old home tract, to which he has added

until he now has a tract of 260 acres, where he carries on general farming. He has raised considerable stock, and for many years was engaged in the dairy business, running a milk team daily to Sunbury. He kept as many as thirty-two cows, which were cared for in the most approved hygienic fashion, his barn being a model modern establishment, supplied with running water and various other facilities for keeping it cleanly and attractive. He has also made a number of improvements in his residence, which is supplied with running water and is a comfortable home, kept up with the same care which characterizes all Mr. Beck's possessions. He has shown excellent business ability in every branch of his work, which has thriven under his management until he is justly regarded as one of the leading agriculturists of his section. He has interested himself in the local welfare, taking part in such movements as affect the entire community, and has been particularly active in local educational matters, having served six years as school director, as supervisor, to which office he was appointed by the court, and from 1903 to 1906 as county commissioner; he was secretary of the board three years. Politically he is a Republican.

Mr. Beck's hobby has been music, and he is a fine performer on the B-flat cornet, which he has played as member of the Seven Points band; he has also played the tenor horn with that organization. Socially he is a member and past master of Lodge No. 414, F. & A. M., of Elysburg, and a member of Camp No. 139, P. O. S. of A., of Seven Points. He and his wife belong to the Lutheran Church.

On Jan. 2, 1868, Mr. Beck married Abbie R. Zostman, of Lower Augusta township, daughter of Daniel and Esther (Raker) Zostman, both of that township, whose children were: Sarah Ann, one that died in infancy, Alexander, Harriet, William, Mary Jane, Rebecca, Catharine, Abbie R., one that died in infancy, Daniel and Esther. For his second wife Mr. Zostman married Susanna Conrad, of Lower Augusta. He was a tanner by trade, and died in 1890. Mr. and Mrs. Beck have had a large family, namely: William Edward, who died April 21, 1872; David Albert, born May 6, 1871, a dairyman in the Irish valley, in Shamokin township, who married Alberta Dunkelberger; Mary Alice, born Aug. 26, 1872, wife of Harvey E. Miller, a butcher, of Sunbury; Daniel J., born Dec. 13, 1873, a farmer of Rockefeller township, who married Emma J. Maurer and has children, Laura V. and Lloyd E.; George W., born June 18, 1875; Harry Luther, born July 18, 1877, who married Susanna Dunkelberger and lives in Shamokin township; John Norman, born June 26, 1881; Susan Elizabeth, born Oct. 12, 1883, who married Theodore P. Bennett, of Columbia county; Franklin W., born Jan. 20, 1886;

Abbie M., born Sept. 30, 1888; Kate F., born May 30, 1890; Esther N., born Sept. 13, 1892; and Orville E., born July 23, 1895.

Among the family traditions preserved by the Becks are stories of the trouble these pioneers had with the Indians during the early days in Northampton county. It is said that they suffered from several attacks of the savages, from whom they were in such danger that they had a place of refuge constructed under the floor of their house, where they would secrete themselves when the outlook was threatening.

NELSON MILLER, late of Rockefeller township, was one of the leading farmers of his section for a number of years. He was born there June 14, 1860, on the homestead of his father, Solomon Miller, who at the time of his death was the oldest citizen of Rockefeller township, and grandson of David Miller.

The Miller family has long been established in Pennsylvania. George Miller, commonly called "Hunter George," emigrated from Germany some time during the eighteenth century. He settled near Hamburg, in Berks county, Pa., and had several children, of whom nothing is known at present except such history as has been preserved concerning the son John. John Miller, born in 1759, settled in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, prior to 1785. He owned about thirteen hundred acres of land situated upon the Centre pike, and built his log house upon the south side of the road opposite where George W. Miller, his great-grandson, now resides. In 1785 he married Catharine Reber, who was born Sept. 26, 1769, and to them were born two sons and two daughters: George; David; Elizabeth, who was twice married, first to a Mr. Rockefeller and second to a Mr. Wilbour; and Sarah, Mrs. Miller. Before his death, which occurred in 1804, when he was forty-five years old, George Miller divided his property between his sons, David obtaining the land on the south side of the valley and George that on the north side. His wife, who survived him many years, died Aug. 19, 1845, at the age of seventy-six years. John and Elizabeth Miller are interred in the old Baptist burial ground near Deiblers station, in Shamokin township.

Solomon Miller, father of Nelson Miller, was born in August, 1826, in Shamokin township, this county, and thence moved to Rockefeller township, where he lived for sixty years. For many years he was one of the most prominent residents of his section. A prosperous farmer, he acquired the ownership of several of the finest farms in the township, and had a long active career, retaining his physical vigor until well advanced in years. He continued to work until five years before his death, when he sustained an injury which made it necessary for him to relinquish some of his activ-



ities. He died July 11, 1909, when almost eighty-three, and was the oldest citizen of the township at that time. His death was caused by paralysis. Mr. Miller's home was seven miles from Sunbury, where his remains were taken for interment, in Pomfret Manor cemetery. The community felt that in his death it had lost one of its most valuable citizens. He had not only managed his own affairs well but had been intimately associated with the best interests of his section, encouraging and supporting everything that would advance the prosperity of the township, and those in financial distress found a true friend in him. Mr. Miller had been married three times, his first wife being Adaline Kline, who died three or four years after their marriage. To this union was born one daughter, Theresa, now the widow of Prof. Ira Shipman and living in Sunbury. By his second wife, Catharine (Long), daughter of Daniel Long, there were two sons, Nelson and Jefferson, the latter now in Texas, where he holds a responsible position in the oil fields.

Nelson Miller received his education in the public schools and was reared to farming, which he followed all his life. From the time he was twelve years old he had charge of his father's teams. In 1910 the homestead farm of his father came into his possession—one of the finest farm properties in Rockefeller township and under an excellent state of cultivation. The farm on which he died, and where his widow and family live, contains considerably over one hundred acres, and in addition Mr. Miller owned two adjoining farms. He died Nov. 14, 1910, suddenly, succumbing to a stroke of paralysis from which he suffered the day before. Fifty years of age, and possessing abundant vitality and splendid physique, he was taken away when the best part of his life was apparently before him. He is buried at the Stone Church at Augustaville. The family are Lutherans. At the time of his death Mr. Miller was serving as supervisor of his township, and he had been a member of its school board. He was a man who possessed the confidence of his fellow citizens, and proved himself worthy of it in the discharge of the duties of his public trusts.

On May 13, 1883, Mr. Miller married Tillie C. Klase, daughter of Francis and Rebecca (Shaffer) Klase, who lived at Stonington, Pa., and seven children were born to them: Dora E.; Carl W., now farming one of the tracts belonging to his father's estate, who married Stella Bartholomew and has one child, Arline; Arthur E.; Frank S.; Ralph W.; Mary T., who died in childhood; and Grace R.

PETER W. SCHLEIG, justice of the peace and retired merchant, of Gowen City, in Cameron township, is one of the best known citizens of his section of Northumberland county, where he has

been identified with business and public affairs for a long period. He was born in Cameron township April 28, 1845, son of Daniel and Catharine (Weary) Schleig, and comes of a family of German origin.

Adam Schleig, his great-grandfather, came to this country from Germany, and served his adopted land in the Revolutionary war. He afterward settled upon the land now owned by Brinton Hartline, in Cameron township, Northumberland Co., Pa., and died at the age of seventy years. His son Adam, who was born about 1774, inherited that property and passed his entire life there. He taught German in the local schools. He died in Cameron township about 1819, at the age of forty-five years. To him and his wife, Catharine (Derck), were born six children: Daniel; Michael; Martin; Elizabeth; Sarah, Mrs. John Derr; and Catharine, Mrs. Philip Kerstetter. Elizabeth, who lived in Cameron township, was the last survivor of the family.

Daniel Schleig, eldest son of Adam, was born Aug. 8, 1812, at the old homestead, and died in 1872, at the age of sixty years. He learned the trade of blacksmith, which he followed in connection with farming, and was quite a prominent man in his day in the locality, holding minor township offices and being an active worker in the Reformed Church, which he served as elder and deacon. In politics he was a Democrat. He married Catharine Weary, who survived him, continuing to make her home in Cameron township until her death, in 1897, at the age of seventy-one years. They were the parents of six children: Peter W., Joseph, Michael, Hannah (wife of Daniel Knarr), Salome (wife of Henry Sortman), and Martin, all now deceased except Peter W. and Hannah.

Peter W. Schleig was reared upon the old homestead place, which his father inherited and occupied. He received his education in the public schools of Cameron township, and when a boy of thirteen commenced work in the mines, where he was employed for sixteen years, filling various positions. In 1874 he established himself in the mercantile business at Gowen City, which he continued for over thirty-five years, retiring June 22, 1910, since when the store has been carried on by his son Andrew H. Schleig. Mr. Schleig, however, has by no means retired from active participation in business or matters of general interest. In 1909, in partnership with his son Andrew and Elias Gonser, he established a telephone company for local service, which has proved a boon to the community, both as a progressive measure and for the convenience it has afforded many residents of the locality. It is known as the Gowen City branch of the Bell phone, and has been a highly successful enterprise.

There are few men in this section who can claim



more prominently identified with the administration of local public affairs. Mr. Schleg has always been an enthusiastic supporter of the cause of free education, and as such was repeatedly elected to membership on the school board, his willing services meeting with the highest approval of his fellow citizens. He has also served his township as treasurer, auditor, assessor (five years) and justice of the peace, to which office he was first elected in 1876, and in which he has served continuously since. He has been a lifelong Democrat, and one of the leading members of the party in his township. In every relation of life he has won the respect of all associated with him. Socially he holds membership in Gowen City Lodge, I. O. O. F., and Rebekah Lodge No. 75 of Gowen City, Shamokin Lodge, F. & A. M., and Gowen City Camp, P. O. S. of A. In religion he is a member of the Reformed Church, and has served six years as deacon.

Mr. Schleg's first wife, Annetta (Haupt), daughter of Benjamin Haupt, died at the age of forty-six years. By this union there was one son, Andrew H., who was born March 28, 1864, received a public school education, and at an early age entered the employ of his father, with whom he has ever since been associated in business. In 1885 he was appointed postmaster at Gowen City and he has held the office ever since. He has served the township as auditor and tax collector, and served as county auditor two terms. He is a Democrat in politics, and has been an active citizen in many ways, leading a busy and useful life. He is a member of Gowen City Lodge, I. O. O. F., and of the encampment, and a member of Shamokin Lodge, F. & A. M. He married Mary Henninger, daughter of Nathan Henninger, of Cameron township, and they have had two children, Charles and Goldie. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew H. Schleg are members of the Lutheran Church.

For his second wife Peter W. Schleg married Mrs. Lillie A. (Yoder) May, daughter of Enos D. Yoder and widow of Harry May, by whom she had two children, Joseph G. and Enos D. Her father was born in the Mahanoy Valley and moved thence to Shamokin, where he engaged in the jewelry business; he married Susanna Drumbeller. Mr. and Mrs. Peter W. Schleg have had these children: Rolland L., Goldie L. and Annie S., all living. Socially Mrs. Schleg holds membership in Rebekah Lodge No. 75 of Gowen City, the ladies auxiliary of the I. O. O. F., and she is a member of the Reformed Church.

LAFAYETTE SECHLER, now a resident of the borough of Riverside, was until recently a farmer in Gearhart township, in which section his family has resided for several generations. Mr. Sechler was born in 1860, at Brady's Bend, Armstrong Co., Pa., son of Alem Marr Sechler,

and he is a grandson of Jacob Sechler and great-grandson of John Sechler.

John Sechler was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. In 1775 he purchased from the Penns some five hundred acres of land in what is now Danville, and built a house not far from where the State hospital now stands, in which house, in 1790, his son Jacob was born, the first male child born within the present limits of Danville. The old Mahoning burying ground was taken from his land.

History informs us that there were four brothers of the Sechler family who settled in or around Danville. One of these was Rudolf Sechler, born in 1772, who married Susanna Douty. He was a blacksmith by trade, but later became register and recorder of Columbia county, Pa., and in 1821 he was appointed justice of the peace, which office he held until 1845, resigning on account of his age. He died in 1857, at the age of eighty-five. He was the father of six children, of only one of whom, at this writing, we have any definite knowledge, this being H. B. D. Sechler, who was born Jan. 26, 1808. In his early life he became a painter, following that business all his active life. In 1830 he married Jane Jamison, of Mifflin county, Pa., who died in 1831; in 1835 he married (second) Sarah Gearhart, daughter of John Gearhart, and a member of the Gearhart family so prominent in this section, and they were the parents of Harriet (Mrs. John Watters) and Emma (Mrs. John Yorgy).

Jacob Sechler, son of John, born in 1790, was a soldier in the war of 1812. He married Barbara Reese, and they were the parents of a large family, of whom we have the following record: (1) Abram, born in Danville April 13, 1814, was twice married, the first time, in 1835, to Lavina, daughter of Asa Pancoast. She died in 1864, the mother of five children, of whom are mentioned Mary Alice (Mrs. Henry Schick), Sarah Jane (Mrs. John Kerwin) and W. W. (of Philadelphia, Pa.). In 1869 Abram Sechler married (second) Harriet Wertman, daughter of John Wertman, and to this union was born one child, Martha (Mrs. Charles Robinson). (2) Samuel, born in Danville, married Martha Morgan, and they were the parents of Jacob, Hannah (Mrs. Ends), Dallas, Isaac, John and Mrs. Newberry (of Sunbury, Pa.). (3) Jacob married Susan Harris and they were the parents of the following children: Harris, Charles, Anna, Ida and Jay, all of whom live in the West, their father having moved to that section many years ago, settling in Wisconsin, where he founded the town still known as Sechlerville. (4) Mary, Mrs. Coxey, had children, Jacob Sechler, Martha and Elizabeth, all of whom live in Ohio. (5) Alem Marr is mentioned below. (6) Frank R., born March 22, 1826, in Mahoning township, Montour county,

married in 1850 Abigail Best, and they have children, Barbara (Mrs. Kinney) and Clarke (of Philadelphia, Pa.). (?) James moved out to St. Louis, Mo. (8) Lafayette, born in Danville, married Rosanna McBride, and they had four children, Margaret (Mrs. Jeremiah Faust), Anna (wife of Rev. J. H. Mortimer), William A. (who married Mary Williams and has one son, Jay) and Ida M.

Alem Marr Sechler was born in 1824 in Danville, Montour Co., Pa., and died in 1903. He was by trade a straightener of iron rails, for railroads, and straightened the first rail made in the iron mills at Danville. In 1854 he purchased a farm in Gearhart township, Northumberland county, lying along what is known as Kipp's run, it being a part of the tract settled by the Doutys and later owned by the Kipps. Mr. Sechler married Emily Love, daughter of Stephen Fairchild and Mahala (Nelson) Love, and they had three children, Lafayette, Kate and Gardner Little (who died in infancy); the daughter married Charles W. Blakeslee, a teacher in the High school at Long Branch, N. J., and they became the parents of three children, Marmon and two sons who are deceased.

Lafayette Sechler was reared on the farm, meantime receiving his education in the common schools of his home township and at Williamsport, Pa. After attaining his majority he continued farming, on his own account, and upon the death of his father he purchased the old homestead in Gearhart township, which he carried on until 1909. At that time he moved to his present home in the borough of Riverside, and he has since rented his farm, which comprises 156 acres of excellent river bottom land. Mr. Sechler has been enterprising in his business, and has made a success of his undertakings, but he has also found time to take part in various matters of interest to the community generally, and he has filled different township offices, having several times held that of school director. He is a Mason, holding membership in Lodge No. 516, F. & A. M., of Danville, of which he is a past master.

On Oct. 9, 1884, Mr. Sechler married Clarissa Smith, daughter of Dr. Samuel S. and Sarah (Reed) Smith, and they have two children: Blanche is the wife of P. M. Irey, and lives in Lewisburg, Pa., where Mr. Irey owns and conducts what was formerly the Marsh shoe store; Paul is in his senior year at the Danville high school. The family are members of the Baptist Church, though Mr. Sechler is a Methodist in religious connection.

**JOSEPH F. CUMMINGS**, of Sunbury, former chief burgess, an influential and honored citizen of that borough, whose career has made him one of its most respected residents, has had long and intimate connection with public affairs in Penn-

sylvania in his capacity of court reporter, a profession he has followed for a period of thirty-five years. His work has not only taken him into the courts of a number of counties in this State, but also into the State Legislative bodies. He was the first official stenographer appointed in the counties of Union, Snyder, Mifflin, Juniata and Perry after the act authorizing their appointment in 1874 was passed.

Mr. Cummings was born March 13, 1853, at McEwensville, Northumberland county, son of Alexander Cummings and grandson of James Cummings, who was a son of John Cummings, the first ancestor of this family in America.

John Cummings landed at Newcastle, whence he proceeded to Philadelphia and from there to Sunbury, Northumberland county. He located in Sunbury at an early day, having been a member of the town council in 1797. He is known to have been possessed of some means upon his arrival in the borough. Of Scotch-Irish extraction, he was a Presbyterian in religious faith, and he left the reputation of having been a man of exceedingly kindly disposition. He is buried at Middle Creek, Snyder Co., Pa. His children were: John, James; Nancy, who married a Mr. Spence; Elizabeth, who married John Cummings, and died at the age of eighty years; and Nancy (the second of that name in the family), who married James Russell and lived at Danville, Pa. John Cummings, husband of Elizabeth, was the first sheriff of Lycoming county, Pa., served as associate judge and was known as "Judge" Cummings, and in 1816 was master of the Masonic lodge at Williamsport, where they resided. He was the owner of a farm on which part of Newberry is located.

James Cummings, son of John, was born July 11, 1794, and died June 26, 1836. For some time he was a merchant at Washingtonville, Montour Co., Pa., where he was residing at the time of his death, winning an excellent reputation as a business man. He was public-spirited and took an active interest in the affairs of his time, held the rank of major in the State militia, and was a member of Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., at Sunbury, to which his father also belonged. On Nov. 6, 1817, he married Fannie Billmeyer, who was born in 1788, near Washingtonville, now in Montour county, daughter of Andrew and Fannie Billmeyer, and died April 16, 1835. Mr. and Mrs. James Cummings are buried in the Billmeyer private graveyard, six miles east of Milton, along the Chillisquaque creek. Their children were born as follows: Andrew, Sept. 11, 1818; Alexander, April 3, 1819; Christiana, June 18, 1822; Fannie, March 16, 1826; Nancy, Sept. 11, 1829.

Alexander Cummings was born at Washingtonville, Montour Co., Pa. He became engaged in the hotel business at Mifflinburg, Union Co., Pa.,



where he was burned out in 1857, his place of business being completely destroyed, and he himself so badly injured in the disaster that he died six months later, in the same year. His wife, Mary E. (Morgan), whom he married Feb. 26, 1846, still survives at the age of eighty-six, making her home with her daughter at Mexico, Montour county. She is a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Cummings were born six children: James H. (who was killed at the Billmeyer sawmill, at the age of nine years, while seated on a sawlog), Robert M., John J., Joseph F., Annie F. and Robert A.

Mrs. Mary E. (Morgan) Cummings was born Nov. 4, 1824, one mile east of the Chillisquaque Church, daughter of Robert and Anne (Auten) Morgan. The latter was the daughter of John Auten, who was a large land owner and miller, conducting as well a sawmill on the Chillisquaque creek, having been among the first settlers along the said creek to utilize its waters for business purposes. His farms are now owned by Hon. Alexander Billmeyer. The children of Robert and Anne Morgan were: John J., Mary E. (Mrs. Cummings), Joseph A. (died young), Jane, Joseph T., Sarah A. and Robert G.

Mrs. Anne (Auten) Morgan, maternal grandmother of the subject of this sketch, was a descendant of Adrian Hendrickson Auten and his wife Elizabeth (Thomas), who came from Holland and settled in Flatbush, Long Island, in 1651, his descendants having moved to Northampton Co., Pa., near Delaware Water Gap, in 1764, and soon thereafter one of the members of the family located in Northumberland county.

Joseph F. Cummings began his education in the common schools, and in his youth learned telegraphy in the Milton office of the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad Company. He was only fourteen years of age when he took charge of a telegraph office near Lock Haven, and after a few years' service was transferred to the day office at Lock Haven, where he was operator for the Philadelphia & Erie and Bald Eagle Valley roads and the Western Union Telegraph Company. It was at this time that he took up the study of shorthand, without a teacher, and with no help from any one who understood its practice. This was in 1872, and in spite of obvious disadvantages he had progressed so far in 1873 that he was requested to proceed to Erie to take the position of private stenographer to William A. Baldwin, then general superintendent of the Philadelphia & Erie railroad. He was the first incumbent to hold a position of this kind in the service of the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad Company, and he was with Mr. Baldwin when the offices were removed to Williamsport. After he had remained a year with Mr. Baldwin the Act of Assembly authorizing the appointment of official stenographers was passed, and in the fall of

1874 he received such appointment to serve in the courts of Union, Snyder, Mifflin, Juniata and Perry counties. At the beginning of such service he entered the Millersville State normal school, near Lancaster, Pa., and pursued the studies of the course between courts, and at the expiration of three years entered the office of Hon. S. P. Wolverton and remained with him between courts until 1881.

For seventeen years Mr. Cummings reported for the courts of Union, Snyder and Mifflin counties, and continues his work in the courts of Juniata and Perry counties, in addition to the courts of Northumberland county. In his long experience as court reporter he has been engaged specially in the counties of Cambria, Blair, Bedford, Huntingdon, Dauphin, Lebanon, Berks, Adams, Montgomery, Delaware, Philadelphia, Lycoming, Clinton and Elk. He was for seven years official reporter for the State Board of Agriculture before said body was organized as a department, and he was similarly employed a number of times as reporter for the State Horticultural Society, of which he is a life member. For the past ten years he has also reported in the State Senate of Pennsylvania, his work including the proceedings of the committee appointed by the Senate and House to investigate the insane asylums of the State, which report was published in book form. In 1880 he was stenographer on the State committee of which Hon. A. H. Dill was chairman. In 1888 he accompanied the Pennsylvania Millers' State Association on their trip across the continent to San Francisco and as far north as Tacoma, Wash., stopping at various places along the route and traveling a week in Yellowstone park. In 1890 he planted a peach orchard of five thousand trees four miles south of Sunbury, and with his other duties managed the growth and product of the orchard for twenty years. When the trees became exhausted he sold the place.

Mr. Cummings's wide experience of and thorough insight regarding public affairs has made him a particularly valuable citizen of his home place. He served some years as a member of the council of the borough of Sunbury, and was subsequently elected chief burgess, in 1891. During his incumbency of that office the first square of vitrified brick paving was laid. He showed his progressive spirit and intelligent understanding of the needs of the community in many ways, chief among which was the bringing to Sunbury of a representative of the Lewis Mercer Sewer Construction Company, of New York City, for the purpose of establishing a general sewer system throughout the borough. An agreement was made satisfactory to the borough council and an ordinance formulated to accomplish the object. The authority was afterward vested in a local party, but never completed. He was active in encouraging all move-



ments for the benefit of the greatest number, and giving his aid to worthy projects whenever possible. He and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church, in the work of which he has taken an active part, being at present a ruling elder and superintendent of the Sabbath school, which latter position he has held for a number of years. He has served as a director of the Sunbury Mutual Fire Insurance Company from its organization in 1896.

Socially Mr. Cummings is a Mason, being a member and past master of Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., member and past high priest of Northumberland Chapter, No. 114, R. A. M., both of Sunbury, and a member of Bloomsburg Consistory, thirty-second degree. He is at present senior grand master of ceremonies of the Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons of Pennsylvania. He is also a member of the Veteran Association of the Eastern Division of the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad Company.

On Dec. 29, 1887, Mr. Cummings married Emily M. Umberger, daughter of Dr. John R. and Mary E. (Moody) Umberger, of Dauphin, Dauphin Co., Pa., and they have a family of four children: John U., Mary E., Juliet R. and Joseph F. The last named, who was born May 18, 1898, is generally conceded to be the largest child of his age in Pennsylvania. When eleven years of age, in the summer of 1909, he was four feet, eleven inches in height and weighed 226 pounds. Except for his size he is a normal, healthy boy. Mr. and Mrs. Cummings have an ideal home, a large, convenient and well appointed residence with all the comforts which go to constitute a desirable dwelling place.

**JOHN F. DRUMHEISER**, of Shamokin, former chief burgess of that borough and for over ten years a member of the borough council, is a citizen who has done his share in administering the affairs of the community in such a manner as to reflect credit on both himself and the community. During his long service in the council—for which body he was president one year—and his three years as chief burgess he was in a position to promote much valuable legislation affecting the local welfare, especially as regards improvements in the borough's public utilities. That he used his powers in the most public-spirited manner is attested by his long retention in office. He has made a permanent place for himself among the citizens of Shamokin who have done something for the borough.

Mr. Drumheiser was born Aug. 23, 1857, at St. Clair, Schuylkill Co., Pa., son of Conrad Drumheiser, a native of Germany, born near Berlin in April, 1831, who came to America when eighteen years old. He landed at New York City, but proceeded at once to St. Clair, Schuylkill county, where he followed mining. He first came to Shamokin in 1859, but his wife died there and he

went back to Schuylkill county, returning to Northumberland county in 1860 and remaining until his death, which occurred June 10, 1873. At the time of his death he was in the employ of Douty & Baumgardner, at the old Henry Clay colliery, which was operated by Alexander Fulton, of Shamokin, and the gas explosion there in which he and ten other men lost their lives was the first accident of such serious importance in the district. Mr. Drumheiser was well known in the town in various connections. He organized the first band at Shamokin and taught the same, and he was also known as a composer of music, devoting all the time possible to such work, in which he took the keenest enjoyment. He was a charter member of the German Reformed Church of Shamokin and one of its liberal supporters.

Conrad Drumheiser was twice married, his first union being with Elizabeth Neagart, of Schuylkill county, by whom he had two children, John F. and Charles, the latter also a resident of Shamokin. By his second wife, Henrietta Machet, he had four children: Elizabeth (married William Lewis), Conrad, Philip W. and Barbara (Mrs. Adams).

John F. Drumheiser came to Shamokin with his father and here received all his education in the public schools. When a boy he began work at the mines, which he has continued ever since, having been employed in that line for the long period of thirty-nine years. He is now at the Burnside colliery, in the employ of the Coal & Iron Company. Mr. Drumheiser is a worker whose intelligence and reliability can be depended upon, and he has the highest reputation for efficiency.

In 1879 Mr. Drumheiser married Caroline Yoder, and to this union have been born the following children: Oliver Charles, Raymond, Ida May, Cora, Gertrude, Malcolm, Helen Irene and Chris Allen.

Mr. Drumheiser's public service began with his election as member of the council from the Second ward, in 1897. He served ten and a half years in that position, during which time he presided over the council for a year. In 1906 he was elected chief burgess, and served as such until 1909. He is a Republican in political faith. He is a member of Camp No. 119, P. O. S. of A., of Shamokin, of the West End Fire Company, and of the German Reformed Church.

**ZARTMAN.** The Zartmans of Jackson township, Northumberland county, have been identified with the best element of that region for several generations past, and the name has been settled in this county for many, many generations and many years. The family is the only one in this county, save in Lancaster county.

Abraham Zartman, the grandfather of Abraham Zartman, came from Germany to America in the summer of

1728. They were classified with the German Palatinates, but it is more likely that they came from the province of Wurtemberg, possibly from Erlenbach. Their first stopping-place was Philadelphia, whence they followed the pike leading to Harrisburg, and at length found their way into the region of the Tulpehocken, southwest of Reading, in Berks county, not far from the Muddy Creek Lutheran and Reformed Church, where they worshipped in the years 1728 and 1729. Before 1730, however, they located in Warwick township, Lancaster Co., Pa., and in 1738 purchased a tract of land near Brickerville, that county, the deed for which (calling for 191 acres) was given by the Penns to Alexander Zartman in about 1750. He made his last will and testament (recorded at Lancaster, Pa.) Oct. 6, 1762, and it was probated in December, that year. His age is not given. He lived in America thirty-four years. His wife survived him some years. They had two sons, Jacob and Alexander, and as there is no record of other offspring it is probable these were their only children. The line in which we are interested is descended from Jacob, and is given in detail presently.

Alexander Zartman, son of the emigrant, was born July 29, 1731, near Brickerville, Lancaster Co., Pa., and spent all his life in his native county, most likely on the farm he received from his father. This property was near Brickerville, and Alexander Zartman (2) was a member of the Lutheran Church there, at which church he is buried. He lived to the age of seventy-two years. His homestead remained in the family until about 1907, descending through his son Emanuel to Alexander (3), Jacob, George, David and William, son of David. To Alexander Zartman (2) and his wife Magdalena were born children as follows: John Michael, Alexander, Susanna, Maria Elizabeth, Catharine, Emanuel and Margaret. The three sons became the heads of large families, and their posterity is scattered over many States of the Union.

Jacob Zartman, ancestor of the Zartmans of Northumberland county, may have been born in Germany. He received his inheritance from his parents in 1754, when they deeded to him seventy-one acres of the old homestead. This land Jacob Zartman sold to George Graffe in 1759 for £280 (\$1,355.20). In about 1768 he came to Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, where he purchased a 122-acre tract at the foot of Line Mountain. In 1775 John Adam Shaffer deeded a farm of 100 acres to Jacob Zartman, of Mahanoy township, the consideration being £11, and there, between what are now known as Kneass and Otto stations, established the old Zartman homestead, which after his death was owned by his sons Martin and Peter, later by their brother Henry, and then, successively, by Henry's son Martin, Mar-

tin's son Daniel and Daniel's son Samuel S., who sold it only recently to Edward Hilbush. There is a very good spring near the old house, and there stood a beautiful pear tree, from which four generations gathered fruit. In February, 1793, Jacob Zartman made his last will and testament, and died either that month or the month following. He is interred in a private burial-ground in the meadow west of the house; he has no tombstone. He married Anna Margareth Roemin (Ream), and their children were: Henry; Martin; Anna Margareth, born Oct. 28, 1755; Susanna; Eve, born Oct. 1, 1758 (probably died young; her birth and baptism are recorded at Brickerville Church); Peter, born March 3, 1760; Jacob; Anna Maria.

Henry Zartman, son of Jacob, married Elizabeth Hauser, and they had ten children, namely: Christena; John Martin, born Dec. 31, 1774; John Henry, born Sept. 5, 1776; John Peter, born Nov. 30, 1778; John Jacob, born Dec. 10, 1780 (died Feb. 7, 1849); Elizabeth; Sophia, born May 12, 1785; Alexander, born Oct. 29, 1786; Samuel, born Dec. 13, 1788; and Michael.

John Martin Zartman, son of Henry, was born Dec. 31, 1774, and in accordance with the terms of his father's will purchased the old homestead in Mahanoy township. It then consisted of 206 acres. He was born on that place and passed his entire life there, dying April 27, 1833; he is buried on the farm. By trade he was a blacksmith. His wife, Elizabeth (Kniss), born Nov. 19, 1779, died Jan. 14, 1854, and they had three children: Samuel, born Feb. 23, 1803; Daniel, born May 18, 1808, who died March 5, 1883 (his wife Catharine, born April 23, 1814, died May 5, 1898); and Mary.

Samuel Zartman, son of John Martin, moved in 1828 to Jamestown, Greene Co., Ohio, and died July 31, 1856. Like his father he was a blacksmith by trade. On Feb. 12, 1824, he married Margaret Crumrine, who died Feb. 2, 1875. They had the following children, the first two born in Pennsylvania: Elizabeth Ann Maria, Harriet, James W., Eliza, Adelia, Miranda, Samuel H., William Isaac, Charles H., Daniel E. and Essan-nia H.

Martin Zartman, son of Jacob and Anna Margareth Zartman, was born in Lancaster county, and in about 1769 moved to Northumberland county, where he passed the remainder of his life. Under his father's will he and his brother Peter became joint owners of the homestead at the foot of Line Mountain. He made his last will and testament Oct. 2, 1816, and it was probated Oct. 2, 1817. He married Susanna Futler (Fidler), sister of his brother Jacob's wife, and their children were born as follows: Elizabeth, April 27, 1780; Martin, Nov. 11, 1781; Benjamin, March 13, 1783; William, May 28, 1785; Eve Magdalene, Oct. 8, 1795; Margaret, 1797; David, Dec. 30, 1799.



Martin (Johann Martin) Zartman, son of Martin, born Nov. 11, 1781, lived in Northumberland county, and died May 8, 1849. He was a weaver by trade. He married Elizabeth Kobel, born Sept. 10, 1775, died June 3, 1856, and they had three children: Sophia, John, and Sarah Ann (who married William Schlappig and moved out West, where they died).

Benjamin Zartman, son of Martin, born March 13, 1783, was a farmer in Northumberland county, where he married Mary Stonebraker (Steinbruch). In 1811 he and his family moved out to Millville, Butler Co., Ohio, where they arrived Nov. 9th. He bought land there, reared a large family, and died Feb. 18, 1834; he is buried in the Ziegler graveyard, west of Hamilton, Ohio. His children (at least one: Daniel, born in Northumberland county) were: Daniel, Jonathan, David, Benjamin, William, Sarah, Margaret, Mary, Elizabeth and Lydia.

William Zartman, son of Martin, born in Northumberland county May 28, 1785, was a farmer in Jackson township, owning and occupying the farm there which is now the property of his grandson, Samuel M. Zartman. He died April 30, 1857, very suddenly, while engaged in burning brush; he was sitting on a fence when overtaken by the stroke which ended his life instantly. He is buried at St. Peter's church, at Mahanoy. His first wife, Sarah (Herb), who is buried at Hunter, was the mother of eleven children, namely: Adam, born Aug. 1, 1810; Daniel, born Sept. 29, 1811; Lydia, born Feb. 12, 1814; George H., born April 4, 1817; Abraham, born Dec. 5, 1821; Mary (Polly), born in 1824; Rebecca; Harriet; Sarah; Abigail; and Hannah, who married Charles Leader. One of the daughters married Daniel Reitz, one Simon Bohner, and another Adam Campbell. After the death of his first wife William Zartman married Mrs. Catharine Elizabeth (Wolf) Seiler, who was born Feb. 25, 1787, and died Feb. 22, 1867. They had a son Joseph, born May 11, 1833, who died Dec. 21, 1858.

Adam Zartman, son of William, was born Aug. 1, 1810, in Jackson township, and passed all his long life in Northumberland county, dying Dec. 28, 1889, as the result of an accident, at Herndon. He was caught and killed by a fast train on the Pennsylvania railroad, while crossing the track. He is buried at St. John's Lutheran church. He was a lifelong farmer, in 1844 purchasing the farm in Jackson township which now belongs to his son Elias F. Zartman, and he was a well known and highly respected resident of his district, serving many years as supervisor of his township. On Feb. 27, 1834, Mr. Zartman married Susanna Reitz, daughter of Jacob Reitz, of Little Mahanoy township, and she died Nov. 23, 1842, the mother of five children, who were born as follows: Henry, Dec. 30, 1834; Hannah, Dec. 25, 1835 (died Oct.

3, 1838); Lydia, Sept. 3, 1837; Abigail, Dec. 24, 1838 (died Jan. 18, 1894); Eliza, July 11, 1841. On July 8, 1843, Mr. Zartman married (second) Susanna Forney, daughter of Peter Forney, and by this union there were eight children: Sarah, born April 15, 1845; Harriet, Oct. 7, 1846; Polly, June 20, 1849; Phoebe, Nov. 24, 1850; Elias F., Sept. 14, 1852; Michael, April 13, 1854; Malinda, July 25, 1856; Lucy Ann, Oct. 22, 1858.

ELIAS F. ZARTMAN, son of Adam, was born Sept. 14, 1852, in Jackson township, on his father's homestead, and received his education in the home district, attending subscription schools and for the last two years of his school life the free schools. He was reared to farming, which he commenced on the homestead place on his own account in 1874, and with the exception of 1876 and 1877, when he lived at Berrysburg, Dauphin county, he has been there continuously since. He was also farming at Berrysburg. In September, 1890, the Adam Zartman farm came into his possession. It consists of 188 acres of good land, located in the upper end of Jackson township, and is a valuable piece of property. Mr. Zartman is a thrifty farmer and a representative member of an excellent old family. He is a Democrat in politics and has served three years as school director.

In January, 1873, Mr. Zartman married Hannah Metz, daughter of William and Kate (Forney) Metz, of Berrysburg, Pa., and they have two children: Henry A. married Nettie Steffy and has children, Stanley C., Warren C., Lennie, Hannah L. and Edith May. Charles F. married Martha Leuker and has two children, Paul Elias and Max Alvin. Both the sons live in Jackson township, Henry A. Zartman farming for himself and Charles F. assisting his father. Mr. Zartman and his family are Lutheran members of St. John's Church in Jackson township.

Abraham Zartman, son of William, was born Dec. 5, 1821, on the home place now owned by his son, and was a lifelong farmer, successful in his work and active in the public affairs of his section. For many years he held local offices, serving as school director and supervisor, and he was also interested in church work as a prominent member at St. Peter's, where he held the offices of deacon and elder. He died Dec. 31, 1898, and is buried at that church. Politically he was a Democrat. His wife, Sarah Michael, was born Nov. 25, 1826, and died May 19, 1880. They had a large family, namely: Wilhelmina married Isaac Rakert; Daniel M. (deceased) was a resident of Little Mahanoy township; Hannah married Benjamin Peifer; William M. lives near Souders; Samuel M. is a resident of Jackson township; Joseph M. lives in Rush township, near Montoursville; Alice married Galen Latsha; Elizabeth married Levi Drum-  
b. Pe. Mr. married George Peifer, brother of Benjamin Peifer.



DANIEL M. ZARTMAN, son of Abraham, was born Oct. 21, 1848, in Jackson township, and entered upon his busy career at an early age. In 1877 he succeeded Joseph Reitz in business at Dornsife, in Little Mahanoy township, a railroad station on the Herndon branch of the Reading railroad. It is a busy place, being the nearest railroad station for the farmers up the Swabian Creek Valley, and for twenty-nine years Mr. Zartman was at the head of its principal activities there. He was not only a general merchant, but also conducted the "Dornsife Hotel," and handled coal during the early years of his residence there, later adding the lumber business to his other interests. He purchased the old Sholly homestead, and in time several other tracts. A thorough business man in everything he undertook, he gained a large and profitable trade, employing three men and doing well in every line he entered. He was the first postmaster at Dornsife, his service beginning in 1879. He died Sept. 21, 1909, and is buried at St. Peter's, of which church he was a Lutheran member. In politics he was a Democrat, and he served some years as township treasurer.

On Jan. 18, 1868, Mr. Zartman married Lana Peifer, daughter of George and Kate (Zimmerman) Peifer. They had one son and one daughter: William P. is an extensive lumber merchant, having his office and home in Shamokin (he employs many men); Cassie married Fred Dornsife and they live at Dornsife.

SAMUEL M. ZARTMAN, son of Abraham, was born Feb. 3, 1855, in Jackson township, was educated in the township schools, and continued to work on the farm until 1885. That year he began working for the National Transit Company, a subsidiary of the Standard Oil Company, in which employ he still remains. Since 1892 he has made his home at Latsha's pumping station (his post office being Dornsife). In 1900, after his father's death, he obtained the homestead of 145 acres in Jackson township, which he has since rented out. In 1909 he built a large barn, 85 by 38 feet in dimensions, upon the property. The old log house still standing upon the place is one of the landmarks of this region. It is now roughest. Mr. Zartman is a substantial and respected citizen of his community, a member of the Lutheran congregation at St. Peter's Church, Mahanoy, to which his family also belong.

On June 25, 1882, Mr. Zartman married Olive Wolf, and they have had three children, one of whom is deceased, the survivors being: Aura Mabel, who is unmarried and living at home; and Lottie May, wife of Burlington Bohner, of Jackson township.

Joel Wolf, Mrs. Zartman's grandfather, was a farmer in Rockefeller township, owning land there. He is buried at Wolf's Cross Road church, which

was built upon his ground. His wife, whose maiden name was Hannebach, bore him the following children: Raymus, Lydia, Sallie, Henry (deceased), Maria (deceased), Harriet, Reuben, and Elizabeth (deceased).

Henry Wolf, son of Joel, was born in Rockefeller township, where he passed his life, following the trade of carpenter. He died in August, 1896, at the age of fifty-eight years. Mr. Wolf was a Lutheran in religion, as are the members of his family. He married Elizabeth Yordy, daughter of Joel Yordy, and to them were born seven children: Clara married Gabriel Klinger; Olive married Samuel M. Zartman; Annie married George Long; Frazier lives in Rockefeller township; Raymus is a resident of New York; two died in infancy.

David Zartman, grandfather of William E. Zartman, farmer of Jackson township, was born Dec. 30, 1799, son of Martin Zartman, grandson of Jacob Zartman and great-grandson of Alexander Zartman, the emigrant. He was a weaver by trade, and lived in Washington township, dying Oct. 30, 1879, aged seventy-nine years, ten months.

Isaac D. Zartman, son of David, was born Nov. 25, 1835, and is now living at Dalmatia. He married Sarah Campbell.

WILLIAM E. ZARTMAN was born Feb. 23, 1864, on the Zartman homestead in Washington township, son of Isaac D. and Sarah (Campbell) Zartman. He was reared to farm life and educated in the township schools, at the close of his school days hiring out among farmers in Washington and Jackson townships. In 1894 he began farming for himself, having purchased a tract of eighty-six acres in Jackson township, one and a quarter miles northeast of Herndon, where he has since made his home. The water facilities on this place are unusually good, and Mr. Zartman has cultivated the place successfully and profitably. He has by good management succeeded in accumulating property, owning several houses in Herndon. In the administration of local public affairs he has done his share as a good citizen, serving six years as school director of Jackson township. In political opinion he is a Democrat.

In 1884 Mr. Zartman married Alice Drumheller, daughter of Nicholas Drumheller. Three children have been born to them: Abbie married Cleveland Klock (who works for Mr. Zartman, his father-in-law) and they have two children, Hilda E. and Felix William; Carrie L. and Thomas Eugene are at home. Mr. Zartman and his family are Lutherans in religious connection.

ARTHUR R. TREXLER, of Sunbury, proprietor of the largest department store in Northumberland county, is naturally one of the best known business men of this region. He has been sole

owner of this large establishment since 1893, and previous to that time, as a member of the firm of Whitmer & Trexler, was part owner. The business is the oldest in the borough in the dry goods line, and has always been foremost among local commercial enterprises.

Mr. Trexler is a native of Snyder county, Pa., and comes of a family which has been settled in Pennsylvania from the early days, being one of the oldest and most numerous in Berks county, where the first of the line of whom we have record, Peter Trexler, made his home before 1720. We give a record of the early generations in chronological order.

(I) Peter Trexler came to Berks county before 1720, settling in Oley township. As early as Sept. 5, 1720, he was one of the petitioners for the erection of the township. It was but a short time afterward, however, that he left Berks county, moving to what is now Upper Macungie township, Lehigh county, which territory then, covered with brush and scrub oak, offered very little in the way of attraction to the early settler except the abundance of water with which it was blessed. He settled near Breinigsville, his land embracing what is now the John R. Gonser farm. On Nov. 18, 1729, he obtained from Casper Wister, the patentee, a deed for this land, which deed is one of the earliest, if not the earliest, in that region. A seven-years residence was required before naturalization, and Peter Trexler did not take out his papers until 1730. He and his family were the first white settlers in Macungie, and Dr. Helfrich, in his history of the various congregations in Lehigh and Berks counties, says: "Way down in the valley near what is now Breinigsville lived, before the general migration into this neighborhood, a Trexler family, with whom the Indians were very friendly. Mother Trexler often presented the Indians with gifts and gave them bread, and in return they brought her wild skins and showed friendship to the pale-faces."

Peter Trexler died in 1758, and his will, dated Dec. 17, 1744, divides his estate among his widow, Catharine, and three sons and three daughters: Jeremiah, John, Peter, Anna, Catharine and Margaret. The son Peter (2) was made executor of the will. Peter Trexler and his wife were both buried in the family cemetery on their farm, but the graves, originally marked by soft sandstones now wasted away, cannot be definitely located. Steps were recently taken by the Trexler Family Association, in reunion Aug. 28, 1907, to restore this ancient burial place of their ancestors, and to place a tablet to the memory of Peter Trexler and wife. Of the daughters of Peter Trexler nothing is known, but in the diary of Rev. John Casper Stoever, Nov. 9, 1732, is the record of the marriage of John George Schumacher and Catharine Trexler, of Macungie.

(II) Peter Trexler (2), son of Peter the emigrant, was born Feb. 11, 1724, and was bequeathed the homestead near Breinigsville, which had been deeded to him in 1748. He became a man of considerable importance, and was justice of the peace from 1752 to 1776, as such, under the Colonial system, sitting in the courts at Easton. The first election in Northampton county occurred Oct. 1, 1752, many of the voters being obliged to travel twenty-five miles to deposit their ballots. The opposing parties were the Irish and German settlers. Peter Trexler was elected one of the three county commissioners. He was a frugal man, of methodical habits, and in favor of education. When compelled to be away from home to attend court, he filled his saddlebags with provisions so he could board himself. When schools were established in Pennsylvania by the English nobility for the purpose of teaching the English language, Peter Trexler was made one of the trustees of the William Parsons school at Easton. He died Aug. 25, 1798, and was buried in the family cemetery on the home farm. He married Catharine Winck, born Aug. 7, 1728, died Aug. 14, 1815, aged eighty-seven years, daughter of Casper and Gertrude (Kemp) Winck. According to the Lehigh Church book, at her death she left sixty-two grandchildren and seventy-nine great-grandchildren. Seven children, three sons and four daughters, survived Peter Trexler. The sons were Peter, Jonathan and John. The daughters: Maria Christine, born Nov. 3, 1753, who married Aug. 13, 1776, Peter Haas, and died Sept. 13, 1829, the mother of ten children; Mrs. Philip Fogel; Mrs. Henry Grim; and one of whom there is no record.

(III) Peter Trexler (3), son of Peter of Macungie, and the third of the name, was born Aug. 15, 1748, and is known as Mertztown Peter; frequently in the records his name appears as John Peter or Hom Peter. He was a patriot of the Revolution, serving as captain of the 5th Company of Colonel Breinig's 2d battalion of militia, and on May 5, 1783, was made lieutenant colonel. He was elected county commissioner in 1782; representative in the General Assembly, 1785-86-87-88, thus serving four years, the time limit set by the constitution of 1776. He died March 13, 1828, aged seventy-nine years, six months, twenty-two days, and was buried in the family cemetery. His will [see Will Book 6, page 187] was made Feb. 15, 1825, and entered April 3, 1828. His sons Peter, Jacob, Reuben and Jonas being executors. He married Catharine Grim, daughter of Henry Grim, youngest son of Col. John Grim, the ancestor of the Grim family so prominent in that section. She was born July 30, 1757, and died July 7, 1828, aged seventy-one years, less twenty-nine days. Eleven children were born to Peter and Catharine Grim Trexler, namely: John, Maria married John Feltz, and died with her; Joseph, John, Reuben,



Anna (Shuman), Catharine (first married to a Keizer and second to a Hilbert), Caroline (Guise) and Lydia (Guise). (2) John Peter (Jan. 2, 1777-March 6, 1828) married Rachel Fogel (Sept. 11, 1784-Jan. 1, 1867) and had children, Caroline (Horlacher), Sarah (Seiberling), Maria (Fogel) and Jonas. (3) Jacob became the father of Reuben, David, Peter, Jacob, Mrs. James Breinig, Catharine (Breinig) and Mrs. Stephen Sawyer. (4) Reuben (1782-1846) was an ironmaster, residing in Mertztown, Longswamp township, Berks county, where he also carried on farming and was well and favorably known. He married Anna, daughter of Jacob Leshner, a charming, charitable woman of refined tastes, and they lived in the old Trexler mansion in Longswamp. They had children, Col. William (1816-1905), Horatio (who lived at Reading, where he was president of the National Union Bank), Dr. Leshner (of Fort Wayne, father of Mrs. Anna Wertz, of Allentown, and Mrs. Judith Reno, mother of Claude Trexler Reno, of Kutztown), Lucinda (wife of Gen. James Rittenhouse) and Caroline (wife of William Schall). Mrs. Anna (Leshner) Trexler died in 1848, aged fifty-four years. (5) Benjamin (1784-1855) married Maria Drescher, by whom he had nine sons and two daughters, and (second) Catharine Bolich, who bore him one daughter. (6) Catharine married a Mr. Haas and had children, Judith (Gregory), Nathan, Leana (Butz), Kate (Hoffman), Tallie (Hoffman), Jonathan T., Reuben T. and J. P. T. (7) Jonas is mentioned below. (8) Anna married Philip Drescher, and had two children, Nathan and Judith (Reiter). (9) Nathan lived in Longswamp township, where he died in February, 1865. His will is on record in Will Book 11, page 363. His wife Phebe bore him four children, Edwin H., Mary (Mrs. George Schall), Amelia (Mrs. Jonathan B. Grim) and Sarah (Esterly). (10) Daniel died leaving no children. (11) Judith married Rev. Isaac Roeller and was affectionately known as "Auntie Roeller." She died in 1885, leaving no children. On Aug. 17, 1809, Peter Trexler bought his son Benjamin a large family Bible, printed in 1798, costing seven dollars. This is now in the possession of Oliver Trexler (born Dec. 21, 1852), son of Nathan and grandson of Benjamin.

(IV) Jonas Trexler, son of Peter (3), was the grandfather of Arthur R. Trexler, of Sunbury. He was born at Mertztown, Berks county, where he lived and died. He married Sarah Hottenstein, daughter of Dr. Hottenstein, and they had eleven children born to them. We have mention of the following: Willoughby (married Amelia Filbert), Ahal (or Abyle) H., David H., Peter (married May Himmel), Sarah (married George Ludwig), Angeline (deceased, wife of Milton Ahlum), Eliza (married Harry Miller) and Jonas.

(V) Jonas Trexler (2), son of Jonas, born Nov.

18, 1829, at Mertztown, went to live at Kutztown, Berks county, when a boy, and later to Reading, that county. In 1854 he went to Union county, Pa., where he first followed farming, being a large landowner, and he subsequently engaged in the mercantile business at Shamokin Dam, Snyder county, where he prospered, becoming one of the substantial and well known citizens of that section. He retired from active pursuits ten years prior to his death, which occurred April 6, 1906, when he was aged seventy-seven years. He is buried in the family plot in the Pomfret Manor cemetery, Sunbury. Mr. Trexler married Mary Elizabeth Good, daughter of George Good. She was born near Milton, Pa., and survives Mr. Trexler, still residing at the old home in Snyder county. To Mr. and Mrs. Trexler was born one child, Arthur R.

(VI) Arthur R. Trexler received his early education in the schools of his native place and took a business course at the famous Eastman commercial school in Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Returning to Shamokin Dam, which is near Sunbury, he entered mercantile business on his own account, continuing thus for six years, meeting with success and gaining valuable experience. He has since been identified with the business of which he is now sole owner. This store was founded by Whitmer & Foster, which firm was succeeded by Whitmer & Trexler when Mr. Trexler acquired an interest. As previously stated, he has been sole proprietor since 1893. By progressive methods, by anticipating the needs of this growing community, by catering successfully to the various demands of a wide patronage, Mr. Trexler has proved his right to be considered a leader in his line of business in Northumberland county. The fact that his house is known as "The Old Reliable" is ample proof that he merits the confidence and support which have been his throughout his career in the community; while the growth of his establishment, in keeping with other business advances made in the borough during his mercantile experience there, shows that he meets their appreciation with increased service and better accommodations, even more than the local trade would seem to warrant to one less enterprising. The store has maintained its place as the largest and best stocked in Northumberland county for many years, the lines now carried including dry goods and ladies' wearing apparel of all kinds, ready to wear suits, cloaks, waists and other articles of dress, while the grocery department is fully stocked with the best and most desirable goods of every kind. Mr. Trexler has long given his principal attention to his store, though he has other interests, being a director in the Sunbury Trust Company and otherwise identified with local concerns. His business standing is irreproachable.

On Jan. 12, 1884, Mr. Trexler married Lillian



Thompson, daughter of W. G. Thompson, formerly of Thompsonstown, Pa. They have two children: Thompson A., who is a student at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; and Mary E. The family occupy a beautiful residence on Arch street, Sunbury.

**RAKER.** The Raker family, now numerous represented in several sections of Northumberland county, is of German extraction, the founder of the name in America coming from Baden, near Wurtemberg, Germany, and settling in Montgomery county, Pa., where he lived and died.

Conrad Raker, son of the emigrant ancestor, was born in Montgomery or Berks county and came to Northumberland county among the pioneers. According to tradition he first settled at the "Block House," in one of the eastern counties of the State, and he had a brother who located in one of the upper counties of Pennsylvania. Dr. William Raker, of Pillow, Pa., and his brother, Dr. Morris Raker, of Augustaville, Pa., were second cousins to the descendants of the second generation from Conrad Raker, the pioneer in Little Mahanoy township, Northumberland county. After his marriage Conrad Raker settled at Augustaville, in what is now Rockefeller township, whence he moved two years later to Little Mahanoy township, settling on the Little Mahanoy creek and following farming there until his death. His holdings comprised between five hundred and six hundred acres, and he gave a farm to each of his sons. He was a strong man, of "chunky" build, was a great hunter and fisherman, shot many a deer, and had a fight with a bear in which his life was saved by his faithful dog. His adventurous spirit made him well known in this respect. In public and church affairs he was a prominent man in his day, serving as county commissioner in 1837 and 1838, and helping to build two churches, the Emanuel Lutheran in Little Mahanoy township and the Stone Church at Augustaville. In religion he was a Lutheran, in politics a Democrat. He is interred in a private burial ground on the farm now owned by Kerstetter & Kraemer, at Raker, in Little Mahanoy township; this place was named in honor of the family. Conrad Raker married Elizabeth (or Rebecca) Dunkelberger, of Northumberland county, daughter of Frederick, and they had children as follows: Frederick, Jacob, William D., Isaac D. and Enoch D. are all mentioned in detail below; John moved out to Illinois, where he died; Mary (Molly) married Elias Peifer and died at Raker; Barbara Alice married Joseph Guss; Esther (Hetty) married Daniel Zartman and died in Lower Augusta township; one daughter married George Savage; and Kate. (Conrad's wife's name is given as Elizabeth or Rebecca here, while in another account it appears as Barbara; if it was Barbara, then

the following dates, from Little Mahanoy cemetery, would apply to Conrad and wife: Conrad Raker, born in Montgomery county, Pa., June 7, 1778, died Sept. 4, 1849; his wife Barbara (nee Dunkel), born April 5, 1779, died Dec. 17, 1838.)

Frederick Raker, son of Conrad, was born Dec. 21, 1804, in what is now Rockefeller township, and spent all but three or four years of his life in his native county. He went to Lycoming county after his marriage and returning to Northumberland settled in Little Mahanoy township, at Little Mahanoy Church. He was a blacksmith, and also followed carpentering and farming, besides keeping "Raker's Hotel" for many years. He died in Little Mahanoy Aug. 4, 1844, and is buried at Raker. Like his father he was a well known and active citizen of his section, serving as justice of the peace and taking a prominent part in the work of the Lutheran Church. He was a Democrat in politics. In 1825 Mr. Raker married Elizabeth Hoffman, daughter of John and Susanna (Drumbeller) Hoffman, who settled in Washington township, this county, in 1813. Mrs. Raker was born in District township, Berks county, in 1806, and survived her husband, dying at the age of eighty-seven. She is buried at Raker. Seven children were born to this union: Conrad H. married Susan Dornseife and is mentioned at length elsewhere in this work; Susanna died young; Jeremiah married Jane Martin and died in Philadelphia; Harriet married Israel Dunkelberger, who was killed in the Civil war, and (second) Samuel Dornseife, whom she also survived; Catharine married Samuel Frederick; John H. died Jan. 11, 1862, while serving in the Civil war, at Rolla, Mo.; Jane married a Mr. Bechtel.

Jacob Raker, son of Conrad, was born April 26, 1808, in Little Mahanoy township, and was one of the well known citizens of that locality in his day, living near the present railroad on part of the homestead near Dunkelberger station. He followed farming, and died in Little Mahanoy Dec. 28, 1869, living to be sixty-one. His wife, Margaret, whose maiden name was Zartman, was born Jan. 4, 1813, and died June 12, 1887. They had children as follows: Lucinda, Harry, William, Samuel Z. (died Aug. 19, 1892, aged thirty-eight years, eleven months, fourteen days); wife Margaret died Jan. 24, 1888, aged thirty-four years, seven months, twenty-three days; Enoch, Daniel Z. (died July 13, 1898, aged sixty-two years, two months, twenty-one days); his wife, Anne, died Aug. 29, 1905, aged seventy years, ten months, fourteen days; Alice, Rebecca, Conrad, Cornelius, Alice and Joseph.

William D. Raker, son of Conrad, was born June 7, 1812, in Little Mahanoy township, where he died in February, 1887. He is buried at Little Mahanoy Church. He was a farmer, owning

thirty acres near Little Mahanoy Church, also owned the farm now in the possession of his son Isaac F., and had houses in Trevorton. He was an active and progressive citizen, held the office of supervisor for many years, and was prominent in the Little Mahanoy Church, which he served as deacon, elder and trustee. He is buried at that church. His wife, Catharine (Fink), daughter of John Fink and sister of David Fink, bore him a large family, namely: Martin (deceased), Henry (deceased), James F. (deceased), Isaac F., Lewis (deceased), Galen (who lives on his farm in Little Mahanoy, and is unmarried, his unmarried sisters living with him), Elizabeth (unmarried), Mary (married Adam Reitz), Sarah (married John Kiehl), Hettie (unmarried), Lovina (married William Kiehl), Rebecca (who died unmarried) and Susan (deceased, who was the wife of William Reitz).

Enoch D. Raker, son of Conrad, was born on the farm now owned by his son Edward B. Raker, in Little Mahanoy township, and died in that township June 23, 1888, aged sixty-six years, sixteen days. He was a farmer, and owned the 120-acre tract now in the possession of his son Edward B. A staunch Democrat in politics, he took an interest in politics and local public affairs, holding office for many years, and was also active in the religious life of the community, being a Lutheran member of the Little Mahanoy Church, of which he was a deacon, elder and trustee. He married Sarah Bingaman, daughter of John Bingaman (locally known as "Jack"). To Enoch D. and Sarah Raker were born three children: Edward B.; and Alice and Jane B., twins, the former married to Robert H. Hoffman, the latter to James Rose.

Isaac D. Raker, son of Conrad, was born Dec. 6, 1825, and died March 11, 1907. He lived in Little Mahanoy. During the Civil war he served as county commissioner and subsequently was a jury commissioner. In politics he was a Democrat. His wife, Phoebe A. (Witmer), born Dec. 6, 1824, died April 5, 1890. Their children were: Alvin, Willie, Clinton, Nelson, Laura, Minnie and Jennie.

James F. Raker, son of William D. Raker, was born in Little Mahanoy township, where he was a well known citizen, being postmaster and station agent at Hunter, a railroad station on the Herndon branch of the Philadelphia & Reading road, for many years. He was postmaster at Raker, also in Little Mahanoy township, from 1882 until his death. The latter post office was established through the influence of Conrad H. Raker, son of Frederick and grandson of Conrad, the pioneer in this region. James F. Raker was also a farmer, owning a tract of about forty acres near Hunter. In politics he was a Democrat, and he served as supervisor. He died June 18, 1904, aged sixty-six

years, five months, twelve days. His wife Catharine (Rothermel), daughter of William Rothermel, died Jan. 12, 1899, aged sixty-two years, one month, twenty-four days. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. James F. Raker: William, of Shamokin; Mary, of Hunter, Pa.; and Lewis R.

LEWIS R. RAKER, son of James F. Raker, was born Jan. 12, 1876, in Little Mahanoy township, and spent his youth upon the home farm, receiving his education in what is known as the Raker schoolhouse. He lives at Raker, where he and his wife conduct a grocery store, and also look after the post office, he being assistant postmaster. He also works as hoisting engineer for the Trevorton Coal Land Company. He has his own home, and by his upright life has made an excellent name for himself among his fellow citizens, who have shown their faith in his ability and trustworthiness by choosing him to public responsibilities of various kinds. He was tax collector for nine years, and in the spring of 1910 was elected for his second term as township auditor. In politics he is a Democrat. He is also active in the work of the Lutheran Church, and is secretary and teacher in the Sunday school.

On Nov. 11, 1899, Mr. Raker married Cora Deppen, daughter of John Deppen, of Lower Mahanoy township, this county, and they have one daughter, Verna May, and one son, William Lewis.

ISAAC F. RAKER, son of William D. Raker, was born April 20, 1846, on the homestead, and received his education in the subscription schools conducted in the neighborhood during his youth. Farm work has been his principal occupation, though when eighteen years old he went to learn the trade of miller with his brother Henry, in Juniata county, Pa. He had been there only two months when his brother was drafted for service in the Civil war, and it fell upon the shoulders of the apprentice to make the flour and do all the work of an experienced miller. He continued at milling for one and a half years, farmed for his father twelve years, until the latter died, and then did the same for his mother, with whom he remained twelve years also. At the end of that period he bought his present farm in Little Mahanoy, fifty-five acres of which constituted the old Abraham Rothermel homestead. Mrs. Rothermel died at a very advanced age. To this Mr. Raker added two tracts, of forty-two and thirty-nine acres, respectively, having 136 acres in all. His father, William D. Raker, erected the buildings now on this property, building the house in 1874 and the barn in 1875. Mr. Raker is one of the substantial and esteemed citizens of his community, has served as school director and for many years as supervisor, being at present one of the three roadmasters, and has given efficient service in every capacity. In political faith he is a Democrat, and he is now serving as judge of election.



In religion he is a Lutheran, and he has been deacon, elder and trustee of the Little Mahanoy Church.

In 1873 Mr. Raker married Wilhelmina Zartman, daughter of Abraham Zartman, and they have had four children: Kate is the widow of Albert Raker; Sallie is the wife of John A. Ferster; George married Gertie Sipe; Francis died when eight years old.

EDWARD B. RAKER, son of Enoch D. Raker, was born July 9, 1853, on the homestead, and was reared to farming, working for his parents until he was thirty-five years old. In 1902 he began farming for himself at his present home, this being the farm which belonged to his grandfather and father in turn. The old buildings, however, have all been razed. Mr. Raker is a Democrat and for a number of years was active in county politics, being delegate to many county conventions of the party. He has held a number of offices. For three years, from 1895 to 1898, he was jury commissioner of Northumberland county, having been elected to that office on his first candidacy by a majority of over six thousand votes. For eleven years he was constable of Little Mahanoy township, and he served two years as inspector. He erected many bridges in the county under contract from the county commissioners, and has given thorough satisfaction in every way and in every capacity. In February, 1900, Mr. Raker married Sarah Reed, daughter of Solomon Reed, and they have one daughter, Goldie.

CHARLES LAFFERT WALDRON, of Milton, has been engaged in contracting and building since 1879, his work in this line covering practically the entire period of his residence at that place, as he began carpentering when he came to Milton, in the spring of 1871. His patrons in this borough and all the surrounding towns are numerous, many of the most substantial buildings in this section testifying to the thoroughness of his work and the part he has taken in its material development.

Mr. Waldron's first ancestor in this region was his great-grandfather, Cornelius Waldron. The family has been established in America from Colonial days, and is of Dutch origin, Baron Waldron, its founder in this country, having come from Holland to what was then New Amsterdam, now New York, in 1660. After the English took possession of New Amsterdam the family moved to New Jersey, and Cornelius Waldron, above mentioned, moved from Hunterdon county, N. J., to Pennsylvania in 1785. His first location was near Muncy, in what is now Lycoming county, and he afterward bought a farm in Brady township, that county, still later buying land at the mouth of Muddy run, in Northumberland county. He moved his family to this place, where he was accidentally

killed while felling a tree. He was laid to rest in the old Warrior Run burying ground. Cornelius Waldron served as a captain in the Revolutionary war and after its close was captain of a military company.

Laffert Waldron, son of Cornelius, was born in 1764 in Hunterdon county, N. J., came to Pennsylvania with his father, and purchased the farm on Muddy run. But he soon sold it and bought a place about a mile east, in Turbut township, from the Kelchner estate—the place afterward occupied by his son William. There he passed the remainder of his life, dying on his farm in 1837. His wife, Hannah (Webb), died in 1832, and they are buried at the Warrior Run Presbyterian church. The family attended services there. Mr. and Mrs. Waldron had the following children: John, Cornelius, Richard, William, Charles, David, M. D., Mary (Mrs. Sloat), Sara (who married Mr. Sloat after her sister Mary's death), Jane (married James Stadden) and Hannah (who became the second wife of James Stadden after the death of her sister Jane). Laffert Waldron was a fine penman, and some of his work now in the possession of his grandson, Charles L. Waldron, of Milton, shows unusual ability; though it is over a century old it is not faded, and it is well cared for by the present possessor, who prizes it highly.

William Waldron, son of Laffert, was born Sept. 17, 1814, on the old farm in Turbut township, and received his education in the township schools. He followed farming all his life and prospered by dint of industry, winning the respect of all who knew him because of his upright methods and high Christian character. Though his own affairs demanded constant attention he was progressive, and recognized the fact that a citizen owes his duty to his community as much as to his immediate personal interests, and he did his share in local matters, filling various township offices and serving fifteen years as justice of the peace. The cause of free education, not a particularly popular one in his early manhood, also received his earnest support, and all his children received good advantages. He was an original member of the Turbut Grange, P. of H., and an original stockholder of the First National Bank of Milton, giving his influence and support to all institutions which in his opinion would be of general benefit. In religious connection he was a Presbyterian, an active and consistent member of the Milton Church. He died in 1901.

In 1841 William Waldron married Anna Hulgert, daughter of Philip and Catherine Hulgert, of Chillisquaque township, and she died at the age of seventy years. Eleven children were born to this union: Philip H., now living at Trevoose, near Philadelphia, who served during the Civil war in Company B, 131st Pennsylvania Volunteers; Hannah J., who married Ephraim



Dutch, of Williamsport; David, who died young; Prof. William A., who died at Bay City, Mich.; May, who married James Marsh, and lives in Michigan; Charles Laffert; Frank P., of Turbut township, who married Susan Hummell; George W., of Coatesville, Pa., who married Ida Brobst; Sarah Elizabeth, of Sunbury, Pa.; John C., who married Mary Kerr; and James M., who graduated from the Pennsylvania State College, became a civil engineer, was formerly in Georgia and is now engaged in the construction of the subway and tunnels in New York City.

Dr. David Waldron, brother of William Waldron, was born in 1820 in Turbut township, Northumberland county, and died in that township April 22, 1885. He stood high in his profession and had a large practice, though he was somewhat erratic in disposition, and he was honored with the office of sheriff of the county, serving from 1860 to 1863. He was a Democrat in politics. From the time he commenced practice until a few years before his death he resided at Milton.

Charles Laffert Waldron, son of William, was born Aug. 26, 1859, in Turbut township, and there grew to manhood. He assisted his father on the farm from an early age, especially during the summer season, but in the winters had good educational advantages, being sent to the academies at Limestoneville and McEwensville. In the spring of 1871 he came to Milton, where he at once began to do carpenter work, though he was engaged in teaching school during the winters of 1874, 1875 and 1876. In 1879 he began contracting and building on his own account, and has since devoted himself to that line with most gratifying results. He is a progressive business man, in both his work and his methods of handling it, and success has come to him because he has made an earnest effort to do the best possible in his line. Outside of his service as school director he has taken no direct part in public affairs. He is a Democrat in politics.

On Feb. 3, 1876, Mr. Waldron married Clara Sharrow, daughter of Jonathan and Anna (Barclay) Sharrow, of Lycoming county, and they have one daughter, Grace Barclay Waldron, who is a graduate of the Milton high school, 1896, and of the Philadelphia Musical Academy, 1898, being particularly accomplished in music. Mr. Waldron and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church.

WILLIAM C. MCCONNELL was born in Halifax, Dauphin Co., Pa., on the 4th day of April, 1860. His family was one of the oldest in that section, both his father and mother being natives of the county. His parents were George Washington and Sarah (Marsh) McConnell, both of whom are now deceased.

The early days of the subject of this review were

spent in his native county, and he received his primary education at the neighboring public schools. In these institutions he made such excellent progress and proved himself such a ready student that in 1877 he entered Franklin and Marshall Academy, located at Lancaster, Pa., in which institution he rounded out his education and prepared himself for admission to Franklin and Marshall College, where he spent two years, during which he profited by every opportunity.

On Jan. 1, 1882, Mr. McConnell associated himself as a partner with the firm of Kulp, McWilliams & Company, dealers in lumber, brick and ice. For more than four years he remained a member of this business house, and in 1886, when the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Kulp continued the lumber business, Mr. McConnell and Mr. McWilliams, the remaining members of the firm, formed a partnership under the title of McWilliams & McConnell, and continued in the ice and brick trade. This firm was dissolved in the spring of 1903.

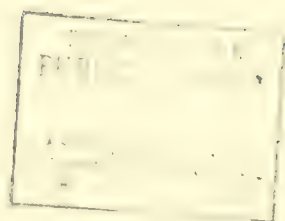
The business capacity and indomitable energy of Mr. McConnell are best illustrated, however, by a statement of the many interests with which he is allied, and the public and semi-public enterprises which owe a large measure of their success to his ready guidance. He was one of the incorporators of the Reading Creek Anthracite and Bear Gap Water Companies, and his associates in their management have indicated their confidence in his abilities by electing him to the presidency of these corporations, which important position he held for several years, discharging the duties thereof with rare fidelity. He has also been president of the Shamokin Water Company, elected in May, 1886. Mr. McConnell is a director of the Shamokin Banking Company, of which he is now president, and a member of the Shamokin Board of Trade, connections which aptly show how varied have been his interests and how diversified his energetic efforts. All in all, he is one of the most intelligently and thoroughly progressive men of his borough, active in every phase of its development.

Mr. McConnell was appointed a member of the commission for the selection of a site and the erection of a State Hospital for Injured Persons of the Trevorton, Shamokin and Mount Carmel coal fields by Gov. Edwin S. Stuart, in pursuance of an Act of Assembly passed by the Legislature of 1907. Upon organization of the commission Mr. McConnell was made chairman of the same. The hospital is now in course of construction and will be open for the reception of patients sometime during the month of October, 1911. The building site and surrounding grounds, equaling about eleven acres, was donated by the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company and W. C. McConnell.

Thoroughly imbued with the conviction that it is the duty of every citizen to show his public spirit



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by participating to the greatest extent possible in the political affairs of the country, Mr. McConnell early allied himself with the Republican party and has always been a stalwart member of that great political organization. In 1890 he was a delegate to the State convention which placed George W. Delamater in nomination for the governorship, and in 1892 he represented the Seventeenth Congressional District of Pennsylvania in the Republican National Convention held at Minneapolis, which renominated Benjamin Harrison for the presidency of the Union. At the election in November, 1908, Mr. McConnell was chosen, as the nominee of the Republican party in the Twenty-Seventh senatorial district, comprising the counties of Northumberland, Snyder and Union, to represent the same during the sessions of 1909 and 1911.

On April 14, 1896, he was appointed aide-de-camp, with the rank of lieutenant colonel, on the staff of Governor Hastings. The Union League of Philadelphia elected him to membership in that famous social organization in February, 1897. Colonel McConnell is a member of Elysburg Lodge, No. 111, Free and Accepted Masons, of Shamokin; Chapter No. 264, Royal Arch Masons; and Shamokin Commandery, No. 77, Knights Templar.

On June 9, 1881, he was married to Ida V. Martz, daughter of Nathan F. and Eliza (Samuels) Martz, of Sunbury, Pa. Mrs. McConnell is a native of Northumberland county. She is the mother of two children, William Donald (deceased) and Katherine Martz. Senator McConnell and his family are members of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Shamokin.

**VASTINE.** Abraham Van De Woerstyne, with his wife and their three children, viz., John, Catherine and Hannah, left Holland in the seventeenth century and crossed the ocean on a sailing vessel, landing in New York. They soon crossed over into New Jersey. About the time William Penn founded Philadelphia they came into Pennsylvania. In 1696 we find them in Germantown, Pennsylvania.

In 1698 John Van De Woerstyne purchased several tracts of land from one Jeremiah Langhorn, in Hilltown township, Bucks Co., Pa., and there erected a granite dwelling along the pike leading from Philadelphia to Bethlehem. It stood, as was the custom in that day, with its gable to the road, fronting south, at a point two miles north of Line Lexington and four miles southwest from Sellersville, Bucks Co., Pa. The name John Van De Woerstyne appears on a number of official papers and documents on record in Bucks county; it is found on many papers pertaining to roads and improvements in Hilltown township. John Van De Woerstyne died Feb. 9, 1738. His wife, Abigail, survived him some time. They were the parents of five chil-

dren, as follows: (1) Abraham, born May 24, 1698, died in October, 1772, in Hilltown. He married Sara Ruckman, and they were the parents of five daughters: Abigail, married to Andrew Armstrong; Ruth, married to James Armstrong; Mary, married to Robert Jameson; Rachel, married to Hugh Mears; and Sara, married to Samuel Wilson. Thus far we have been unable to learn anything about their descendants. (2) Jeremiah, born Dec. 24, 1701, died in Hilltown in November, 1769. He and his wife Debora were the parents of one son and two daughters: Jeremiah died in New Britain, Bucks Co., Pa., in April, 1778 (his wife's name was Elizabeth); Martha married John Louder; Hannah married Samuel Greshom. (3) Benjamin, born July 9, 1703, died in August, 1749. (4) John died Feb. 9, 1765, in Hilltown, Pa., unmarried. (5) Mary, born March 1, 1699, married a Mr. Wilson and removed to South Carolina.

Benjamin Vastine, son of John and Abigail, was the progenitor of the family in Northumberland county, Pa. He became a member of the Friends Meeting and at one of the meetings held in Philadelphia requested permission to hold meetings in his house. He married Mary Griffith, and their union was blessed by the birth of seven children, as follows: Hannah married Emerson Kelly; John married Rachel Morgan; Abraham married Elizabeth Williams; Benjamin married Catherine Eaton (he died in September, 1775); Jonathan married Elizabeth Lewis; Isaac married Sara Matthews; Amos married Martha Thomas.

The name Van De Woerstyne has changed gradually, first to Vosline, then to Vastine and lastly to Vastine. The name in Dutch meant forest, hence the early settlers often called John Van De Woerstyne "Wilderness."

John Vastine, son of Benjamin and Mary (Griffith) Vastine, married Rachel Morgan, and they became the parents of two sons and two daughters: Benjamin, who married Mary Van Zant; Simon, who had a son named John; Nancy, and Margaret.

Abraham Vastine, second son of Benjamin and Mary (Griffith) Vastine, married Elizabeth Williams. Their family, four sons and two daughters, was as follows: John; William; Abraham; Nancy; Mary, and Jeremiah. This family first settled in York county, Pa., and later moved to Kentucky.

Benjamin Vastine, third son of Benjamin and Mary (Griffith) Vastine, married Catherine Eaton, and they were the parents of two sons and two daughters, namely: Mary married Josiah Laun; Peter married Hannah, daughter of Jonathan Vastine; Benjamin married Dorothy, daughter of Amos Vastine; Elizabeth married Alem Morris.

Jonathan Vastine, fourth son of Benjamin and Mary (Griffith) Vastine, with his mother Peter, who was also a son of Vastine, came to Northumberland county, Pa., where they purchased large tracts

the former about six hundred acres where later Valentine Epler lived, and the latter three hundred acres near that of his uncle. Jonathan, like his father, was a member of the Society of Friends. He was a farmer, and built a house on his farm. He died about 1830 and is buried in the old Quaker burying ground at Catawissa, Pa. He married Elizabeth Lewis, and their union was blessed by the birth of five sons and three daughters, as follows: Benjamin married Elizabeth Van Zant; Ann married Thomas Robbins; Hannah married Peter, son of Benjamin Vastine; Mary married William Marsh; John married Catherine Osmun; Jeremiah married E. Reeder; Thomas died unmarried; Jonathan married Nancy Ann Hughes.

Amos Vastine, sixth son of Benjamin and Mary (Griffith) Vastine, married Martha Thomas, and they were the parents of two daughters: Dorothy married Benjamin, son of Benjamin Vastine; Martha married Robert C. Shannon.

Benjamin Vastine, son of John and Rachel (Morgan) Vastine, married Mary Van Zant and they were the parents of three sons: Benjamin married Elizabeth Hauck; Thomas married Sara Ellis; John married Sara Scott.

Benjamin Vastine, son of Benjamin and Mary (Van Zant) Vastine, married Elizabeth Hauck, and they were the parents of the following: Margaret, who married William Savidge; Armand; Harriet, who married Alem Hughes; Algernon, and Thomas.

Thomas Vastine, son of Benjamin and Mary (Van Zant) Vastine, married Sara Ellis, and they became the parents of four sons and seven daughters: Ann (married George Pensyl), Lucinda (married John Adams), Mary, Samantha, Beneville, Grace Ella, John, Rufus, Thomas J., Jane and Sara Matilda.

John Vastine, son of Benjamin and Mary (Van Zant) Vastine, married Sara Scott, and their children were: Hannah, who married Mahlon Huff; Ellen; Sara Jane; Benjamin; Catherine, and Isabella.

Peter Vastine, son of Benjamin and Catherine (Eaton) Vastine, married Hannah, daughter of Jonathan Vastine, and their union was blessed by the birth of nine children: Catherine, unmarried; Elizabeth, who married John Colket; Benjamin, unmarried; Mary, who married Henry Johnson; Ann, who married Henry Boone; Lydia, unmarried; Thomas Jefferson, who married Harriet Paxton; Peter E., who married Mary Miller; and Jeremiah, unmarried.

Thomas Jefferson Vastine, son of Peter and Hannah (Vastine) Vastine, married Harriet Paxton, and had children: Peter, Margaret P., Charles, Joseph, Sara and Hannah.

Benjamin Vastine, son of Benjamin and Catherine (Eaton) Vastine, married Dorothy, daughter of Amos Vastine. They were the parents of

two daughters: Martha, wife of Joel Miller; and Catherine, wife of Benjamin Miller.

Benjamin Vastine, son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Lewis) Vastine, married Elizabeth Van Zant, by whom he had one son and three daughters: Lewis married Martha Boone; Mary married Samuel Boone; Ann married Isaac Wolverton; Rachel married John M. Housel.

Lewis Vastine, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Van Zant) Vastine, married Martha Boone, and they were the parents of the following children: Hannah (married Dudley Adams), Margaret (married Jacob B. Gearhart), Rachel Jane, Elizabeth (married John H. Morrall), Matilda (married Abraham Gulick), Sara, Martha, William B., Lewis B. and George.

John Vastine, second son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Lewis) Vastine, inherited a portion of his father's farm and built what is known as the old stone house. It is still standing—where he lived. He married Catherine Osmun and their union was blessed with four sons and two daughters: (1) Thomas P., born in 1808, married Lanah Vought, and they had children: John Willington, who married Emma Fisher; Catherine and Matilda, both unmarried; Rosanna, who married George W. Miller and was the mother of Gussie M., Florence V., Daniel O. and Ruth A. (2) William is fully mentioned later. (3) John began the study of medicine at the age of eighteen, in Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa., and graduated at the age of twenty-one years, but soon died. (4) Amos, born in 1813, married Susan Lerch, and died Nov. 15, 1889. His principal business was farming, but at one time he was engaged in the mercantile business at Paxinos. He owned some six hundred acres of land, which he tilled; and also had large real estate interests in Mount Carmel. He was one of the promoters of the Mount Carmel Savings Bank, of which he was president from its organization until his death; was also one of the organizers of the Shamokin Township Fire Insurance Company and was treasurer of same at the time of his death. Politically he was a Republican, and he filled the office of county commissioner from 1871 to 1874. Mrs. Vastine was the daughter of Felix Lerch, one of the pioneer settlers of Mount Carmel. Mr. and Mrs. Vastine were the parents of the following: Felix, who died young; John, who married Kate Bird; Thomas, who married Lizzie Haas, and has children, Amos and Hattie; Catherine, who married E. S. Persing (children, Anna, Sadie, Amos and Susan); and Hattie, who had two children (Amos and William) by her first husband, Olive Reed, and married for her second husband William Metz. (5) Margaret married Charles Hefley and they were the parents of three children, Elizabeth (married Harvey Robbins and had children Margaret and Josiah or Joseph), Harriet and George W. (married Emma



Persing and had children, Harriet and Harvey). (6) Sara Ann married Robert C. Campbell and was the mother of Abram (died unmarried), John L. (unmarried, lives in Danville, Pa.), James C. (married Margaret Mettler), and Margaret C., Hannah J., Isabella A. and Sara Alice, all four of whom died unmarried.

Jeremiah Vastine, third son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Lewis) Vastine, married E. Reeder, and they had a family of one son and three daughters, as follows: Mary married C. Fisher; Margaret married D. Robbins; Surriisa married William Leighou; Thomas married Eliza Reeder and they are the parents of Catherine.

Jonathan Vastine, fourth son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Lewis) Vastine, married Nancy Ann Hughs, and their children were the following: Hugh Hughs married Catherine Zimmerman; Lewis married Sara Potts and had one daughter, Anna, who married Alfred Hablerstadt; and Benjamin died unmarried.

Hugh Hughs Vastine, son of Jonathan and Nancy Ann (Hughs) Vastine, married Catherine Zimmerman, and they were the parents of the following children: Martha Ann died unmarried; William L. married Alice Cardell, and had children, Blanche, Jane, Mary and Cora; Oscar married Edna Gillaspay; Mary married John K. Erdman, and had children, Hattie, Sara, Nora, Allen, Bert, John, Calvin, Kimber and Frank; Jonathan married Cora Hess, and had Charles, Katie and ———; Jacob married M. Smith, and had Ethel, Hattie and Grethel; Lewis married Mary Minamaker; Sara C. married E. Campbell and had a son Elwood, who is deceased; Harriet married William Arnold and had children Bessie and Ann; Ida married Charles Huffman and had a large family, Vergie, Edwin, John, Mary, Wesley, William Wellington and Frank.

William Vastine, son of John and Catherine (Osmun) Vastine, when he reached the age of twenty-one years settled on the farm later occupied by his son Simon, and followed farming. He was a large land owner, cultivating between 450 and 500 acres. In religious faith he was a member of the Lutheran Church. Politically he was first a Whig and later a Republican. He died in 1859. In 1832 William Vastine married Elizabeth Hursh, who was born in 1809 and died in 1890. To Mr. and Mrs. Vastine were born the following children: (1) Amos will be fully mentioned later. (2) Jacob H., M. D. born April 2, 1836, was educated in the common schools of his native township, at Danville Academy, Shamokin Collegiate Institute and Jefferson Medical College, from which he graduated in 1858. In 1861 he married Sara, daughter of George Hughs, of Catawissa, Pa., and they are the parents of the following children: Henrietta (married Asa Spencer), Elizabeth (deceased), Dr. George H. (married Nettie Pfah-

ler), William (married Elizabeth Custaborder), Marion (married Catherine Sharpless), Harriet B. (married Horace Boas), Sara (married Ralph Ray Griffith) and Alder (married Mable ———).

(3) Hugh H. is fully mentioned below. (4) Simon married Elizabeth Faux and they were the parents of Catherine and Ellen M. (5) Ezra married Sarah Davidson and had two daughters, Bethia and Sara M. (6) Elizabeth A. married Dr. James Oglesby, M. D., of Danville, Pa., and their union was blessed by the birth of two sons, George (deceased) and William V. (an attorney of Danville). (7) Daniel and (8) Ellen died young.

Amos Vastine, eldest child of William and Elizabeth Vastine, was born in Rush township, Northumberland Co., Pa., Nov. 18, 1833, and was educated in the public schools of his native township and in the Presbyterian Institute at Wyoming, Pa. He was reared on a farm, and purchased the homestead place, where he subsequently lived nine years. In 1863 he purchased a farm of 280 acres, whereon he lived until 1890, in which year he removed to his present home in Danville, Pa. Politically Mr. Vastine is a Republican, and he has served in various township offices and was for several terms a member of the Danville city council, of which body he was president. He is a member of the Mahoning Presbyterian Church, of which he has for years been an official. Fraternally he belongs to Danville Lodge, No. 224, F. & A. M. In 1855 Mr. Vastine married Mahala, daughter of Jacob Shultz, of Danville, and they had a family of six children: (1) Elizabeth died at the age of twenty-one years. (2) William is fully mentioned below. (3) Laura M. married Dr. John R. Kimmerer, M. D. They left three children, Jeffie, Helen (since deceased) and John, the survivors living with their grandfather, Amos Vastine. (4) Dr. John H. married Helen Beniscoter, and has children, Richard B., Robert and Josephine L. (5) Ella Kate, twin of John H., married Henry S. Mains and has one son, Charles Vastine. (6) Amos Beaber married Lulu F. McClure, and they have one daughter, Mary F.

WILLIAM VASTINE, a retired farmer residing in West Market street, Danville, Pa., through whose efforts and assistance much of the early history of the Vastine family here given was obtained, was born in Rush township, in Northumberland county, in 1859. He is the oldest son of Amos and Mahala (Shultz) Vastine. His early boyhood days were spent on his father's farm, the summers in tilling the soil and the winters in attending the native schools and later Danville Academy. After he reached the age of maturity, he purchased a farm of some 320 acres of river valley land in Port township, Northumberland county, which he farmed for several years. Eventually he purchased a beautiful home on West Market street, Danville, and moved thither. There he has since



resided. Mr. Vastine was a successful farmer, and by close attention to his work, notwithstanding his farm is so large, has made it one of the best in the valley. Although he lives in town, he continues to give careful attention to his farm. He is a Republican, but very liberal minded politically, voting for whom he considers the best man. In religious faith he and his family are members of the Mahoning Presbyterian Church, at Danville, and earnest workers in that congregation.

Mr. Vastine married Elizabeth Boone Gearhart, daughter of Maybury Gearhart, and granddaughter of William and Sara (Boone) Gearhart, of Maybury township, Montour Co., Pa. They are the parents of two daughters: Catherine Gearhart and Elizabeth Boone, both of whom were educated in the Danville schools, graduating from the high school. Mrs. Vastine is a descendant of the Boone family, a record of which we here append.

George Boone lived in Exeter, England, and was the father of a son whom he also called George. George, Jr., was born in the city of Exeter, Devonshire, England, and when a young man learned the blacksmith's trade, following it until the time of his death, which occurred in his sixtieth year. He had married Sara Uppy, who survived him about twenty years, dying at the advanced age of eighty. They were the parents of a son George.

George Boone (3) was born at the village of Stoak, near the city of Exeter, in 1666. When a young man, as was the custom in that day, he learned a trade, selecting that of weaver. He married Mary Manbridge, who was born in 1669, daughter of John and Mary (Milton) Manbridge, and died in 1741, aged seventy-two years. George Boone (3) arrived with his family in Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 10, 1717. They spent some time in Abington, Pa., and then removed to North Wales, where they remained two years, thence removing to Oley township, Berks Co., Pa., where he purchased 400 acres of land, as the warrants, dated 1718, show, and settled upon it. The original Boone farm is now owned by Morris H. De Turk. Mr. Boone died July 27, 1744, aged seventy-eight years. He left surviving eight children, fifty-two grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren, in all seventy descendants, all of whom excepting Sara and Squire remained and died in Exeter, as the record of the Friends' burying ground in Exeter shows.

We have the following record of the descendants of George (3) and Mary (Manbridge) Boone:

(1) George Boone (4), born July 13, 1690, died Nov. 23, 1753. He was by profession a teacher, for many years held the office of magistrate and was a man of prominence in the community. He married Debora Howell July 31, 1713; she died Jan. 26, 1757. Their children are mentioned below.

(2) Sara Boone, born Feb. 18, 1691 (?), married Jacob Stover and moved to Virginia, later to Kentucky.

(3) Squire Boone, born Nov. 25, 1696, died in 1764, in North Carolina, whither he had removed in 1759. He married Sara Morgan and they were the parents of eleven children, nine of whom lived to be from eighty-three to ninety-one years old, one of these being Daniel Boone, the Kentucky pioneer.

(4) Mary Boone, born Sept. 23, 1699, died Jan. 16, 1774. She married John Webb, and they were the parents of eleven children, one of whom, Samuel, removed to Columbia county and settled near Espy. His daughter Mary married Mordecai Lincoln, brother of Abraham and son of Mordecai Lincoln, who died in 1736.

(5) Joseph Boone, born April 5, 1704, died Jan. 30, 1776. His wife's name was Catherine.

(6) Benjamin Boone, born July 16, 1706, died Oct. 14, 1762. In 1726 he married (first) Ann Farmer, at Abington, and they were the parents of the following children: John; Susannah. There were evidently five children of Benjamin Boone's second marriage, Mary, Benjamin, James, Samuel (whose daughter Rachel married Hezekiah Pancoast) and Dianah (or Dinah). The last named married Benjamin Tallman, who was a son of William and Ann (Lincoln) Tallman, Benjamin being their only child to live to maturity and leave descendants. Ann Lincoln, his mother, was a sister of Sara Lincoln, who was the wife of William Boone. They were the daughters of Mordecai Lincoln, whose will was probated in June, 1736. The Tallmans removed to Virginia in 1780. William and Ann died in Virginia; Benjamin and Dianah settled in Ohio about 1805 or 1810. He died in 1820, and she in 1824.

(7) James Boone, born July 18, 1709, died Sept. 1, 1785. He married (first) Mary Foulke and (second) Ann Griffith, and his first wife was the mother of fourteen children. His son James was an astronomer and the writer of the Boone manuscript, from which records much of the Boone family history has been obtained. Ann, eldest child of James and Mary (Foulke), married Abraham Lincoln, the posthumous son of Mordecai Lincoln, who died in 1736. Mordecai Lincoln, son of this couple, married Julia Maybury, sister to Margaret Maybury, who was the wife of George, son of William and Sara Boone. Only one child of Mordecai and Julia (Maybury) Lincoln, Margaret, lived to maturity; she married a Mr. Barto.

To George (4) and Debora (Howell) Boone were born the following children: George (5), born May 3, 1714 (died Sept. 30, 1737); Mary, Feb. 10, 1716; Hannah, July 20, 1718; Debora, Dec. 18, 1720; Dinah, Oct. 18, 1722; William, Sept. 18, 1724 (died 1771); Josiah, June 6, 1726;

Jeremiah, Jan. 16, 1729; Abigail, Aug. 9, 1732; Hezekiah, March 22, 1734.

William Boone, son of George (4), married March 26, 1748, Sara Lincoln, who was born in January, 1727, and died April 21, 1810. Their union was blessed by the birth of the following children: Mordecai; William; Mary; George; Thomas; Jeremiah; Hezekiah, and Abigail. The first seven named, together with the mother, had certificates from the Exeter Meeting to the Fairfax Meeting in Virginia, under date of Oct. 30, 1776, and again a return certificate for the mother and Mary, William, George, Jeremiah and Hezekiah from Fairfax to Exeter Meeting. The will of William Boone, dated May 23, 1768, and probated Dec. 6, 1771, bequeathed as follows: To Abigail, wife of Adin Pancoast, 70 pounds; to repair Exeter burying ground; to Mary, 100 pounds at age of twenty years; to Mordecai, 50 pounds before division; the remainder of the estate to be divided equally among sons, and they to be put to trades.

We have the following record of the descendants of William and Sara (Lincoln) Boone: (1) Abigail married Adin Pancoast May 28, 1767. He died Dec. 12, 1822; she died March 14, 1808. Abigail had a certificate to Fairfax Meeting and another to return to Exeter, and a third from Exeter to Catawissa, June 28, 1797. In the last are named children as follows: William Pancoast, who married Vashti Cooper (their daughter married James Evans Lindsay and they were the parents of a son, William T. Lindsay); Mary Pancoast; and Hezekiah Pancoast, born June 8, 1789, who married Rachel Boone, March 26, 1814 (she was born May 30, 1789, a daughter of Samuel Boone, who died on the Fishing Creek in 1811). (2) Mordecai died in August, 1774, in Frederick county, Md., unmarried. (3) William married Susan Parks, of Reading, Pa., in 1778. She had a certificate to Pipe Creek Meeting dated 1782. Their descendants founded Boonsboro, Md. (4) Mary married Isaac Lee, at Exeter Meeting, May 8, 1777. (5) Thomas died in Amity township, Berks Co., Pa., Oct. 28, 1823. (6) Jeremiah. (7) Hezekiah married Hannah Hughes in Exeter township, daughter of George Hughes. Hezekiah died in Catawissa township, Columbia Co., Pa., and his will was probated April 5, 1827. The children of his first wife were: William and George, of Schuylkill county, Pa.; Martha, wife of Lewis Vastine; Ann, wife of J. Wolverton; and Newton, who died in Bloomsburg, Pa. By his second marriage he had children: Milton, who died at Pottsville, Pa.; Surrisa; Hannah; John; Judah (of Schuylkill county); Willette, who died in Bloomsburg, Pa.; Elizabeth, who died in Pottsville, Pa. (8) George (5) married Aug. 6, 1780, in Hereford township, Berks Co., Pa., Margaret Maybury, daughter of Richard and Ann Lee, and

widow of William Maybury. She died April 21, 1825, aged sixty-five years. Their children were born as follows: Sara, May 10, 1782; William, Nov. 12, 1783; Ann, Aug. 21, 1785; Charles, Dec. 21, 1786; Mary, Oct. 18, 1788; George, Aug. 7, 1790 (died May 30, 1860); Elizabeth, Aug. 23, 1793; Harriet, Nov. 22, 1795; Margaret, May 25, 1798; Rachel, Feb. 5, 1801.

George Boone (6), son of George (5), married Hannah Hughes, born Feb. 9, 1794, died March 11, 1844. Children: Edward, born April 12, 1817; Ellis, Dec. 30, 1818; Margaret, Dec. 29, 1820; Thomas, Dec. 26, 1822; George, March 11, 1825.

Sara Boone, born May 10, 1782, married William Gearhart, and they were the parents of five children, as follows: Maybury, Julia Ann, Harriet, Eleanor and Amelia Douglas.

Maybury Gearhart married Margaret C. Nixon, and their union was blessed with seven children: (1) Sophia G. married Col. Charles W. Eckman. Children: Catherine G., Hester R. (married George Darby) and Elizabeth B. (superintendent of Bryn Mawr hospital). (2) William married Margaret Thompson. (3) Clarence F. married Malissa Burd. Children: Amelia H. and Magdaline (married Gustaf Peterson). (4) Amelia S. married Hon. H. M. Hinckley. Children: Sara G., John M. (married Mabel Key), Eleanor (married C. F. Zimmerman), Edna (deceased) and Elizabeth Shoop. (5) Elwood Sayn married Ella Creveling. Children: Mary Catherine, Helen Sophia, Marion and Eveline Regina. (6) Elizabeth Boone married William Vastine. Children: Catherine Gearhart and Elizabeth Boone. (7) George S. married Harriet G. Yetter. Children: William L. G.; Julia Ann, married to Samuel Harder (children, Arthur and Harriet Y.); Harriet, married to Lewis Yetter (son William G. Yetter); Eleanor, married to David Clark (daughter Cordelia is married to George Gearhart and has children Eleanor and Charles); and Amelia, married to G. M. Shoop (they have a son William G. Shoop).

HUGH H. VASTINE, third son of William and Elizabeth (Hurst) Vastine, was born July 22, 1838, in Northumberland county, and died Sept. 25, 1908. He was educated in the common schools of his native township, at Danville Academy, and at Greenwood Seminary, a Friends' institution at Milville, Pa. Upon attaining his majority he married Susan Mettler, daughter of Wilson and Anna E. (Gearhart) Mettler, and settled upon a farm of some three hundred acres, which he purchased and where he lived for some years, following farming. He then moved to Riverside, where he put up a fine brick house on what was once a part of the Gearhart farm, the pleasant home which his widow now occupies with her unmarried



son and daughter. The ground was originally taken up by Capt. Jacob Gearhart, Mrs. Vastine's maternal great-grandfather.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh H. Vastine were the parents of three children: (1) Wilson M., born in Rush township, was educated in Danville Academy under Prof. Kelso; and at Bucknell University, located at Lewisburg, Pa., from which institution he graduated. Since the death of his father he has been engaged in overseeing his father's estate. (2) Elizabeth B., only daughter of Hugh H. and Susan M. Vastine, was also educated in the Danville Academy, at Danville, Pa., and Bucknell Seminary, at Lewisburg. She now lives with her mother at Riverside. (3) Hugh Spencer, second son of Hugh H. and Susan M. Vastine, was born in Rush township, educated in the Danville (Pa.) high school and Dickinson College, at Carlisle, Pa., and now follows farming. He married Sarah P. Mettler, daughter of William H. and Julia (Kreighbaum) Mettler, and their union has been blessed by the birth of two daughters, Pauline and Rachel, and one son, Hugh H.

Mrs. Susan (Mettler) Vastine can trace her paternal ancestry to one William Mettler, whose father came from England and settled in Hunterdon county, N. J. He had five sons, viz.: Benjamin, Isaac, Philip, Henry and William. The last named married (first) Katy Hann and (second) Katy Brush, and there were born to him five sons and four daughters, viz.: Jonathan, Philip, Matthias (Tice), John, William, Mary (married William Taylor), Elizabeth (married Francis Apgar), Catherine (married Isaac Van Konk) and Sara (married Philip Sine).

William Mettler, son of William and Katy Mettler, was born Aug. 25, 1778, in Hunterdon county, N. J., and married Elizabeth Apgar, daughter of William and Katie (Pickle) Apgar. About 1790 he came to Northumberland county, Pa., and settled near Klinesgrove, in Rush township, upon lands recently owned by Harmon Savige. He first leased, paying money rent once a year to one George Sutton, agent, at Philadelphia, Pa., for the owner, who resided in England. Later, when the owner came to inspect the lands he purchased 318 acres and resided thereon to the time of his death, which occurred Oct. 11, 1818. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for nearly thirty years, and had held several prominent positions in the church, such as class leader, steward and trustee. He was of a charitable disposition, assisting not only his own church but other congregations, and he was ever ready to help the needy. He was a great Bible student, well versed in the Scriptures. Politically he was a Democrat, but took little interest in politics. For his time he had enjoyed good educational advantages, was a good mathematician, and fond of astronomy. Industrious, economical and prudent, he reared his large

family and left an unincumbered estate to his heirs.

His wife, as has been noted, was Elizabeth Apgar. This name was originally Ebbert or Ebber. The family came from the borders of Lombard, in Italy, to Philadelphia in 1749. The records show that Sept. 13, 1749, Johan Adam Ebbert signed the oath of allegiance. He is said to have been one of two brothers who came to this country, the other going to Monmouth county, N. J. Johan Adam Ebbert was the father of ten sons and one daughter, viz.: Herbert, Henry, Jacob, Peter, John, William (who settled near Clinton, Hunterdon Co., N. J.), Adam, Frederick, Conrad, George and Catherine.

William Apgar, of Clinton, N. J., born in 1752, died April 9, 1836. He married April 17, 1774, Catherine Pickle, daughter of Conrad Pickle, born in 1752, and died in 1831. To them were born five sons and seven daughters, viz.: Joanna Gertrude, born March 31, 1775; Hannah, March 3, 1776 (died young); Elizabeth, 1777 (died young); Nicholas P., June 29, 1779 (married Catherine Manning); James, Jan. 28, 1781 (died single); William, Oct. 29, 1782 (died young); Elizabeth (2), June 12, 1785 (married William Mettler); Sarah, twin of Elizabeth (2) (married Isaac Bloom); Catherine, Aug. 2, 1789 (died young); Nancy, July 12, 1792 (married Samuel Manning, son of Samuel); William (2), July 15, 1794 (died young); George, 1799 (married Elizabeth McPherson, of Brooklyn). Of these,

Mrs. Mettler died Feb. 17, 1816, at the ripe old age of nearly ninety-one years. She had been a member of the Methodist Church nearly sixty years. As was expressed by her minister, who wrote her obituary, "her house was the home of the weary itinerant, and a church in which to worship God." At the time of her death her descendants were fourteen children, sixty grandchildren, sixty-three great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren, a total of one hundred and forty-two. It is worthy of record that the resemblance between Elizabeth Apgar Mettler and her twin sister Sara Apgar Bloom was so marked that their closest friends were puzzled to know them apart. They were married the same day, by the same minister, one of them wearing a bit of ribbon to distinguish her from the other. Each was the mother of fourteen children, the last two of Mrs. Bloom's children being twins.

We have the following record of the seven sons and seven daughters born to Mr. and Mrs. William Mettler: (1) Nicholas, born June 18, 1803, died July 16, 1803. (2) Catherine, born Jan. 17, 1805, on Oct. 17, 1822, was married by Rev. John Rhodes to Robert Campbell. Their home was first at Snyderstown, Pa., and later on a farm near there. Their children who reached maturity were: William, John and Harry. Mrs. Campbell died at the



home of her son John, in Snyderstown, Dec. 6, 1881. (3) Hannah, born Nov. 27, 1806, on April 6, 1827, was married to William Price, of Clearfield county, Pa., where she resided until the time of her death, July 9, 1892. Their children who grew up were Elizabeth, William Lorenzo, Annie, Martha, George and Wesley. (4) Isaac B., born May 20, 1808, died Dec. 31, 1850, unmarried. (5) William, born Jan. 13, 1810, on Oct. 9, 1834, was married by Rev. Thomas Trenchell to Jane Kline. They first lived on a farm afterward the home and property of John F. Kline, then on a farm near the old Mettler homestead, and later went West and settled on a farm near Joliet, Ill., where he died Oct. 8, 1885. Their children who reached maturity were A. Brittan, Jasper, McKendree, William Henry, Keturah, Harriet Ann and Mary Eliza. (6) Sarah, born July 5, 1811, on Oct. 21, 1831, was married by Rev. Daniel Steele to Charles Gearhart, of Danville, Pa., and settled on a farm near Danville. She now makes her home with her sons Wesley, of Scranton, Pa., and Clark, of Lock Haven, Pa. Her children, who grew up, were Susan, William M., Wesley and Clark R. She married (second) Andrew Runyan. (7) Eleanor, born April 16, 1813, on Sept. 10, 1832, was married, by Rev. Josiah Forrest, to Philip Huff, and located on and afterward purchased the farm owned by Philip's grandfather. (8) George, born Oct. 12, 1814, died Oct. 9, 1824. (9) Nancy, born Sept. 8, 1817, on Dec. 17, 1835, was married by Rev. Oliver Ege to William Carr, of Sunbury, where they located and where she died June 18, 1892. She married for her second husband ex-Sheriff Daniel Buckley. Of the children born to her first marriage, the following grew up: William M., George, Bartley, Francis, Charles, Alfred and Edward. (10) Eliza, born Feb. 2, 1819, was married by Rev. Henry Dill, Jan. 3, 1839, to John F. Kline, and located on a farm near Klinesgrove, Pa., where they both died, the former Jan. 30, 1899. Their adult children were: Sara; Ellen; Martha; Ann; Henry M.; and Ida, Mrs. James Stoner. (11) Lorenzo, born March 27, 1821, was married May 31, 1842, by Rev. C. A. Hewitt, to Permelia Wolverton. They first located in the old stone parsonage near home, then at Deiblers Station in Irish Valley, and later came to own a farm near Rushville, Pa., where he spent most of his life. He died March 17, 1889. His adult children were: Charles, William H. and Margaret. His second wife was Matilda Eckman, daughter of Jacob Eckman. (12) John, born Jan. 13, 1823, was married Jan. 8, 1846, by Rev. J. W. Haughwout, to Jerusha Kline. They located on the old farm at Union Corners and then for a time at Elysburg, Pa., where he purchased a farm on which he died May 23, 1889. They were the parents of but one child, Preston. (13) Susan, born Oct. 19, 1825, was married Jan. 9, 1844, by

Rev. Alem Brittan, to Isaac DeWitt Kline. They first farmed for Mr. Kline's father, then purchased a farm near Mettler's Church on which he died in 1861, a victim of the then prevailing typhoid fever scourge of Rush township. His widow died July 30, 1887. Their adult children were Delia, Ella and Garner. (14) Enoch, the youngest of the family, born July 25, 1827, was married Nov. 3, 1853, by Rev. Andrew Barr, to Mary Ann Robinson, and resided for a time on the old homestead. Later he went West with his brother William and located on a farm near Joliet, Ill. Returning East he located on a farm near the Mettler Church, and afterward came to Riverside and made his home with his son William. His adult children were William L. and Ambrose Apgar.

William H. Mettler, the only surviving son of Lorenzo and Permelia (Wolverton) Mettler, was born in 1848 in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, and was reared upon a farm and educated in the common schools. In 1874 he purchased a farm in Rush township. In 1873 he married Julia, daughter of Daniel Kreighbaum, and their union has been blessed with the following children: Lorenzo P. married Bertha Hartung; Elizabeth J. married Dallis G. Pensyl and has one son, J. Mettler; Willard K. married Carrie Pensyl and has one daughter, Beatrice; Sarah P. married Hugh Spencer Vastine; John D. married Verna Enterline; Rachel R. is unmarried; Charles Mark died when five months old.

Philip Mettler, son of William, married Susan Carter, and they were the parents of the following children: (1) William married Elizabeth Wolverton and had children, Irene Ann (deceased), Charles and Amzi. (2) Spencer married Rebecca Gearhart and had George, Susan and Jasper. (3) Charles married Miram Moore and had one child, Amy. (4) Wilson, born in 1813, died Oct. 8, 1900. He married Anna E., daughter of John and Ann (Cool) Gearhart, and their four children were: Sara E., who married Gohm Hoffman, and has a child Anna, Mrs. William G. Williams; Susan, who married Hugh H. Vastine; Spencer C., who married Amanda Brandon, and they were parents of Flora A. (Mrs. C. V. Amerman, who has one child, Ruth) and Spencer W. (died young); and Anna A., who lives with her sister, Mrs. Vastine. (5) Kate married David Rockefeller and had two sons, William M., an ex-judge, and Jordan. (6) Sarah married Isaac Koser, and her children were Ellen, Catherine, Henrietta and Mettler. (7) Frederick married John Eckman and had children, Philip (who married Harriet Conrad and had a daughter Esther) and Mary Catherine. (8) C. C. married Mrs. Hannah Wood and had four children, Laura, Alice, Susan C., Philip, Wilson and Jennie. (9) Jonathan married Bulah Hoffman and had Annie and Elizabeth.

Mrs. Susan M. Vastine traces her maternal an-

cestry to Capt. Jacob Gearhart, who was born in Strasburg, then in France, now in Germany, in 1735, and in 1754 came to America and took up his residence in Hunterdon county, N. J. He married Catherine Kline. They were the parents of the following children: Herman, Jacob, George, William, John, Benjamin, Elizabeth, Mary, Kate, Charles and Isaac.

John Gearhart, fifth son of Capt. Jacob Gearhart, married Ann Cool, of New Jersey, and in 1790 removed with his parents to what is now Riverside, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. John Gearhart were the parents of: Anna E., Jacob, Tunis, William, John, Sara, Catherine and Elizabeth.

Anna E., daughter of John Gearhart, married Wilson Mettler, and they were the parents of Mrs. Susan Mettler Vastine.

In her beautiful home at Riverside, surrounded by her children and grandchildren, Mrs. Vastine and her sister, Miss Anna A. Mettler, live in plenty and comfort. Hers is a model Christian household, characterized by charity and hospitality. She and her family belong to the Presbyterian Church, with which Mrs. Vastine united when a girl in her teens, and she has ever since been a faithful member.

**DEPPEN.** The Deppen family of Northumberland county to which George Edward Deppen, lawyer of Sunbury, belongs is descended from John Deppen, of Berks county, Pennsylvania.

(I) John Deppen had children as follows: David, of Berks county; Peter, of Berks county, whose children were Alexander, William, Isaac, George, Andrew, Catherine, Lizzie and Rebecca; Christian, whose children were John (by first marriage), Washington, Harriet and Elizabeth (by second marriage); William, great-grandfather of George Edward Deppen; Henry, whose children were Gabriel and two daughters; and George, whose children were William (father of G. W. Deppen), John, Isaac, a daughter whose name is not given, Catherine and Elizabeth.

(II) William Deppen, son of John, was born in 1782 in Berks county. He married a Miss Maurer, and they were the parents of ten children, namely: Mrs. George Snyder (born in 1811), Abram, Isaac, David (died unmarried), Alexander, William, Mrs. Witmer, Mrs. Boyer, Mrs. Bower and John.

(III) Abram Deppen, born in 1812, died in 1899. He was a sawyer and farmer by occupation, and cleared the first five acres of the present site of Shamokin. Later he removed to Locust Gap, where he followed farming. After his marriage he lived in the house which Pat Hester subsequently occupied, and there his son George was born. He then moved to what was called the Deppen plantation, his father's farm, and later purchased a part of the White Island, near Hern-

don, finally removing to Herndon, where he died. He accumulated considerable property during the course of his industrious life.

In 1833 Mr. Deppen married Mary Snyder, who died in 1868. They had four children: Louisa, born in 1834, who married Dr. R. H. Muth; George, born in 1836; Joseph, born Dec. 2, 1837, now of Mount Carmel; and Alexander, born in 1839.

(IV) George Deppen, born in 1836, spent his early life upon the farm. In 1867 he moved to Herndon and began the grain, flour and feed business, which he still carries on. During the Civil war he served as postmaster at that place, and for thirty years, with but one intermission, he served continuously as justice of the peace. He is a member of the Lutheran Church. His wife, Mary (Mertz), born in 1847, died in 1898. They had the following children: Lizzie, born in 1870, who married H. E. Snyder; Laura, who married H. E. Engle; George Edward, born in 1873; and Harry C. (born in 1874), Charles P., Sue, Carmie, John E., Nettie, Raymond and Abram Earl, at home.

(V) GEORGE EDWARD DEPPEN received his primary education in the local schools, and later attended the academy at Freeburg, Snyder county, for three years. In 1890 he entered Ursinus College, at Collegeville, Pa., and in 1893 became a student at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa., from which institution he was graduated, in the classical course, in June, 1894. He then took up the study of law with H. S. Knight, of Sunbury, and was admitted to the bar May 3, 1897, the same year opening his office in Sunbury, where he has since devoted himself to the practice of his profession. He is connected with various social bodies at Sunbury, belonging to the Temple Club, to Maclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M., Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M., and Mt. Hermon Commandery, No. 85, K. T. He is a member of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, having served as regimental sergeant major, battalion adjutant, and being at present inspector of small arms practice of his regiment with the rank of captain. He takes an active part in local politics as a member of the Democratic party, and is a member of the Reformed Church, in which he is active in the Laymen's Missionary movement.

On April 17, 1901, Mr. Deppen married Laura Koons, of Collegeville, Pa. They have had one daughter, who is deceased.

**EDMUND W. SAMUEL, M. D.**, of Mount Carmel, Northumberland Co., Pa., physician and druggist of long standing at that place, representative of the Sixteenth Congressional district for one term, and a leader in founding and conducting several of the most progressive business enterprises which have assisted in the opening up and



development of this section, was born Nov. 27, 1857, at Blanford, England, son of Edmund and Mary (Bower) Samuel.

Edmund Samuel brought his family to America in 1860 and first located at Scranton, Pa. In 1861 they removed to Schuylkill county, in 1863 settling at Ashland, that county, where they resided continuously until 1872. They then lived in different parts of the county until 1886, when they returned to Ashland and there made a permanent home. Mr. Samuel was a well known man in his day in mining circles, having been superintendent of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company for the long period of fifteen years, and in 1889 he was a member of the State board of mining examiners. His family consisted of seven children, three sons and four daughters: Edmund W.; Lizzie, Mrs. Samuel McConnell; Thomas P.; William C.; Mellie; Emma, and Gertrude.

Edmund W. Samuel received a thorough preparatory education, having the privilege of four years under private instructors as well as the benefits of the public schools. He began to learn the drug business in 1874, when he entered the drug store of J. H. Pritchard & Co., at Ashland, and meantime also pursued the study of medicine with Dr. William R. Owens, of that place. In October, 1878, he entered Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated March 13, 1880, the following month commencing practice in Ashland. He remained there only until November, however, when he came to Mount Carmel, which has since been his field of practice. In 1887 he became a member of the drug firm of Dr. E. S. Heiser & Co., this association lasting until July 25, 1889, when he purchased Dr. Heiser's interest, becoming sole proprietor of the business. His establishment is one of the leading drug stores in the borough, or anywhere in this section, and his high personal character is reflected in the management and standing of the business.

Besides making a success of his professional work and drug business Dr. Samuel has interested himself in local affairs to an unusual extent for one of his calling. Few men have had better opportunities to acquire an insight into the greatest needs of the community, and few would have possessed the energy to try to put so many different plans into successful operation. In 1907 he was elected president of the Shamokin & Mount Carmel Transit Company, and he is also president and general manager of the Mount Carmel & Locust Gap Trolley Company, chartered Dec. 6, 1908, which in 1909 built the road from Bear Dale to Locust Gap, about two miles long. J. G. McConnell is vice-president of the latter company, R. D. Heat on, secretary, and William J. Kiefer, treasurer. Dr. Samuel is a director of the Union National Bank of Mount Carmel and of the People's Build-

ing & Loan Association of Mount Carmel; president of the Hazleton Heights Land Company; president of the Penn Bond & Mortgage Company, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and president of the Samuel Realty Company, also of Brooklyn, N. Y. He has shown great executive skill in the management of the various interests he has acquired, to all of which he gives his personal attention.

Dr. Samuel has long been an ardent Republican, and as such he was elected to Congress in 1904 as representative from the Sixteenth District, embracing Northumberland, Montour, Columbia and Sullivan counties. He has always been particularly interested in the cause of public education, and has served as a member of the local school board.

On April 28, 1886, Dr. Samuel married Alice Kiefer, daughter of William and Deborah Kiefer, of Mount Carmel, and they have had four children, all sons: Frank J., who is now engaged in clerking for his father; E. Roger, a student at the University of Pennsylvania, class of 1913; E. Willard, who is in the class of 1911 at the Mount Carmel high school; and E. Walter, who is at school.

The Doctor is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and has various fraternal connections, belonging to the I. O. O. F., the K. of M., the Royal Arcanum and the Masons—Mount Carmel Lodge, No. 378, F. & A. M.; the Williamsport Consistory, thirty-second degree; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is a member of the Schuylkill County Medical Society and of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society.

**SHADE.** The name Shade is well represented in business circles in Shamokin, where the brothers Daniel E., Jacob M. and Richard A. Shade, sons of the late Andrew Shade, are established in various lines, identified with local activities and well known in Masonic organizations.

Andrew Shade, great-grandfather of these three brothers, was a native of Berks county, Pa. He was the first of the family in Schuylkill county, settling near what is now Fernot, where he purchased a tract of land which he at once began to clear. He remained here all his active life and died upon his farm. His son John became owner of the homestead, but it is now in the possession of Reuben H. Shade, uncle of Daniel, Jacob and Richard.

John Shade, son of Andrew, moved with his father by team from Berks county, Pa., to Schuylkill county, settling near Klingerstown. He purchased a tract of land containing two hundred acres, on which he farmed, and he became a well known man in his district. He died at the age of sixty-five years, and is buried at Klinger's Church, as is also his wife, Hannah (Huff). They had children: Elizabeth; Andrew; Jacob, who was killed while serving in the Civil war;



Emanuel; Katie; Abraham; Polly; Louisa, who married John Lantz and lives near Seven Points, Northumberland county; and Reuben H., who now owns the old homestead near Fearnot.

Andrew Shade was born in Schuylkill county. When a young man he learned tanning, which trade he followed successfully for several years, having a tannery about four miles from Tremont, Schuylkill county. Selling out he moved to Snyder county, Pa., where he purchased a farm near Freeburg on which he remained for some time, in 1870 removing to Shamokin, where he remained about four years. His last days were spent in Schuylkill county, where he died in 1895, at the age of sixty-four, and was buried at the Methodist Church near his home. He married Caroline Stein, of that county, who died at Shamokin. They were the parents of the following children: Hannah married John Shoup and they live in Missouri; John is living in Kansas; Jacob M. is mentioned below; Savilla died young; Daniel E. is mentioned below; Alice married Emanuel Long, a merchant of Shamokin; Mary married Daniel Snyder of Shamokin; and Richard A. is mentioned below.

JACOB M. SHADE was born in 1856 near Hegins, Schuylkill county, and received his education in the public schools. In common with many boys of this region he began work at the mines at Shamokin, but he eventually went to a trade, learning the carriage-making business, which he followed, being employed at different places, until 1892. He spent some time at Renovo, Clinton county, whence he came to Shamokin, on Jan. 2, 1892, establishing the store at No. 509 North Second street which he has since conducted. He carries a comprehensive line of groceries, notions, shoes, etc., and is well known in his section of the borough as one of its most progressive business men. He has built up an excellent trade by the most honorable methods, and is one of the most esteemed citizens of Shamokin. His attention has been given chiefly to the care of his business interests, but he has served as a member of the school board from his ward, the Tenth, for seven years. In politics he is a Republican, and in fraternal connection a member of Renovo Lodge, No. 495, F. & A. M., and of the Temple Club of Shamokin.

Mr. Shade was married three times, (first) Dec. 18, 1877, to Emma Malick, daughter of Daniel Malick, of Seven Points, Pa.; she died Nov. 12, 1880. They had one daughter who died in infancy. He married (second) Mary Rhoads, daughter of Daniel Rhoads of Elysburg, Pa., and she died Dec. 18, 1881. They had one son Charles, who assists his father. He married (third) Feb. 16, 1883, Annie C. Gray, daughter of John and Rachel (Fox) Gray, of Paxinos, Pa., and to this marriage came one son Clarence, who died aged thirteen years.

DANIEL E. SHADE was born in 1857 near Tremont, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and received his education in the public schools. For nineteen years after he began to earn his own living he was engaged at the mines, being employed at the Cameron colliery. He then embarked in the mercantile business, for many years occupying the location at Third and Spruce streets where his brother-in-law, Emanuel Long, is now doing business, and in connection with his lines of general merchandise he dealt in oils. This specialty in time attained such proportions and offered such good prospects that he gave up his original business and devoted himself exclusively to the oil trade, which he has ever since continued. He is manager of what is known as the Merchants Oil Company, with offices in the Market Street National Bank building, Shamokin, and handles a large wholesale business which has not yet by any means reached the limit of expansion. His partners in this concern are Martin and Charles Jameson, of Warren, Pa., and these two young men are associated with W. B. Stewart as proprietors of the Warren Refining Company, of Warren, Pa., which furnishes the product disposed of by the Merchants Oil Company. Mr. Shade has developed the business by the exercise of ability and good judgment, which he possesses to an unusual degree, and his success has placed him among the most enterprising men of Shamokin. His personal and social standing is equally good. He is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, holding membership in Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M.; in Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M., of which he is a past high priest; in Shamokin Commandery, No. 77, K. T., of which he is a past eminent commander; in Williamsport Lodge of Perfection (fourteenth degree); Williamsport Consistory (thirty-second degree); and in Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading, Pa. He is a Republican in politics and has held the office of school director, serving from the Sixth ward. He is a member of the Reformed Church.

Mr. Shade married Sept. 20, 1876, Frances Ross, daughter of Thomas and Anna (Kerrey) Ross, of Jersey Shore, Pa., and six children have been born to this union: Minnie married Claude Morgan and they live in Pittsburg; Gertrude married Ray Kellerman and they live in Mount Carmel; Edith is bookkeeper for her father; George is a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy; Mabel and Frances are at home.

Richard A. SHADE was born July 21, 1871, at Shamokin. He attended public school and was reared to farming on his uncle's farm in Dauphin township, Schuylkill county, continuing to follow this occupation until he reached the age of twenty-one years. In the meantime, however, he had learned harnessmaking, at which he began to work when seventeen, continuing it in connection

with agricultural work. After reaching his majority he gave all his time to his trade, and in 1894, returning to Shamokin, established himself in business in that line at No. 15 South Market street. He has all the latest conveniences for carrying on harness-making, and his work is first class and in large demand, his trade being extensive and profitable. His trade is as good as the best in the borough, where he is regarded as a substantial and desirable citizen, one who holds the respect of all who know him. He is a thirty-second-degree Mason, belonging to Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M.; Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M.; and Bloomsburg Consistory, thirty-second degree. In religious connection he is a member of the Evangelical Church.

Mr. Shade's first marriage was to Mamie Wolfgang, who died April 6, 1891, the mother of two children: Allen, who is at home; and Normand, who died young. On April 9, 1895, Mr. Shade married (second) Miss Ida Straub, daughter of Elias and Mary (Walborn) Straub, and to this union have been born five children: Clyde L., James A., Edna M., Richard W. and Leona D.

**DUNKELBERGER.** The Dunkelberger family is an old settled and numerous represented family of Northumberland county, and allied by marriage with many other of the foremost families of this region. The name itself, according to tradition, originated from Dunkel Berg, a spur of the Black Forest, in Germany. Little is known of the Dunkelbergers before the time of the Reformation. During that period they espoused the cause of the Reformers, and their descendants to the present day have continued to adhere to Protestant denominations. Up to the time of their emigration to the New World they were industrious and patriotic citizens of what is now the Kingdom of Wurtemberg, in lower Germany, but being deprived there of their religious liberty they turned to America, coming hither in 1728 by way of the Rheinfels, down the Rhine to Holland, whence they sailed in the English ship "Morehouse," landing at Philadelphia Aug. 28, 1728. They proceeded at once to what is now Berks county, Pa., locating in Windsor township, a little southeast of what is now the borough of Hamburg. They were frequently molested by the Indians. These emigrants were Clement, Daniel and John Dunkelberger. Clement, who was the ancestor of the others (the name of his son Daniel, however, does not appear in his will), at once paid taxes to the English Crown. "Clementz Dunkelberger" is on the first list of taxables of Windsor township (1754). He paid six pounds tax in 1754. At the time of his death, in 1782, his home was in Windsor township. His will, made Feb. 12, 1776, was probated April 8, 1782, and is on record in Will Book B, page 38. At the time

the will was made his wife Anna Maria was still living. Their children were (no record of Daniel): Clemens, who obtained the plantation; Catharine, married to Andrew Winiger; Mrs. John Beck; John; Frederick; Christopher; Elizabeth, married to Michael Deck; Philip; Sevila; Magdalena, and Dorothea.

John Dunkelberger, grandson of Clement, was born in Windsor township, near Hamburg, in 1740. He married there and had two sons by that marriage, in 1780 (at which time he was a widower) moving with his son George to the northern part of the Mahanoy Valley, in Northumberland county—that part of Mahanoy now embraced in Little Mahanoy township. He received from the State a warrant for more than two hundred acres of land, located north of Line Mountain and between that and Mahanoy creek. The Indians were his neighbors and were friendly to him, but during the terrible Indian disturbances his family on several occasions had to flee for safety. There he built a stone gristmill and stone dwelling house. In 1814 he is credited with a grist and saw mill on Mahanoy creek, which mill is said to have been the first in that section. He built the mill several years after locating in that district. On the John Dunkelberger homestead still stands a large stone house, 15 by 35 feet in dimensions, and two and a half stories high, which was built in 1818, the year in which this pioneer died. Large, well-selected stones were used in its construction and the wall is exceptionally strong.

After settling here John Dunkelberger married again and had two sons by his second wife, Solomon and Jonathan, from whom most of the Dunkelbergers are descended. These pioneers are buried on their own farm, on an elevation below a piece of pine woods, about fifty feet northeast from a public road. Their graves are marked by marble tombstones, inscribed as follows:

Hier ruhet  
Johannes Dunkelberger  
Geb. den 28. Sept.  
1745  
Starb. den. 27. Novem.  
1818.  
Alt. 73 Jahr. 2 mo.  
1 Tag.  
Test. J. Beck, Moses  
18. Capitel. 11. V.

Hier ruhen die  
geheir. von Daniel und  
Dunkelberger wov.  
Eine geb. u. K. u. w.  
war geboren den 20ten  
Marz, 1761, und starb  
den 3ten September, 1827  
17. alt. 66 Jahr. 66.  
Yahr. 5 mon. 20.  
12. Tag. Test. Heub.  
17. Capitel. den. 11. u. 5.

John (Johannes) Dunkelberger, known as "Little Johnny," one of the sons of John by his first marriage, was born in Berks county Sept. 14, 1775. He died May 17, 1835, and was buried in the Howerter cemetery in Upper Mahanoy township. He was a farmer and like his brother George settled in Mahantango Valley, in Mahanoy (now Lower Mahanoy) township, Northumberland county. He married Susanna Zimmerman, born in April, 1785, who died Jan. 19, 1860, and their children were: Daniel (settled in Mahantango Valley), Catharine (Mrs. Knerr), George, John, Joseph, Magdaline, Susanna (married Abraham Howerter), Solomon and Elizabeth (Mrs. Klock). George is fully mentioned below. John, who married Christiana Geist, is fully mentioned elsewhere in this work. Joseph, who married Rachel Federolf, is also mentioned at length elsewhere. Solomon, born in 1821, died in 1892, at Shamokin. He followed the tailor's trade. He married Elizabeth Wagner, born Feb. 17, 1823, died April 6, 1861, and they had five children, William, Jeremiah, Edmond, Ellen and Franklin. John Dunkelberger, the father, died May 17, 1835, in territory now embraced in Lower Mahanoy township. He had a tract of twenty-four acres of land when he died. His will, made May 5, 1835, on record in Will Book III, page 200, was probated June 12, 1835. It was witnessed by George Haas and H. F. Heintzleman, and he names "my friends" Pete Fetterolf and John Maurer, Sr., as executors.

George Dunkelberger, son of John, was born March 10, 1810, in the Mahantango Valley, and was a lifelong farmer. Moving to what was then Shamokin (now Rockefeller) township, he settled near Seven Points, where he bought a farm of 160 acres on which he spent the remainder of his life, dying there Jan. 6, 1884. He is buried at Seven Points. His wife, Catharine Rebeck, daughter of John, was born in 1816, and died Oct. 1, 1895. They had children as follows: Susan, who is in Oklahoma; Jonathan, deceased; George, living in Michigan; Catharine, of Sunbury; Elizabeth, of Shamokin; Tobias; Mary, living at Sunbury; Henry W.; and Harriet, living in Sunbury.

TOBIAS DUNKELBERGER, son of George, is a well known farmer of Shamokin township, where he was born, near Seven Points, Dec. 4, 1851. He attended the local schools and remained with his father until he reached the age of nineteen years, after which he was associated with his brother Jonathan for five years, engaged in butchering. He then spent two years upon the homestead again, after which he went to Shamokin and entered the milk business, in which he continued four years. He then bought the old Wilkinson homestead of seventy-six acres in Shamokin township, to which he added until he now has two hundred acres in the one tract, as well as another farm of 145 acres in the same township. In addition to general farm-

ing he makes a specialty of dairying. Mr. Dunkelberger is a progressive man and has taken considerable interest and part in various affairs affecting the welfare of the community, was postmaster at Yordy for about five years, until the office was discontinued upon the establishment of the rural free delivery, and is a director in two telephone companies. He is a member of the M. E. Church, in which he has likewise been active, serving upon the building committee when the new church was erected, in 1905. He has always been liberal in his support of religious work and enterprises. Fraternally he is a thirty-second-degree Mason, belonging to Elysburg Lodge, No. 411, F. & A. M., Bloomsburg Lodge of Perfection and Bloomsburg Consistory.

Mr. Dunkelberger married Martha Chamberlin, daughter of Isaac Chamberlin, and they have six children: Alverta M., wife of D. A. Beck; Mary C., wife of Harry Robinson; George A.; Susan G., wife of H. L. Beck; Herbert H.; and L. Anabel, who graduated from the Bloomsburg State normal school in 1910.

GEORGE A. DUNKELBERGER, son of Tobias, was born July 18, 1882, in Shamokin, and was quite young when his parents settled at the home in Shamokin township where he was reared. He attended the local schools, and later was a student for two years at the Millersville State normal school, in Lancaster county. Returning home he assisted his father until his marriage, after which he lived for two years upon the farm at Seven Points owned by his father. In 1908 he bought the old Swank farm, near the upper M. E. Church, where he follows agricultural pursuits, also carrying on a daily milk business, his route being to Trevorton. He is a director of the Irish Valley & Seven Points Telephone Company. Mr. Dunkelberger is an estimable young man, an active member of and worker in the Methodist Church, where he has served as president of the Epworth League and superintendent of the Junior League.

In 1905 Mr. Dunkelberger married Hannah R. Sober, daughter of Isaac and Abigail (Furman) Sober, and they have three children: Verna May, Oscar Wallace and Tobias Henry.

The Sober family came to America from Germany, and Samuel Sober, Sr., the founder of the family in this section, was a native of New Jersey. He came thence to Pennsylvania, settling in Shamokin township shortly after the close of the Revolutionary war, and purchased a tract of land containing about seven hundred acres, where the Sober brothers at one time resided. His wife, who maiden name was Moore, was a resident of Shamokin township, and their children were as follows: John; Michael M., born March 12, 1801, who died Nov. 26, 1870 (his wife, Maria, died Sept. 2, 1863, aged fifty-two years); Susan, who married Morris Smith; Alexander; Isaac, born in



1814, who died in 1882 (his wife Mary, born in 1817, died in 1896); and Aaron. Samuel Sober, the father of this family, died about 1820.

Alexander Sober, son of Samuel, Sr., was born in 1807 on the homestead in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, was a farmer throughout life, and inherited a portion of the homestead farm, living and dying in Shamokin township. His death occurred in December, 1869. His wife, Mary Foy, also born in 1807 (probably in Rockefeller township), survived him many years, continuing to live in her native place until her death, in 1895. Mr. Sober was a quiet and industrious citizen and farmer, highly esteemed by his neighbors. Two children, nine sons and three daughters, were born to him and his worthy wife, namely: Samuel, who is deceased; Beulah, deceased; Uriah, living in Shamokin; Morris; Aaron; William A., deceased; Isaac; Salathiel, deceased; Alexander Jordan, deceased; Mary A., who married Frank Hummel; Susanna, who married Jared Neidig; and Joseph, living in Sunbury.

Isaac Sober, son of Alexander, born Nov. 28, 1837, followed farming and threshing throughout his active years. He resides in Shamokin township. By his marriage to Abigail Furman the following children were born: Lillie B. married Charles Schrader; Florence A. married Grant Smith; Mary R. and Susan E. died young; Amos V. is living in California; John F. lives at home; George R. is a resident of Sunbury; Atwood lives in Baltimore; Katie L. married Harvey Wynn; Alvin A. lives in Iowa; Hannah R. married George A. Dunkelberger.

Daniel Furman, grandfather of Mrs. Isaac Sober, lived in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, and followed farming. He married Rebecca Moore, and they had the following children: Moore, who was drowned; Annie, who married Bevy Taylor and (second) George Campbell; Lovina, who married Christ Yordy; Rachel, who married Peter Kreiger; Abigail, who died young; William, who died in Shamokin township; John, and Samuel, who died in Shamokin township.

John Furman, son of Daniel, followed farming, and died in Shamokin township. He married Ann H. Riche, daughter of Moses Riche, and they had the following children: Moore, M. Riche, Rebecca, Catharine, Hannah, Abigail (Mrs. Isaac Sober) and Elizabeth J.

HENRY W. DUNKELBERGER, son of George and Catharine (Reback) Dunkelberger, was born on his present farm in Shamokin township Feb. 25, 1856. He obtained his education in the public schools and was engaged with his father on the farm until he reached the age of twenty-one years, when he went to Michigan. After working in that State for eighteen months he returned to his old home and learned the trade of machanic at Lees Dale, following this business for three years; it

was during the time the "Molly Maguires" made times so exciting in that section. He was next engaged in farming on the old homestead, or his father for some time, and he subsequently located at Weigh Scales, where he farmed for ten years. On April 15, 1890, he bought the old homestead, ninety-six acres of good land, which formerly belonged to Benneville Keim, of Reading, Pa. He is now successfully engaged in farming and trucking. Mr. Dunkelberger has attended the Shamokin markets since 1871, and is as thoroughly familiar with the marketing of produce as with its cultivation. He is an industrious, respected citizen, and has served as overseer of the poor in his district for the past twenty-three years. He is a Democrat in politics, a member of the United Evangelical Church, has been a member of the P. O. S. of A. since 1878, and also belongs to the Brotherhood of America.

Mr. Dunkelberger married Elizabeth Reed, daughter of Amos Reed, and they have had a family of eight children, namely: Mabel, who married Webster Lot and has one son, Fain; Charles, a resident of Shamokin, who married Susan Behrent and has four children, Adelina, Carl, Mabel and Emanuel; Howard, of Snyderstown, who married Mary Hawk; Viola; Emma; Charlotte; Arthula, and Leon.

Amos Reed, father of Mrs. Henry W. Dunkelberger, was born Jan. 10, 1820, in Little Mahanoy township, son of Leonard and Elizabeth (Dunkelberger) Reed. His father, who was a native of Berks county, Pa., came to Northumberland county with his parents at an early period, the family settling along Plum creek, in what is now Rockefeller township. Leonard Reed was a farmer by trade. He was a Lutheran in religious faith. Of his six children, we have record of three: Solomon, Elizabeth (wife of Abraham Shaffner) and Amos. In 1846 Amos Reed married Rebecca Fagely, daughter of Jonathan Fagely, and so lived in 1852, the mother of three children: Emma, of Iowa; Mary, wife of Newton Furman, of Williamsport; and Maggie, wife of Arthur Wynn, of Rockefeller township. Mr. Reed's second marriage was to Sarah Swenkart, to whom he had six children: Elizabeth, Mrs. Henry W. Dunkelberger; Harriet, wife of Luther Ellis, of Washington, D. C.; Catharine, of Newmarket, N. H.; Henry, of Hong Kong; Rachel, of New York; and William, of Iowa, and Edna, of Idaho. The second time Mr. Reed married Susanna Trion, widow of Abraham Reitz. Mr. Reed died in 1887 and is buried in the White Cross Road church. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, made his second marriage and lived and died in this county, was a Republican.

WILLIAM G. SHOOP, of Danville, Pa., one of the leading business men of that place and of the surrounding territory, was born in Danville, Pa.

son of Gideon M. and Amelia (Gearhart) Shoop, the former of whom was for years one of the foremost citizens of this part of Pennsylvania.

George Shoop, grandfather of William G. Shoop, was born Jan. 1, 1783, in Cumberland county, Pa., son of John Shoop. He married Elizabeth Cockley, who was born in Dauphin county April 30, 1783, and she died July 21, 1832, in Sunbury, Pa., Mr. Shoop surviving until June 21, 1849. They were the parents of seven children, born as follows: Mary Ann, Aug. 30, 1804 (born in Cumberland county); John, Sept. 19, 1807 (born in Sunbury); Amelia, March 30, 1810 (born in Sunbury); George, Jr., June 14, 1813; Jeremiah, Oct. 1, 1815 (died April 19, 1847); Sarah, Aug. 24, 1818 (died Oct. 26, 1818); Gideon M., Jan. 23, 1821.

Gideon M. Shoop attended public school at Sunbury until thirteen years of age, when he went to Franklin county, Pa., to learn the art of making French buhr millstones, at which he was employed for two years. When fifteen he went to Cumberland county, where he followed his trade for some time, until ready to establish himself in business. In 1841 he came to Danville as collecting agent for several stage lines, and in that capacity performed the duty of sorting and distributing the mail. In 1846 he rented the "Brady Hotel," which he repaired and improved, added another story and changed the name to the "Montour House," by which name it is still known. After eighteen months in the hotel business he sold out and went into the mercantile business, in which he was engaged for several years. On April 11, 1849, he was appointed postmaster of Danville, serving as such until Nov. 26, 1852. In 1850, when Montour county was formed out of Columbia, Mr. Shoop and Dr. Frick were the prime movers in the formation of the new county, and instrumental in its erection. For over thirty years he served as a director of the Danville National Bank, and he was influential in the promotion of various industries in Danville, was a director of the Danville Nail & Manufacturing Company, of the Danville Bridge Company, and of a number of similar concerns. Mr. Shoop became interested in the lumber business as opportunity offered, purchasing several tracts of timberland in Montour and adjoining counties, cutting the timber and building a number of sawmills in which to prepare the lumber for market. When wood grew scarce in his own locality he turned his attention to the South, where he acquired large interests. This was his last business. One of Mr. Shoop's pet enterprises was the Danville high school, of which he was one of the foremost advocates from the time the project was first broached. If there was one of his achievements which he valued above others it was undoubtedly what he accomplished in this direction. For fourteen years previous to his death he was a

trustee of the hospital for the care of the insane at Danville. In political sentiment he was a staunch Republican, and influential in his locality, but not an office seeker; socially he was identified with Danville Lodge, No. 224, F. & A. M., and with the Royal Arch chapter. He was a prominent member of St. Paul's Methodist Church, which he served faithfully as president of the board of trustees, steward and teacher in the Sunday school, and his interest extended to the denomination at large. In 1880 he was elected a lay delegate to the Central Pennsylvania Conference, and the same year was elected by the Conference to the General Conference which met at Cincinnati, Ohio. His death occurred March 20, 1909.

On Dec. 2, 1846, Mr. Shoop married Amelia Gearhart, daughter of William and Sarah (Boone) Gearhart, both members of prominent old families of this region more particularly mentioned later in this article, and to them were born four children: Clarence and Jeremiah, twins, who died in infancy; William G., and George, who died at the age of five years. Mrs. Shoop died Oct. 17, 1896.

William G. Shoop, son of Gideon M. and Amelia (Gearhart) Shoop, was given educational advantages in his youth, and upon commencing the earnest business of life became associated with his father. He has continued the sawmill successfully to the present time, maintaining the high reputation established by his father in a long and prosperous career. He has worthily worn a name which has been identified with the most progressive interests of this portion of the State for many years, and has managed all his interests with an ability which entitles him to rank among the most substantial men of the vicinity.

On Dec. 2, 1906, Mr. Shoop married Mary Emma Robertson, of Galesburg, Ill., daughter of John and Mary (Wallace) Robertson, formerly of Cumberland county, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Shoop reside in the beautiful stone mansion at the corner of East Market and Ferry streets, Danville. They attend the Presbyterian Church.

William Gearhart, grandfather of Mrs. Gideon M. Shoop, came to Northumberland county, Pa., in 1790 with his brother Capt. Jacob Gearhart, William taking up the land between Kipp's run and the stream that enters the river above Riverside. Both had married in New Jersey, from which State they moved to this region, William (probably the elder) marrying Eleanor De Knight. They were the parents of seven children: William, Tobias, Aaron, Jacob, Elizabeth (Mrs. Amens), Mary (Mrs. Lamberson) and Ann (Mrs. Amens).

William Gearhart, son of William and Eleanor Gearhart, died in 1847. He married Sarah Boone, and they had five children, born as follows: Mayberry, in 1813; Eleanor, in 1814; Harriet, in 1815; Julia Ann, in 1818; Amelia, in 1821.



The Boones, Mrs. Gideon M. Shoop's maternal ancestors, descended from George Boone (1), who lived in England. His son, George (2), was born in the city of Exeter, Devonshire, England, and died at the age of sixty years. By trade he was a blacksmith. He married Sarah Uppey, who lived to the age of eighty, and to their union was born George Boone (3), whose birth occurred in 1666 at the village of Stoak, near Exeter. He married Mary Manbridge, who was born in 1669, daughter of John and Mary (Milton) Manbridge, and died in 1740, in her seventy-second year. George Boone (3) and his wife arrived in Philadelphia Oct. 10, 1717, spent some time at Abington, Pa., then two years at North Wales, eventually moving to Oley township, Berks county, where they settled. Warrants for 400 acres of land there issued to him, dated 1718, are on record. The original homestead is now owned by Morris DeTurk. This George Boone died in Berks county July 27, 1747. He left eight children, fifty-two grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren, all of whom excepting Sarah and Squire remained and died in Exeter township, Berks county, as the records of the Exeter Friends burying ground show. We have the following record of the children born to George Boone (3) and his wife Mary (Manbridge): (1) George (4), born July 13, 1690, died Nov. 20, 1753. He was a teacher by profession, served as magistrate, and was a man of great prominence in the community. On July 31, 1713, he married Deborah Howell, who died Jan. 26, 1757. (2) Sarah, born Feb. 18, 1691(?), married Jacob Stover. They moved to Virginia and later to Kentucky. (3) Squire, born Nov. 25, 1696, died in 1764 in North Carolina, whither he moved in 1750. About 1745 he erected what was then the largest barn in Berks county, a stone structure which remained standing until 1875, when it was torn down by Mr. DeTurk, who needed a larger building. The masonry was found to be perfect, and the walls had to be blasted to pieces in spite of the fact that they had stood for over one hundred and thirty years. In 1750 Mr. Boone sold his farm to Mr. DeTurk, and it has since remained in the latter's family. Squire Boone married Sarah Morgan, an aunt of Gen. Daniel Morgan, of Revolutionary fame, and they were the parents of eleven children, nine of whom lived to the ages of between eighty-three and ninety-one years, one of this family being Daniel Boone, the famous Kentucky pioneer. Another was Hawkins Boone, who built Fort Boone, at the mouth of Warrior Run. (4) Mary, born Sept. 23, 1699, died Jan. 16, 1774. She married John Webb, and they were the parents of eleven children, of whom Samuel moved to Columbia county, Pa., settling near Espy. His daughter Mary married Mordecai Lincoln, brother of Abraham, and son of Mordecai, who died in 1735-36. (5) Joseph, born April 5, 1704, died Jan. 20, 1774.

His wife's name was Catharine, (6) Benjamin, born July 16, 1706, died Oct. 11, 1762. In 1726, at Abington, Pa., he married (first) Ann Farmer, and they were the parents of John and Susanna. There were five children by the second marriage, Mary, Benjamin, James, Samuel (whose daughter married Hezekiah Pancoast) and Dinah, who married Benjamin Tallman, son of William and Ann (Lincoln) Tallman—Benjamin being their only child who reached maturity and left descendants. Ann (Lincoln), his mother, was the sister of Sara Lincoln, wife of William Boone, and they were daughters of Mordecai Lincoln, whose will was probated in 1736. Mordecai Lincoln married (second) Mary Robinson, and Sarah and Ann were their children; there was also a posthumous son, Abram. Among the sons of his first marriage was John, who had a son Abraham, who was the father of Thomas Lincoln, who married Nancy Harris and became the father of Abraham Lincoln, president of the United States. William and Ann (Lincoln) Tallman moved to Virginia, where they died. Benjamin and Dinah (Boone) Tallman also moved to Virginia, but about 1805-10 they settled in Ohio, where he died about 1820 and she about 1824. (7) James, born July 18, 1709, died Sept. 1, 1785. He married Mary Foulke and (second) Anna Griffiths, and by his wife Mary had fourteen children. One of his sons, James, became an astronomer; he wrote the Boone manuscript from which much of the material used in this article is taken. The eldest child, Ann, married Abram Lincoln, posthumous child of Mordecai Lincoln, who died in 1735-36. Mordecai Lincoln, son of Abram and Ann (Boone) Lincoln, married Julia Mayberry, sister of Margaret Mayberry, who was the wife of George Boone, son of William and Sarah Boone. Margaret Lincoln, only child of Mordecai and Julia (Mayberry) Lincoln who reached maturity, married a Mr. Barto.

George Boone (4), born July 13, 1690, married Deborah Howell, and they had a family of ten children, born as follows: George (5), May 3, 1713, who died Sept. 30, 1737; Mary, Feb. 19, 1716; Hannah, July 20, 1718; Deborah, Dec. 18, 1720; Dinah, Oct. 18, 1722; Wm., Sept. 18, 1724; Josiah, Jan. 6, 1726; Jeremiah, Jan. 16, 1729; Abigail, Aug. 9, 1732; Hezekiah, March 22, 1734.

William Boone, son of George (4), born Sept. 18, 1724, died in 1774. His will, signed May 24, 1768, and probated Dec. 6, 1771, provides for the following: To daughter Abigail, wife of Alvin Pancoast, 70 pounds; to repair the Exeter burying ground, 100 pounds; to Mary, 100 pounds a year for rent of land; to son Mordecai, 50 pounds a year for rent of land. The remainder of the estate was to be divided equally among the sons, who were to support the widow. On March 26, 1748, William Boone married Sara Lincoln, who was born in



January, 1727, and died April 21, 1810. The mother and children Mordecai, William, Mary, George, Thomas, Jeremiah and Hezekiah, by certificate members of Fairfax Meeting, Virginia, Oct. 30, 1776, were dismissed from Exeter; Sarah Boone and her children Mary, William, George, Jeremiah and Hezekiah were dismissed to Exeter Meeting by certificate later. Following is the record of the children born to William and Sarah (Lincoln) Boone: (1) Abigail was married May 28, 1767, to Adm. Pancoast, who died Dec. 12, 1822. Her death occurred May 14, 1808. She had a certificate to Fairfax Meeting and another to return to Exeter, June 28, 1797, and a third from Exeter to Catawissa, and in the last are named children as follows: William, Mary and Hezekiah. Of these, William married Vashti Cooper and their daughter Mary married James Evans Lindsey, by whom she had a son, William Lindsey. Hezekiah, born June 8, 1789, was married March 26, 1815, to Rachel Boone, who was born May 30, 1789, daughter of Samuel Boone, who died on Fishing creek in 1811. (2) William married Susanna Parks, of Reading, Pa., who in 1778 had a certificate to Pipe Creek. In 1782 their descendants founded Boonsboro, Md. (3) Mordecai. (4) Mary married Isaac Lee, Exeter Meeting, May 8, 1777. (5) Thomas died Oct. 28, 1823, in Amity township, Berks Co., Pa. He married a daughter of Richard Lee. (6) Jeremiah. (7) Hezekiah married Hannah Hughes, daughter of George Hughes, in Exeter township, Berks Co., Pa. He died in Catawissa township, Columbia Co., Pa., and his will was probated April 5, 1827. The children of his first wife were: William and George, of Schuylkill Co., Pa.; Martha, Mrs. Lewis Vastine; Ann, Mrs. J. Wolverton; and Newton, who died in Bloomsburg, Pa.; the children by the second marriage were: Milton, who died at Pottsville; Surrissa; Hannah; John; Judah, of Schuylkill County, Pa.; Willetts, who died in Bloomsburg, Pa.; and Elizabeth, who died in Pottsville, Pa. (8) George, born in 1739, died in 1824. He married Hannah Hughes, and to them were born the following children: Edward, Margaret, T. Ellis, Joseph, William Ridgeway, Elizabeth, and Jeremiah, all of whom died early in life. The mother of this family died in 1774, and Mr. Boone married (second) Margaret Mayberry, of Hereford township, Berks Co., Pa., daughter of Mrs. Ann Lee, wife of Richard Lee and widow of William Mayberry. By this union there were ten children, born as follows: Sarah, May 19, 1782 (married William Gearhart); William, Nov. 12, 1783; Ann, Aug. 21, 1785; Charles, Dec. 21, 1786; Mary, Oct. 18, 1788; George, Aug. 7, 1790 (died May 30, 1860); Elizabeth, Aug. 23, 1793; Harriet, Nov. 22, 1795; Margaret, May 25, 1798; Rachel, Feb. 5, 1801.

DAVID LLEWELLYN, late of Shamokin, was prominently connected with the coal mining industry in this region for many years, and was also one of the foremost citizens in various other phases of the local business development, his association with the Shamokin Banking Company and with companies which promoted various public utilities of the borough, involving services which give his name a permanent place among the valuable residents of this section.

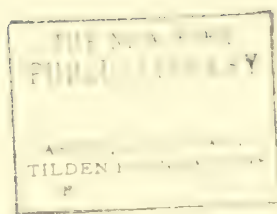
Mr. Llewellyn, who was born Nov. 20, 1825, in Caerphilly, Wales, was the eldest son of Edward and Sarah (Harris) Llewellyn, natives of South Wales, who came to this country about 1831. The parents first settled in Carbondale, Pa., in 1836 moving to St. Clair, Schuylkill county, and in 1838 to Pottsville, in the same county, where the remainder of their lives was passed. The father, Mr. Edward Llewellyn, died in 1844, his wife surviving until 1866. David, Llewellyn and John were the sons, Mary and Ann, their daughters.

David Llewellyn came to America with his parents and began miner's work in early life, working at different branches of the business. In 1853 he located at Mount Carmel, Northumberland county, where he spent several years, engaged in the development of what became known as Bell's Tunnel. Thence he went to Locust Gap, where he was with Haas & Bowen and other firms as inside superintendent, in 1863 coming to Shamokin to take the position of superintendent with Haas & Fagely, coal operators. In 1869 he was admitted to the firm and from that time until 1886, when he relinquished the coal business, he was one of the active figures in the local coal field. He held interests in the Cameron, Helfenstein and Big Mountain mines, and was one of the prominent and wealthy operators of this region, which in his progressive and enterprising spirit gained a fresh impetus and an added factor in its prosperity. His last business operations were with E. B. Patterson, running the Big Mountain colliery.

Meantime, as his means accumulated, Mr. Llewellyn became interested in other lines, and for almost twenty years he was officially connected with the Shamokin Banking Company. On March 29, 1872, he was elected a director of that institution, and on Sept. 14, 1883, was chosen president, filling that office ably until Jan. 20, 1891. He was a promoter, and one of the original directors of the Shamokin Electric Light Company and was one of the directors of the Shamokin Water Company. During his residence in Mount Carmel he was elected first treasurer of that borough and also served as president of the school board. In politics he was a Republican. Mr. Llewellyn's death, on Nov. 18, 1896, removed one of the foremost citizens of Shamokin, one who had been identified with the evolution of many projects which have made it the prosperous and desirable bor-



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ough which it now bears the reputation of being, and one who was farsighted and intelligent enough to foresee its possibilities and to show his faith by helping to realize them. He was buried in the Shamokin cemetery.

Mr. Llewellyn married (first) Mary Haine, of Columbia county, Pa., and three children were born to them: Emma (deceased), William and Sarah (wife of Nathan Swank). By his second marriage, to Susan Laubenstein, he had six children: Frank, Alice, Ida, Annie, Effie and Kate. For his third wife he married Anne G. Robinson, of Pine Grove, Schuylkill Co., Pa., who survives him.

DAVID A. FURMAN, farmer and dairyman, has passed most of his life in Rockefeller township, where his family has been settled many years. His grandfather, William Furman, lived there when the territory in which he resided was known as Augusta township. He was a man of affairs and various interests, following farming, operating a grist and saw mill, and engaging extensively in the lumber business, continuing the latter line for many years. He gave employment to as many as twenty-five men in his lumber operations, in the course of which he cut many forests. He furnished most of the timber used in the construction of the Pennsylvania roundhouse at Sunbury. He owned two farms, now owned by Andrew Lentz and Tobias Dunkelberger, respectively. In his day he was a man of more than ordinary prominence. In politics he was a Jeffersonian Democrat, in religion a Baptist. His wife, Huldah (Chamberlin), who was from the Irish Valley, was born May 6, 1816, and died Oct. 15, 1885, and they are buried in the cemetery of the Plum Creek Church. They had three children: John Wesley, and two who died in infancy.

John Wesley Furman was born Aug. 13, 1839, in Rockefeller township, and was a lifelong agriculturist, cultivating the place now owned by Andrew Lentz. In his day the tract comprised 120 acres, and he was an enterprising and prosperous farmer, making a good living and ranking among the substantial men of the community in his time. He died in Rockefeller township May 1, 1886, at the comparatively early age of forty-six years. His wife, Mary Ann (Fasold), daughter of Jonathan Fasold, died Feb. 20, 1893, aged fifty-five years, two months, ten days, and they are buried at the Eden (Plum Creek) Church, where a number of their children are also interred. Mr. Furman was a Lutheran member of the Plum Creek Church, and served many years in the church council. He and his wife had children as follows: William M. died July 14, 1899, aged thirty-eight years, ten months, seven days; David A. is mentioned below; Calvin N. is a resident of Sunbury; Josephine died aged fourteen years; Edward B.

is a resident of Shamokin township; Jonathan E. is a resident of Sunbury; Charles D. died Oct. 11, 1894, aged nineteen years, six months, eleven days; Anna D., twin of Charles D., died March 25, 1906, aged thirty years, eleven months, twenty-five days; Martin L. died March 6, 1898, aged twenty years, one month, seventeen days; Roy died March 15, 1899, aged eighteen years, six months, twenty-nine days.

David A. Furman was born April 7, 1863, in Rockefeller township, and was there reared and educated, being trained to farm work from early boyhood. Working for his parents until he attained his majority, he commenced farming for himself in the spring of 1884 on a tract of seventy-two acres in Shamokin township, where he remained until 1891. Selling that place, he moved to the Amos Epler farm, in the same district, where he lived for one year, after his wife's death (which occurred in 1892) selling out at public auction and returning to the home of his parents, where he remained until that place was sold out, a year later, on account of his mother's death. After his second marriage he lived at Shamokin for one year, at the end of that time returning to farming, in Little Manaskey township, where he was thus occupied for eleven years on the William Dunkelberger farm. In the spring of 1907 he came to Rockefeller township, where he has a 100-acre farm which he purchased Sept. 1, 1906. The old Joseph Gass homestead in the Plum Creek Valley. The land is fertile and well cultivated, and Mr. Furman does a large dairy business in addition to general farming, keeping from fifteen to twenty cows and wholesaling the milk at Sunbury. He is a thrifty and energetic worker, and has had excellent returns on all his work. Mr. Furman is a Democrat, and is at present serving on the board of school directors of Rockefeller township.

Mr. Furman's first marriage was to Laura J. Adams, daughter of Casper and Elizabeth (Lake) Adams, who then lived at Elysburg, Pa. She died Dec. 29, 1892, aged twenty-nine years, four months, nine days, and is buried at the Eden Evangelical Lutheran (Plum Creek) Church in Rockefeller township. They had four children: William, now married Ida D. (deceased), of Shamokin; Mary E., who is unmarried, lives at Shamokin; Elsie, married Elmer Smith, of Sunbury; William, married Jennie Kowalski of Upper Augusta township; Charles, lives in Sunbury. On Oct. 25, 1894, Mr. Furman married (second) Helen J. Warner, and to their union have been born three children: Paul A., John L., and Helen M. He and his wife are members of the Eden Evangelical Lutheran Church of Plum Creek Valley, and he is serving in present year on the church council.

Edward B. Furman, son of John Wesley Furman, married May 17, 1890, to Alice, daughter of Robert

ler) township, received a common school education, and remained with his father until the latter died. After his marriage he was with his father-in-law, Joseph Yeager, for ten years, after which he spent about ten years on the Jonathan Kreigbaum farm of forty acres, engaged in dairying as well as general farm work in Shamokin township, which farm he now owns. On May 1, 1892, he married Cordelia A. Yeager, daughter of Joseph and Rosanna (Farley) Yeager, and their children are Wave Marie and Joseph Groevenor. Mr. Furman is a member of the Cross Road Church, which he has served as trustee for sixteen years. Politically he is a Democrat.

William Furman, grandfather of David A. Furman, had a brother Samuel, whose son George Furman lived at Stonington, in Shamokin township. They are mentioned elsewhere.

**FASOLD.** The Fasold family has been settled in Northumberland county for almost a hundred years. Valentine Fasold (or Fausold), the first of the name in this country, having brought his family hither in the year 1816. The brothers Daniel and Samuel Fasold (the latter now deceased), of Sunbury, were long well known carpenter contractors of that and other sections of the county, and their younger brother, Eli Fasold, now living on the old homestead in Rockefeller township, was for many years associated with Daniel in such work. The members of this family are among the best known carpenters of the region.

Valentine Fasold was a native of Hessen, Germany, emigrated about the year 1795, and made a location in Whitehall township, Lehigh Co., Pa., where he lived for some time. He served in the war of 1812. In 1816 he came to Northumberland county, settling on a farm in Shamokin township now owned by a Schlegel, and there he remained until he died. Like the members of the family generally, he was a Lutheran, belonging to the church at Augustaville, where he is buried. The inscription on his tombstone reads: "Valentine Fasold, born in Deutschland Oct. 6, 1765, died Nov. 16, 1824." He was a weaver by trade. He was twice married, his first wife, Christian Xander, of Whitehall township, Lehigh Co., Pa., being German born. They had three children, as follows: Susanna married Abraham Wolf; Mary Elizabeth married Henry Dornsfie; John, the only son, settled in Richmond, Ind., and there died. The baptismal certificate of Susanna Fasold is in the possession of her granddaughter, Mrs. Theo. Chester, daughter of Abraham Wolf, and the following is written upon it in German script: Susanna Fasold, daughter of Valentine and Christian, a born Xander (inn), his wife, was born into this world Oct. 8, 1798, at 10 o'clock in the morning, in Whitehall township, Northampton [now

Lehigh] Co., Pa. She was baptized Oct. 18th of same year in the Lutheran faith. Her sponsors were Johannes Slichter and his wife Dorothea. Valentine Fasold's second wife, Catharine B. Schriver, born Dec. 28, 1775, died Dec. 31, 1858, was from Lehigh county. She was the mother of these children: Catharine (married Jonathan Kreigbaum), Jonathan, Peter (settled in Pottsville, Pa.), George, Lydia (married Samuel Haupt), Charles (lived in McKeesport, Allegheny Co., Pa., and had a family; he was a carpenter), Mary (Polly) (married Jonathan Daughenbach), Joseph, Sarah (married George Zimmerman), Henry (1821-1885, who lived and died in Rockefeller township) and Mary Ann (married Daniel Kreiger).

At a reunion of the Fasold family held Dec. 15, 1885, at Farrow's Grove, in Snyderstown, Northumberland county, about three hundred descendants of Valentine Fasold were present.

Jonathan Fasold, son of Valentine, was born in Lehigh county, Pa., in 1805, and when eleven years old came with his parents to Northumberland county. He owned the farm in Rockefeller township, on which he died in 1885, and followed his trade of shoemaker in connection with farming. He was a Democrat, and he and his family were Lutherans. His widow Catharine (Bartholomew) survived him a number of years, living on the old homestead in Rockefeller township until her death, Sept. 5, 1891, at the age of eighty-three years, one month, twelve days. Their graves are marked by a large monument. They had children as follows: Jonathan, Elizabeth, Catharine, Mary Ann, Simon Peter, David, Hannah and Lucinda (married Saul Shipman).

**DAVID FASOLD**, a citizen of Rockefeller township, was born Aug. 31, 1842, son of Jonathan and Catharine (Bartholomew) Fasold. He was reared to farming and learned the trade of stonemason and paving when a young man, following that line of work in Sunbury and the surrounding territory. He has passed the major part of his life in Rockefeller township, purchasing the farm where he now lives, a tract of ninety-eight acres, about 1885. This was part of the John Shipman farm. Here Mr. Fasold built a large frame house in 1900, and has made a pleasant home. He also owns part of his father's homestead, which comprised forty-seven acres, but he sold thirteen acres, the part on which the buildings were erected, retaining the other thirty-four acres. It joins his large farm. Mr. Fasold does general farming, disposing of his products in Sunbury. Mr. Fasold was a member of the township school board and during his administration two substantial school buildings were erected in the district, serving as models for those that were built afterward. In politics he is a Democrat and he and his family are Lutherans of the General Synod. Mr. Fasold



has been a useful member of the church, has served in the council many years and has been superintendent of the Sunday school many terms, still filling the position.

Mr. Fasold married Ida Dressler, daughter of Isaac and Luzetta Dressler, residents of Perry county, Pa. Three children have been born to this union: Leon Launcelot, Howard Russel and Edward Warren.

Mr. Fasold is a prominent Odd Fellow, a member of Augusta Lodge, No. 614, at Augustaville, which he represented in the Grand Lodge for several terms. He was also a member of the Encampment and filled all its offices. He is a good citizen and a man highly esteemed wherever known.

George Fasold, son of Valentine, was born in Lehigh county May 25, 1809. He lived and died in Rockefeller township. By trade he was a carpenter and he did considerable contract work, employing a number of men and erecting many houses and barns. He owned the farm now owned and occupied by his son Eli, and there died Dec. 13, 1895. When he settled on this tract it was all covered with forest, and he cleared it with the help of his sons. His wife Mary (Kreiger), a daughter of Christian Kreiger, was born March 25, 1813, and died March 30, 1868. Mr. and Mrs. Fasold were Lutherans and are buried at the Plum Creek church. He was a member of the church council many years. He was a Democrat and active in local affairs, serving his township as school director, supervisor and overseer of the poor. He was one of the progressive citizens of his district in many respects. Mr. and Mrs. George Fasold had a large family, namely: Daniel, mentioned below; Henry, who did not marry; Samuel, mentioned below; Jeremiah (1839-1872), who married Sarah Kelley and had four children, Rosa, Emma, Gertrude (Mrs. Ammon Geist) and Minnie (Mrs. Cadwallader Reeser); Sarah, who died aged sixteen years; Lydia, who married Samuel L. Kulp and died when twenty-two years old (their daughter Minnie married Albert Teitsworth); John George, who married Eva Rhoads, and had Mary, Ada, Emily, Ella, Daniel H., Walter, Reuben and George; Reuben, who married Sarah Malick and had four children, Amy (Mrs. Isaac Haas), Elwood (married Mary Snyder), Mabel and Homer; Eli, mentioned below; Albert, who married Lucinda Peiffer and had five children, Cora, Truman, Molly, and Flora and Lydia, both deceased; Sophia, who married Henry Conrad; Josiah, who married Florine Shindel and had Harry, Mary and Maggie.

DANIEL FASOLD, son of George, was born Oct. 5, 1835, in what was then Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, and there received his education in the public schools, which were just being established in that locality. He received a B. S.

to teach, from the first superintendent of Northumberland county, Prof. J. J. Reimensnyder, being eighteen when he taught his first term, in what was then Lower Augusta township; it lasted three months, and he taught ten terms in all, being quite successful in his profession. He had learned the carpenter's trade from his father, practically growing up with a knowledge of that business, which he followed during the summers while teaching, and to which he devoted all his time eventually. He was engaged thus from 1848 to 1910, a period of sixty-two years in all, and from 1856 to 1890 was largely engaged in contract work, often employing as many as ten men. Much of his work was done in and around Sunbury, but he had a reputation which extended beyond that locality, for he was well and favorably known over a radius of twenty miles, and was the leading contractor of his section for many years. In 1873 he built the Plum Creek church; he assisted to build Millers Cross Road church, in Rockefeller township; put up a number of schoolhouses in that township; and assisted as foreman in the erection of the large St. Peter's church at Mahanoy, in 1858. In the spring of 1895 Mr. Fasold moved to Sunbury, where he has since resided, his home being at No. 448 Catawissa avenue. From the time of his settling in the borough he has taken quite an active part in public affairs, having served as assessor of his district since 1903. While in Lower Augusta township he was school director one term, and also served a term as auditor; in Rockefeller township he served two terms as school director and two terms as auditor. Politically he affiliates with the Democratic party, in whose work he has taken an active interest. He has also been an energetic church worker, and was long a prominent member of the Plum Creek Lutheran congregation, serving as a member of the building committee when the present edifice was erected, in 1873; he was also deacon, elder and trustee. He and his family now unite with Zion's Lutheran Church in Sunbury.

On Dec. 18, 1856, Mr. Fasold married Elizabeth Bartholomew, daughter of Jacob Bartholomew, and they have had three children, one of whom died in infancy. H. Frances married Francis Culp, a railroad employee, who died in February, 1911, and they lived in Sunbury; they had five daughters, Laura (who married Joseph B. Kline and has a daughter, Mildred E.), Elizabeth (who graduated from the State Normal school at Bloomsburg and is engaged in teaching), Elsie I. (stenographer), Ruth Evangeline (a milliner, now in Middletown, Del.) and Verdie Winifred (wife of Edward Harrison and living at Wilkes-Barre, Pa.). Charles E., a carpenter by trade, formerly followed contracting, but since 1888 has been foreman of a gang for the Pennsylvania Railway Company, and lives in Sunbury at No. 241 Fair-



mount avenue, Sunbury; he married Caroline Shipe, and they have eight children, Agnes M. (wife of Joseph Moyer), F. Edith (who is married and has a son, Kenneth F.), Sarah (wife of Charles Hart, of Danville), Daniel S., Irving G. (an employee of the Bell Telephone Company), Ellis Lee, Francis and Helen B.

SAMUEL FASOLD, son of George, was born Feb. 16, 1839, on the homestead in Rockefeller township, and obtained a common school education. At an early age he began to learn the carpenter's trade under his father's instruction, and from his early manhood worked as a boss carpenter, being for a time engaged at Shamokin and surrounding towns. On May 21, 1867, he and his wife came to Sunbury, where they settled permanently. Mr. Fasold building the home at No. 904 East Market street, Sunbury, in 1869, and it has been occupied by the family from that time to the present. Mr. Fasold became one of the leading contractors in Sunbury, and in his time had the bulk of the best patronage, putting up many residences and large business structures, giving employment to a number of hands, and teaching the trade to various apprentices. He deserved his success, proving himself worthy of the confidence shown in him, and was honorable and trustworthy in all his dealings, giving honest work in everything he undertook and making an excellent name for himself throughout this region. Mr. Fasold died May 9, 1906, at the old home on East Market street where his widow still resides. He was a member of Augustaville Lodge, I. O. O. F., and an active member of the Lutheran Church, assisting in the work of church and Sunday school; he held the office of deacon. During the Civil war he was a member of Company C, 136th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry.

On Dec. 25, 1866, Mr. Fasold married Mary Catharine Evert, daughter of John C. and Sarah (Weiser) Evert, late of Rockefeller township, the former of whom is buried at Plum Creek Church. Mrs. Fasold was born in Lower Augusta township. Her maternal grandfather, Philip Weiser, was a grandson of Conrad Weiser, the noted Indian interpreter. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Fasold: (1) Ida J. lives with her mother. (2) Rev. John Calvin is a minister of the Lutheran Church now located at Williamstown, Pa. He married Maggie Albert, and they have had children, Evert L., Robert A., Hannah Weiser (died in infancy) and Marshall. (3) Dolan W. is engaged as station agent at Selinsgrove, Pa. He married Lulu App, daughter of Solomon App, and they have three children, Florence, Irene A. and Lena May.

ELI FASOLD, son of George, was born in Rockefeller township Nov. 20, 1846. He lived at home and worked for his parents until he was of age, and was trained to carpenter work from an early age;

when but fifteen years old he went with his father and did such work as he was capable of, he and his brother Daniel continuing their father's work after his death. They did day's work as well as contracting, and became the best known carpenters in their district. Eli Fasold owns and lives on the homestead, which contains fifty-five acres, located in the Plum Creek Valley. George Fasold, his father, cleared this tract and erected the present buildings on it.

On April 3, 1870, Mr. Fasold married Lydia Hepner, daughter of John Hepner, of Shamokin township. She died Sept. 24, 1905, aged sixty-two years, ten days. To Mr. and Mrs. Fasold were born six children: Charles E., now of Shamokin, Pa., Carrie E., married to P. L. Klinger, of Rockefeller township; William W.; Milton, of East Sunbury; Christian K.; and Jennie B., married to Charles Snyder. Mr. Fasold and his family are Lutheran members of the Plum Creek Church, in the work of which he has been very prominent, having served many years as deacon and treasurer. Politically he is a Democrat, and has been quite active in his community, being school director, auditor and supervisor.

Joseph Fasold, son of Valentine, lived in Upper Augusta township, where he had a farm. He was a stonemason by trade. He and his wife, Catharine (Hartzell), had: Mary Ann, James B., Lillie and Catherine.

ELISHA M. CAMPBELL, a farmer of Rush township, Northumberland county, was born in Shamokin township in 1863, son of Elisha Campbell, Sr., and grandson of Henry Campbell, who lived in West Virginia and followed lumbering and farming. Elisha Campbell, Sr., was his only child.

Elisha Campbell, Sr., married Hannah Karchner, and they were the parents of six children, namely: Hannah married Harmon Snyder, and they had children, Calvin, William, Mary, Cora, Rachel, Jacob and Edith; Sarah married George Miller and had children, Elizabeth, Jesse, Albert and Orville; Ella married William Ford and had four children, all of whom are deceased but Hazel; Clara married John Snyder and had three children, Greda, Anna and John; Charles married Lillie Snyder and has two children, Raymond and Edward; Elisha M. is a resident of Rush township.

Elisha M. Campbell has followed farming all his life. He married Sarah Catherine Vastine, daughter of Hugh Hughs Vastine, and to them was born one child, Elwood, who is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell attend the Baptist Church.

Abram Van De Weestyne, from which Mrs. Campbell is descended, came from Holland to America in the seventeenth century and settled

in New Jersey. In 1698 John Vastine, his son, lived in Germantown, Pa. He soon purchased a tract of land in Hilltown township, Bucks Co., Pa., from one Jeremiah Langhorn, and became one of the pioneers of that county. His wife Abigail, whom he married in New Jersey, survived him, his death occurring Feb. 9, 1738; he was buried at Hilltown, Bucks Co., Pa. Their children were as follows: (1) Abraham, born May 24, 1698, died in October, 1772. He married Sarah Ruckman and they had five children: Abigail married Andrew Armstrong; Ruth married James Armstrong; Mary married Robert Jameson; Rachel married Hugh Mears; Sarah married Samuel Wilson. (2) Jeremiah, born Dec. 24, 1701, died in 1769. He and his wife Deborah had children: Jeremiah, who died in 1778 in New Britain, Bucks Co., Pa. (his wife's name was Elizabeth); Martha, Mrs. John Louder; Hannah, Mrs. Samuel Gresham. (3) Benjamin, born Jan. 9, 1703, was the next in line of descent to Mrs. Elisha Campbell. (4) John died Feb. 9, 1765, in Hilltown, unmarried. (5) Mary, born March 1, 1699, married a Mr. Wilson and moved to South Carolina.

Benjamin Vastine, born Jan. 9, 1703, son of John, died in August, 1749. He married Mary Griffith, and they were the parents of the following children: (1) Hannah married Emerson Kelly. (2) John married Rachel Morgan and had children Benjamin (married Mary Van Zant), Simon, Nancy and Margaret. Of these, Benjamin and Mary (Van Zant) Vastine had three sons: Benjamin, who married Elizabeth Hauck and had Margaret (Mrs. William Savidge), Amanda, Harriet (Mrs. Alvin Hughs), Algernon and Thomas F.; Thomas, who married Sarah Ellis and had Ann (Mrs. George Pensyl), Lucinda (Mrs. John Adams), Mary, Samantha, Beneville, Grace Ella, John, Rufus, Thomas J., Jane and Sarah Matilda; and John, who married Sarah Scott and had Hannah (Mrs. Mahlon Huff), Ellen, Sarah Jane, Benjamin, Catherine and Isabella. Simon, son of John and Rachel, married and had a son John. (3) Abraham married Elizabeth Williams, and their children were John, William, Abraham, Nancy, Mary and Jeremiah. The family lived in York county, Pa., for a time, later moving to Kentucky. (4) Benjamin, who died in September, 1775, married Catherine Eaton, and their children were: Mary married Josiah Lunn. Peter married Hannah, daughter of Jonathan Vastine, and had children, Catherine (unmarried), Elizabeth (married John Colket), Benjamin (unmarried), Mary (married Henry Johnson), Ann (married H. Boone), Lydia (unmarried), Thomas Jefferson (married Harriet Paxton and had Peter, Margaret P., Charles, Joseph, Sarah and Hannah), Peter E. (married Mary Miller) and Jeremiah (unmarried). Benjamin

married Dorothy, daughter of Amos Vastine, and they had children Martha (married Joel Miller) and Catherine (married Benjamin Miller). Elizabeth married Alem Morris. (5) Jonathan, who married Elizabeth Lewis, is next in the line of descent to Mrs. Elisha Campbell. (6) Isaac married Sarah Matthews. (7) Amos married Martha Thomas and they had two daughters: Dorothy, who married Benjamin Vastine, son of Benjamin; Martha, who married Robert C. Shannon.

Jonathan Vastine, son of Benjamin and Mary (Griffith) Vastine, married Elizabeth Lewis, and their children were: (1) Benjamin married Elizabeth Van Zant and their children were: Lewis V., who married Martha Boone and had Hannah (Mrs. Dudley Andrews), Margaret (Mrs. Jacob B. Gearhart), Rachel Jane, Elizabeth (Mrs. John H. Morrall), Matilda (Mrs. Abraham Gulick), Sarah, Martha, William B., Lewis B. and George; Mary, who married Samuel Boone; Ann, who married Isaac Wolverton; and Rachel, who married John M. Housel. (2) Ann married Thomas Robbins. (3) Hannah married Peter Vastine, son of Benjamin Vastine. (4) Mary married William Marsh. (5) John married Catherine Osmun and had William (married Elizabeth Hursch), Amos (married Susan Lerch), Margaret (married Charles Heffley), Sarah (married Robert Campbell), Thomas (married Lanah Vought) and John. (6) Jeremiah married E. Reeder, and their children were: Mary, who married C. Fisher; Margaret, who married D. Robbins; Surriasa, who married William Leighaw; and Thomas, who married Eliza Reeder and had children Catherine and Elizabeth. (7) Thomas died unmarried. (8) Jonathan married Nancy Ann Hughs.

Jonathan and Nancy Ann (Hughs) Vastine had children as follows: Hugh Hughs; Lewis, who married Sarah Potts and had one daughter Ann, now the wife of Alfred Halberstattel and the mother of one child; and Benjamin, who died single.

Hugh Hughs Vastine, son of Jonathan and Nancy Ann (Hughs) Vastine, married Catherine Zimmerman, and to them were born the following children: Martha Ann died single; William L. married Alice Cardell and had children, Blanche, James, Mary and Cora; Oscar married Ada Galspy; Mary E. married John K. Endman and had children, Hattie, Sarah, Nora, Alice, Bert, John, Calvin, Kimber, and Frank; Jonathan married Cora Hess and had children, Charles, Katie and Chester; Jacob married M. Smith and had children, Ethel, Hatten and Grethel; Lewis married Mary Nummaber; Sarah C. married Elisha Campbell, Jr.; Harriet married William Arnold and had children, Bessie and Annet; Ida married Charles Hoffman and had children, Vergie, Edwin, John, Mary, W. S., William, Lillie and Frank.



**I. C. M. ELLENBERGER**, present superintendent of the public schools of the borough of Sunbury, has been engaged in educational work for over twenty years, about half of that time as teacher and the remainder in his capacity of superintendent. He was born Oct. 30, 1863, at Gatesburg, Pa., and received his elementary education in the public schools. He prepared for college at Stone Valley Academy and Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Pa., and took his collegiate course at Pennsylvania State College, from which he was graduated in 1890. From 1891 to 1894 Professor Ellenberger was principal of the Bremen Institute, in Kentucky. In 1894 he took the position of principal in the high school of Tyrone (Pa.), filling that incumbency until 1899, when he was made superintendent of the Tyrone public schools. He continued in that work until he came to Sunbury, in 1908, to serve in a similar capacity. Some idea of his responsibilities may be gained from a brief outline of the educational facilities Sunbury affords its youth at the present time.

The borough is fairly well provided with large and commodious school buildings, well equipped for thorough and efficient work. There are eight buildings advantageously located, readily accessible so as to be convenient for the pupils in all the various parts of the borough. The borough of Sunbury was incorporated as such March 24, 1797, by Act of Assembly, and divided into two wards, East and West, thus establishing the school district. Some time later the first free school was opened, on Third street, where the post-office now stands. The town grew considerably and was soon divided into four wards, and the schools were managed by a board of six directors, the board meetings being held semi-monthly. Previous to 1870 there was no Central high school in Sunbury, but the schools in the different wards were partially graded. The first step to establish a central high school was taken by the board of directors in 1870. Bartholomew's store room, at No. 35 North Fourth street, was rented for the purpose, and in December, 1870, J. R. Miller was elected first principal, at a salary of one hundred dollars a month; at this time primary teachers received thirty-five to forty dollars a month, secondary teachers, fifty-five dollars, and grammar school teachers, sixty dollars. The school term was but seven months. Because of poor health Professor Miller resigned almost immediately after accepting, and Prof. Elias Schneider, who formerly taught in the Sunbury Academy, was elected principal in January, 1871. Shortly afterward the high school was moved to the Second street building, opposite the county prison; then to the building on Front street, near the Reading railroad bridge, the same building the academy had occupied for a short time; then it was partly in the Front street building and partly in the Eighth ward building. For some time the

high school was small. Professor Schneider served three years as principal, being succeeded by W. M. Boal, W. H. Black, H. R. Roth, C. D. Oberdorf, Professor Conser, Professor Young, Professor Dennis and Professor Rhodes, the present principal. The first regular high school class was graduated in 1882, and consisted of three pupils. After several years it was thought superior school advantages could be secured by consolidating Sunbury and East Sunbury, a project which was consummated in 1895. The school district then consisted of nine wards, a new Central high school was built on Fifth street, at the head of Court street, midway between Market and Chestnut streets. In 1893 the borough superintendency was established, C. D. Oberdorf being elected superintendent, his place as principal of the high school being taken by Professor Conser. In 1897 the high school of the Sunbury school district took up its quarters in the new building. Professor Oberdorf was succeeded as borough superintendent by Prof. Ira Shipman, who held the office until 1908, since when Prof. I. C. M. Ellenberger has been the incumbent.

The annual reports indicate the steady growth of the schools. In 1860 there were four teachers, 269 pupils, and the school term was eight months. In 1870 there were ten teachers, 672 pupils; term, seven months. In 1880 there were fourteen teachers, 822 pupils; term, eight months. On Dec. 1, 1884, the wards had increased to five, by reason of the increase of the borough population, and there were in all five school buildings, accommodating one boys' and girls' high school, two intermediate, two secondary and three primary schools. In 1890 there were nineteen teachers, 1,109 pupils, and the term was eight months. In 1900 there were forty-two teachers, 2,100 pupils, and the term had increased to nine months, as at present. In 1910 there were fifty-six teachers, 2,504 pupils. Including the class of 1910 the Sunbury high school has had 108 graduates, and the East Sunbury high school 63. The State appropriation has increased from \$213.20 in 1860 to \$13,131.83, in 1910.

**LEINBACH.** The brothers D. O. and Charles F. Leinbach, of Milton, Northumberland county, are natives of Turbut township, this county, where their father and grandfather lived, but the family is an old one of Berks county, and has been settled in Pennsylvania since 1723.

The first known ancestor of the Leinbachs was Henry Leinbach, of Langen-Weibolt, Wetterau, Germany, who married Barbara Lerch.

Johannes Leinbach, Sr., son of Henry and Barbara, was born in Langen-Selbold, Wetterau, March 9, 1674; he was baptized by the Reformed pastor. In his native land he was an organist. On Oct. 2, 1700, he married Anna Elizabeth Kleiss, who was born in Eidengup, Wetterau, Feb. 2,



1680, daughter of Adam and Elizabeth (Schilling) Kleiss, and was baptized in the Lutheran faith, to which her parents adhered. Johannes Leimbach, Sr., came to Pennsylvania Sept. 11, 1723, with his three sons and two daughters: Frederic, John Henry, John (Johannes, Jr.), Joanna Maria and Maria Barbara, the family settling in Oley township, Berks county. He was "vorsteher" of the Oley congregation, into which office he was inducted April 9, 1742.

Frederic Leimbach, son of Johannes, Sr., was born in Hochstadt, near Frankfort on the Main, July 15, 1703, and was baptized by the Reformed pastor, Rev. Mr. Bender. He was a tailor by trade. On June 2, 1737, he married Elizabeth Frey, of Skippack, who was born there July 1, 1719, and was baptized by Count Zinzendorf May 6, 1742.

John Henry Leimbach, son of Johannes, Sr., was born Nov. 26, 1705, in Hochstadt, and was baptized in his infancy by the Reformed pastor, Rev. Mr. Bender. On Nov. 2, 1739, he married Joanna Herman, born in Conestoga March 16, 1718, and baptized by Count Zinzendorf May 6, 1742, the same day as Elizabeth Frey, above mentioned.

Johannes Leimbach, Jr., son of Johannes, Sr., was born in Hochstadt Feb. 13, 1712. He accompanied his parents to Pennsylvania in 1723, and settled as a farmer. On Aug. 12, 1735, he married Catharine Richm, of Muddy Creek, and they had eleven children, one of whom died in infancy, the others being: Frederick, John Daniel, Lewis, Abraham, Benjamin, Joseph, Elizabeth, Maria Barbara, Johanna and Catharine.

John C. Leimbach, great-grandfather of D. O. and Charles F. Leimbach, lived and died in Oley township, Berks Co., Pa. His son,

John C. Leimbach, born in 1796, died in 1853. Coming to Northumberland county, he settled in Turbut township about 1820, and there he is buried, at Paradise. He was a tinsmith by trade and a skilled mechanic in various lines, being quite famous for the grandfather clocks which he made; the last one he made is owned by his grandson, D. O. Leimbach. His wife, Mary (Stitzel), was born in 1799 and died in 1887; she was a member of the Judge Stitzel family of Berks county. John C. and Mary (Stitzel) Leimbach had two children, Daniel S. and Hannah. The daughter married John Kutz, of Northampton county, who died in Limestone township, Montour county, the mother of Daniel (deceased), Emma (married John Wolfinger), Annie (married Judson Derr), Wallace (of Milton, Pa.) and Nelson (of Sunbury, Pa.). Mrs. Archer Van Dyke, sister of John C. Leimbach, lived in the Juniata valley.

Daniel S. Leimbach, father of D. O. and Charles F. Leimbach, was born Aug. 31, 1822, in Turbut

township, and died Nov. 13, 1902; he is buried at Paradise. He attained prosperous circumstances through his own efforts, and was highly respected by all who knew him. He owned a fine farm, containing about one hundred acres, located near Follmer's church in Turbut township, repaired the residence on that tract and built a fine new barn. He was independent in politics and an active member of the Reformed Church, which he served as elder and deacon. Mr. Leimbach married Mary Fick, who was born July 8, 1828, daughter of John Fick, and died Dec. 23, 1891; she is buried beside her husband. They became the parents of four children: Annie A. is the wife of John Ditzler, of Turbut township, and has three children, Emma, John M. and Charles; John A., now a retired farmer, who owns the old homestead in Turbut township, married Eliza Bieber; D. O. and Charles F. are mentioned below.

D. O. LEIMBACH was born July 29, 1859, near Paradise, in Turbut township, Northumberland county, and received his education in the township schools. He remained with his father until he reached the age of twenty one, when he came to Milton, Aug. 6, 1880. Here he has since made his home. He learned the trade of machinist at the well known establishment of S. J. Shiner & Sons, in Milton, and continued to follow that occupation as a journeyman until 1887, when he became traveling salesman for the concern, a capacity in which he was engaged until 1894, traveling through the States, Territories, and Dominion of Canada. Continuing in the service of the above named firm, who established the iron business known as The Milton Manufacturing Company, he assumed the salesmanship of this company and after years of extensive travel became their Philadelphia representative, a position he now holds. He has been in the same employ for a period of upwards of thirty-one years. Mr. Leimbach's practical experience in the machine shop and his mechanical skill are valuable supplements to his ability as a salesman and his judgment in business dealings, and the combination of qualities has made him an appreciable factor in the success of the company in the field over which he has operated. He is a substantial citizen of Milton, and retains his home there, living in the fine residence which he built in 1906, at No. 398 East Broadway. He is a Lutheran and has been an active worker in the church, which he has served as deacon. In politics he wears no collar, and is no man's man.

On March 19, 1889, Mr. Leimbach married Ella M. Klapp, daughter of Peter and Catharine (Hanz) Klapp, and grand daughter of John Klapp and John Hanz. Mr. and Mrs. Leimbach have one son, W. Dewart, who was born March 6, 1899, and is now attending the local schools.

CHARLES F. LEIMBACH was born Jan. 28, 1896,

in Turbut township, Northumberland county, and after attending the local schools went to the academy at Limestoneville, Montour county, and to the academy at McEwensville, Northumberland county. He also spent one year in study at the normal school at Hickory, N. C. Upon his return home, in 1888, he began clerking in the store of W. L. Raup, where he remained five years, subsequently clerking one year in West Milton and then six years with the Schreyer & Sons Company, at Milton. He has since been in business on his own account. He bought out the grocery of D. L. Hogue, of Watontown, which he conducted for two years, until 1904, that year returning to Milton and establishing himself at his present location, No. 436 Broadway. Here he has a first-class store, dealing in groceries, flour and feed, and he enjoys a steady and lucrative patronage, built up by honorable methods and earnest efforts to please his customers, who appreciate his attention to their wants and his ability to meet all the requirements of his trade. Mr. Leimbach is deservedly a much respected citizen of the borough in which he makes his home.

On Dec. 27, 1895, Mr. Leimbach married Sarah C. Lahr, who was born Nov. 11, 1872, daughter of William B. and Sarah (Sterner) Lahr, and died March 24, 1907; she is interred at the Harmony cemetery, at Milton. Mr. and Mrs. Leimbach had one daughter, Mary Helen, who was born May 20, 1900. The family home is at No. 432 Broadway, Milton.

Socially Mr. Leimbach is a member of Castle No. 265, K. G. E., and Commandery No. 27, K. of M. He is active in the work of St. John's Reformed Church, which he has served as a member of the consistory.

HEINRICH KLERN, general superintendent of the Susquehanna Silk Mills, at Sunbury, stands at the head of one of the foremost enterprises established in that borough as the result of the efforts of local business men to enhance the interests of this place by drawing industrial capital hither with special inducements of convenience and economy of production. That the reciprocal advantages for which the Susquehanna Silk Mills agreed to establish a plant at Sunbury have been exceeded to a notable degree may be gathered from the citation of a very few statistics. The Sunbury Board of Trade was organized in 1894, and not long afterward the industrial committee became particularly active in urging the advantages of the borough as an industrial center upon capitalists in search of suitable locations. Through the industrial department of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company it was ascertained that the old established silk manufacturing firm of H. E. Schniewind, of Germany, was considering the establishment of a plant in this country. An offer was made on the condition that a factory at least

100 by 300 feet in dimensions be erected, and that employment be furnished to at least 250 people. That the success of the plant has surpassed the expectations of its founders and of the Sunbury citizens who induced them to choose this location is shown in the simple fact that the main mill in the Ninth ward occupies an area 400 feet square, taking no count of substantial additions, and that a working force of over 800 finds constant employment therein. Moreover, another large establishment, the converting works of these mills, has grown out of the needs of this and other mills operated by the same concern, giving employment to another force of 400 workers.

The Susquehanna Silk Mills, manufacturers of the famous Suskana silks, are operated by a German house of long standing. H. Schniewind, Jr., is the present president and treasurer of the American branch of this concern, Max Siepermann, secretary. For ten years before the establishment of the plant at Sunbury Mr. Siepermann had been the New York representative of the firm. Through him negotiations were entered into with the visiting representative of the firm by which a plant of the proportions above given was to be erected and put into operation, a company being incorporated under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania. Mr. Heinrich Klerx had at that time been connected with the German house for a period of fifteen years, and through efficient service in various capacities had risen to the position of superintendent. His ability, no less than his long and varied experience, seemed to qualify him particularly for the special responsibilities of the new venture, though he was at the time unfamiliar with American methods and business customs, and had but slight acquaintance with the English language. His resources, however, proved equal to the unusual demands made upon them. Assuming control at the outset, he superintended all the details in the construction of the plant and the setting up of machinery, and after the factory commenced operations soon learned by actual contact with conditions here whatever he needed to grasp the local situation. The methods of his native land combined with the best in American commercial tactics have proved sufficient to raise the plant under his control to foremost standing among the industrial institutions of the country. Mr. Klerx has the advantage of being a skilled mechanic, and his inventive faculties have enabled him to produce many devices for saving labor in the Susquehanna Silk Mills, some of his appliances, in fact, being now in general use in similar establishments all over the United States. His familiarity with the executive and financial intricacies of this branch of manufacturing is no less comprehensive, and the combination of faculties which he has shown in his administration of this great plant makes his services invaluable.



In 1903 the Susquehanna Silk Mills established another plant, at Marion, Ohio, the demand for the product having outgrown the capacity of the mills at Sunbury. It was erected and equipped under the personal supervision of Mr. Klerx—a high compliment to his management of the Sunbury plant. Since then two other plants, one at Lewistown, Pa., the other at Jersey Shore, Pa., have been put into operation by this concern, the main office being at Sunbury, where Mr. Klerx resides. There are also salesrooms and offices at No. 18 West Eighteenth street, New York City.

In 1903 it was found that another plant, for dyeing and finishing the product of the weaving mills, would be a desirable addition, and through Mr. Klerx' efforts this new establishment was also located at Sunbury, though it finishes the product of all the mills of the concern. Mr. Klerx had full charge of all the preliminary arrangements, the purchase of suitable property and the construction of the factory, which is located in the Fifth ward. This new plant, known as the converting works, was completed and set in operation in December, 1903. In construction and equipment it is second to no establishment of the kind in the State.

Every branch of the silk business has been the object of Mr. Klerx' earnest study. The welfare and health of employees, no less than the prosperity of the factory, has received his attention from the time he took up his work here, and it was he who organized the Silk Mill Relief Association, which pays benefits to employees, members incapacitated through accident or illness. Moreover, movements looking to the general welfare have always received his hearty support, for a well ordered community means healthful, industrial conditions for both employer and employee.

Socially Mr. Klerx holds membership and is past Exalted Ruler in the B. P. O. Elks, Lodge No. 267, the Americus Club, and other organizations.

**JACOB G. HOFFMAN**, a venerable resident of Washington township, Northumberland county, was born in that district Aug. 1, 1836, son of William D. and Anna Maria (Gonser) Hoffman.

John Hoffman, his grandfather, was a native of Colebrookdale township, Berks Co., Pa., and was a pioneer in Northumberland, where he followed farming. He is buried at the Reformed and Lutheran Church at Rakers, Pa. He made his home in Washington township, along the mountain. His wife, Susanna (Drumheller), daughter of Nicholas Drumheller, a native of Earl township, Berks county, came with him to this county. They had children as follows: Jacob D. died in Jackson township and is buried at St. Peter's Church; he married Rebecca Snyder, born April 21, 1812, died Aug. 15, 1835; three twin sons, Montgomery and Cornelius, born Aug. 14, 1835, died in 1835 and

1836, respectively; Henry D., born Jan. 9, 1810, died Nov. 10, 1889, lived in Washington township, where he followed the occupations of farmer and stonemason (his wife Maria Elizabeth, nee Hetrick, born Sept. 21, 1812, died Feb. 3, 1867); William D. is mentioned below; Elizabeth married Fred Raker; Catharine married Jacob Groh, and they located in Missouri.

William D. Hoffman, son of John, was born Dec. 23, 1802, in Colebrookdale township, Berks Co., Pa., and came to Northumberland county with his parents when a young man. He was a stonemason and farmer in Washington township. His property there including the farm now owned by his son Jacob G. Hoffman; his purchase was a much larger tract. He was a Lutheran member of the Himmel Church, where he held various offices, and is buried there. His death occurred Oct. 2, 1885. His wife, Maricha or Anna Maria Gonser, born Sept. 11, 1812, was a daughter of Daniel Gonser, and came of a very prosperous family. She died May 16, 1899. The children of this union were as follows: Daniel Gonser, born June 26, 1832, died Dec. 22, 1860; Elizabeth married a Mr. Drumheller; John G., born April 19, 1835, died Nov. 10, 1868 (his wife Sarah died May 9, 1904, aged sixty-six years, three months, nineteen days); Jacob G. is mentioned below; Maria (or Maricha) was the next in the family; Denah married Elias Hetrick; William G. lives at Pillow, Pa.; Emanuel died in infancy; Henry G., born Sept. 24, 1843, died Feb. 9, 1874; Conrad G. was the next son; Rudolph A., born Nov. 8, 1847, died Jan. 9, 1886; Louisa married Henry Keihl, of Pillow, Pa.; Benjamin, born April 29, 1850, died Feb. 20, 1861; Robert G., born March 27, 1852, died March 1, 1857; Caroline, born Jan. 17, 1857, died May 13, 1866; Ernestus G. lives at Pillow.

Jacob G. Hoffman was reared to farm life and remained at home working for his parents until he attained his majority. Meantime he attended the subscription schools for a limited period. He then learned the blacksmith's trade, which he has continued to follow, though he has lived partially retired since 1892. His first home was in Washington township, whence he moved to Upper Mahanoy, but after less than two years' residence there he returned to Washington township, where he was established for eight years. For three years afterward he was in Jackson township, then moving to Lower Mahanoy, where his home was near Hickory Corners for one year. From there he moved to his present location, remaining ten years at that time and moving elsewhere for two years, after which he purchased the place where he and his family now make their home, settling and there the family resided continuously since 1887. This tract of part of the Susquehanna Company's possession, which originally was owned by Mr. Hoffman, contains about 150 acres.



There are two dwellings on the place. Part of his present residence is of log construction and was built before 1800, and the stone house was built in 1819. There is good water on this farm, and Mr. Hoffman has been successfully engaged at his trade and in agricultural pursuits. He has taken an interest in local affairs, was overseer of the poor for twelve years, school director six years and supervisor one year. Politically he is a Democrat.

In 1860 Mr. Hoffman married Sarah Drumheller, who was born July 29, 1840, daughter of Nicholas Drumheller and granddaughter of Nicholas Drumheller, a native of Berks county, the family being prominent and fully mentioned elsewhere in this work. Twelve children have been born to this union: Emma R. married Frank Rothermel and died at the age of twenty, the mother of three children, one of whom survives; Lilian A. married Adam Rebnick and has two children (she is now—1911—fifty years of age); Franklin L., of the Mahantango Valley, married Catharine Strohecker, and they have had fourteen children, nine of whom are living; Francis W., who is engaged in farming his father's land, married Bertha Klock, and they have had four children, all of whom survive; Daniel M. died when four years old; John T., who lives in the Mahantango Valley, married Louisa Klinger and they have had five children, all living; Sara J. married Daniel Bordner and died at the age of nineteen, the mother of one child, deceased; Ira I. died when six months old; Ida J. married John H. Hoffman and has had five children, three of whom are living (they live in Lykens, Pa.); Rosa May, born March 30, 1879, married Daniel Kahler, of Washington township, who was born Sept. 1, 1875, and they have had seven children, Harry A. (born Jan. 3, 1900), Howard J. (June 18, 1901), Jennie M. (March 26, 1903), Nora Alice (Oct. 23, 1905), Mary Agnes (Feb. 3, 1907), Irwin D. (Aug. 11, 1908) and Claude A. (Sept. 9, 1910); Jacob Edwin, who lives in Schuylkill county, married Lizzie Weist and they have had two children, both of whom are living; Charles Elmer, who lives in the Mahantango Valley, married Nora Wiest and has two children. Mr. Hoffman and his family are members of the Lutheran Church.

Katon H. Hoffman, son of Henry, was born Feb. 24, 1848, and married Elizabeth Bellman, born the same day. Their children were born as follows: Paul, March 14, 1872; a son (that died in infancy), Aug. 9, 1873; Susan E., Sept. 3, 1874; John H., March 18, 1876; William Harvey, July 12, 1878; Emma J., Nov. 11, 1879; Daniel L., Oct. 14, 1881; Mary E., Nov. 29, 1884; Solomon Carey, Nov. 28, 1886; Samuel Howard, July 5, 1888. Of these Susan E. married William Dornsife, born Feb. 20, 1867, and they have had four children: A daughter, born dead April 17, 1895; Edith E.,

born March 6, 1897 (died Oct. 3, 1900); Dela Direne, born July 16, 1900, and Ruth E., born Feb. 17, 1909.

**CHRIST.** Several members of this family have been associated with the business interests of Mount Carmel as butchers and dealers in meat, the brothers B. F. Christ and J. M. Christ now conducting well equipped stores in the borough, where their father, John Christ, was established in the same line from 1877 until his retirement. All have been substantial and useful citizens, a credit to their name and the community in which they have lived and worked.

The father of John Christ died when a comparatively young man, in Schuylkill county, Pa. His widow married a Mr. Snyder. She had three children by her first marriage, namely: Emanuel, who settled at Ashland, Pa., where he died (his son Isaac lives at Tamaqua, Schuylkill county); Elias, who died in the Mahantango Valley, unmarried; and John.

John Christ was born Feb. 3, 1831, and died in October, 1905. Early in life he became a drover and butcher, and he made Western trips to buy cattle, which he drove East in the early days. He was, however, one of the first dealers to ship cattle by railroad. In 1877 he came to Mount Carmel and some time later entered the retail branch of the business, in which he continued until his retirement, selling out to his son B. F. Christ some time before his death. Mr. Christ was a prominent member of the United Evangelical Church, in which he was an active worker. He married Hannah Heckert, who survives him, still making her home at Mount Carmel, and they had a family of five children, viz.: Emma, widow of J. E. Huber, resides at Mount Carmel; Agnes is unmarried and living with her mother; Jeremiah M. is mentioned below; Hannah N. is the wife of Rev. C. D. Huber, now located at Sunbury, Pa., as pastor of the First United Evangelical Church; and Benjamin Franklin is mentioned below.

Michael Heckert, Mrs. Hannah (Heckert) Christ's first ancestor in America, emigrated from Germany some time during the latter part of the eighteenth century, and settled in lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland Co., Pa. Of his children, Francis and Yost went West; Peter was the father of Mrs. Christ; Elizabeth married Jacob Miller, who moved to Armstrong Valley, in Dauphin county, Pa. There may have been other children.

Peter Heckert, son of Michael, served in the war of 1812-15, was honorably discharged, and received two tracts of bounty land for his services. He remained in Lower Mahanoy township, having taken up farm lands there, and died at the age of eighty-five years. His wife, Eva, died at the age of forty-nine. They had children as follows: George;

Michael; Peter; Elias; Isaac; Benjamin; Joseph; Riley; Elizabeth (Mrs. Isaac Lenker); Polly (Mrs. Harry Weaver); Sallie; Catherine (Mrs. Jacob Wentzel); Christina (Mrs. Aaron Conrad); Hannah (Mrs. John Christ); and two who died in youth. Elias and Hannah (Mrs. Christ) are now the only surviving members of this large family, of which the following settled and lived in Northumberland county: Peter, whose son Jacob is a marble cutter at Millersburg, Pa., and son Willis a railroader living at Georgetown (Dalmatia), Northumberland county; Elias (now—1910—aged eighty-three), who has ten children, all living, Henry A. (of Kansas City, Mo.), Emma E. (Mrs. I. J. Shroyer, formerly of Shamokin, now living in Dauphin county, Pa.), Riley W. (a farmer of Northumberland county), John W. (a merchant at Hegins, Schuylkill county), Mary A. (Mrs. John K. Maurer, of Schuylkill county), Sarah J. (Mrs. Jacob Maurer, of Schuylkill county), Joseph L. (a baker, in Girardville, Schuylkill county), Lydia A. (Mrs. John W. Bahner, residing near Stonington, Northumberland county), Lizzie A. (Mrs. Elmer A. Bohner, of Northumberland county) and Eli P. (principal of schools at Schuylkill Haven, Pa.); Benjamin, who was for years a leading furniture dealer and undertaker in Sunbury, and whose children are Dr. Charles G. Heckert (president of Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio), Emma (Mrs. Savidge, of Sunbury, Pa.); Jennie May (Mrs. Sharon Stephens, of Harrisburg, Pa.) and B. Frank (attorney at law, of Sunbury); Polly, Mrs. Harry Weaver, whose son George lives in Shamokin; and Hannah, Mrs. John Christ, whose children have been previously mentioned. Joseph and Christina (Mrs. Aaron Conrad) resided in Perry county, Pa.; Joseph was a soldier in the Civil war and was shot while in the act of relieving a picket, who did not recognize him. Mr. Conrad was also a soldier in the Civil war, and died of typhoid fever after a forced march to Gettysburg, in 1863, after his term of enlistment had expired. Catherine, who married Jacob Wentzel, resided in the State of Indiana.

JEREMIAH M. CHRIST, son of John and Hannah (Heckert) Christ, was born March 16, 1867, in Eldred township, Schuylkill Co., Pa. He began his education in the schools of that locality, receiving the rest of his schooling at Mount Carmel, whither he removed with his parents in 1877. He was in his father's employ until 1892, when he went west, spending eighteen months traveling throughout the West and Northwest, finding employment at different places. After his return home he again worked for his father, until he was thirty-two years old, at which time he and his brother became associated with their father under the name of John Christ & Sons. At the end of a year Jeremiah M. Christ withdrew from this

partnership and located in Buffalo, N. Y., where he engaged in business on his own account. Returning to Mount Carmel, he established his present store, at No. 221 South Market street, in 1906. He deals in groceries, provisions, butter and eggs, as well as fresh and smoked meats, and carries a large and comprehensive stock in all those lines, catering to a fine class of trade. By upright dealing and close attention to the wants of his customers he has built up a profitable patronage, which continues to show a steady increase. Mr. Christ has found time to interest himself in the public affairs of the community, and has been chosen to represent the Second ward in the council. He was formerly a Republican in his political views, but since 1909 has supported the Socialist party. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and in social connection belongs to Mount Carmel Lodge, No. 378, F. & A. M., to the Sons of America and to the Knights of Malta.

On June 3, 1897, Mr. Christ married Alice Fagely, daughter of Isaac and Lydia (Leipensberger) Fagely, of Topton, Berks Co., Pa. They have had two children, Lydia C. and Benjamin Franklin.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CHRIST, son of John and Hannah (Heckert) Christ, was born Nov. 3, 1874, in Eldred township, Schuylkill Co., Pa. He received all his education in the public schools of Mount Carmel, and learned the butcher business under his father, with whom he was associated as a member of the firm of John Christ & Sons, as above stated, and whose interest he purchased in 1903. In 1907 he built his fine store at No. 123 North Oak street, one of the most complete and up-to-date meat markets in this district. He also conducts another market at No. 135 South Oak street. Mr. Christ commands a thriving trade, and gives constant employment to from twelve to fifteen men. He has a stock farm of his own, comprising 150 acres at Stonington, in Shamokin township, this county, and there keeps his cattle until they are ready for slaughter, an arrangement which gives him many advantages over the average dealer. He is a business man of ability and resource, enterprising in his ideas and methods, and his prosperity is the best evidence of his sound judgment on such matters. Mr. Christ was one of the organizers of the Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Company of Mount Carmel, one of the most important financial institutions of the borough, and has served as one of the directors throughout the period of its existence. Fraternally he unites with the Sons of America and the local lodge of Elks (No. 456), and in religion he is a member of the Evangelical Church.

On Oct. 14, 1897, Mr. Christ married Annie Gross, daughter of Frederick Gross, of Mount Carmel, and they have two children, John Frederick and Earl Marshall.



**WILLIAM H. ROHRBACH**, late of Sunbury, was throughout his active years thoroughly identified with the business interests and material growth of that borough. He was associated with his father for a number of years in the foundry business, was superintendent of the Sunbury waterworks for a period of eight years, and as an intelligent and public-spirited citizen was esteemed by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances who had known him well through years of business or personal association.

Mr. Rohrbach was a member of an old Pennsylvania family, of German origin, descended from John George Rohrbach, who emigrated to America about the middle of the eighteenth century. He settled in eastern Pennsylvania, in Berks county, in the territory now embraced in District township, and the family is now quite numerous in the eastern end of that county. The ancestral homestead is still owned by one of his descendants. He was twice married; and by his first union had a son Lawrence. By his second wife, Christiana Moser, he had five children, George, John, Simon, Eva and Christiana. Those of the name now living in Berks county are descendants of Lawrence and John; Simon is said to have moved to Catawissa, Columbia county; George to have gone West; Eva married Jacob Finkelbner, who after her death married her sister Christiana.

The grandfather of William H. Rohrbach devoted himself to his business affairs and was a successful and influential man of his day, although he had no aspirations toward public honors and took no part in anything outside of his private interests. For many years he conducted a charcoal furnace in conjunction with farming. He married Catharine Fenstermacher, and to them was born a large family.

George Rohrbach, father of William H. Rohrbach, was born in 1808 in Columbia county, Pa. He early became interested in the iron industry and continued to follow the foundry and furnace business all his active days. In 1838 he moved to Northumberland county, locating in Upper Augusta township, where he resided a few years, afterward removing to Sunbury. There he lived for more than half a century, until his death, in 1894. He was one of the oldest citizens of the borough at that time. In 1838 he had established a small foundry a mile east of Sunbury, between the Center turnpike and Shamokin Valley railroad. Two years later, having secured a location on the south side of Chestnut street, between Fourth and Fifth streets, he removed his business to Sunbury, his being the first foundry at that place. He continued to operate it for some years, either individually or in association with his brothers William, Jacob and Daniel. They were succeeded by Clinton D. and Jacob Rohrbach, the latter retiring in favor of T. G. Cooper, and in 1866 the firm of Rohrbach

& Cooper gave place to Rohrbach & Son, composed of George Rohrbach and his son William H. Later Jacob Rohrbach (another son of George) was admitted, the style becoming Rohrbach & Sons, who continued to carry on the business until 1883, when the plant was sold to Halfpenny Brothers.

George Rohrbach was an active member of the Lutheran Church and one of the founders of the church of that denomination in Sunbury, in which congregation he served as trustee for a long time and also held other official positions. He married Mary C. Artley, who died in 1887, at the advanced age of eighty-eight years. They had a family of nine children, two of whom died in infancy, those who reached maturity being: Clinton D. carried on lumbering and farming as well as the foundry business, and died in Upper Augusta township; he married Sarah Engle. Jacob engaged in the foundry business, was afterward postmaster at Sunbury, subsequently lived in retirement and died in 1911. Elizabeth is the widow of Henry G. Cooper, of Sunbury. Catharine, widow of Harry Bourne, also lives at Sunbury. Lloyd T. was a business man of Sunbury. Edward died at the age of eighteen years. William H. is mentioned below.

William H. Rohrbach was born Feb. 14, 1845, on Chestnut street, Sunbury, and died in that borough Feb. 9, 1898. He learned the trade of molder and long followed the business with which the family has been so closely identified in Sunbury, being connected with his father's foundry for eighteen years. He also acted as bookkeeper for the concern. For eight years he filled the responsible position of superintendent at the Sunbury waterworks. He was quite active in the material improvement of the borough, and erected many houses there as a builder, the house in which his widow now lives, at No. 440 North Eighth street, being in fact the third which he put up for his own use. Thoroughly public-spirited, he took an active part in the promotion of many movements which had the benefit of the community generally for an object, and though he was a shrewd business man he was not selfish in advancing his own interests at the expense of others. He had hosts of friends, and was highly esteemed wherever known. With his family he worshipped at the Lutheran Church, and for years he gave of his time and means to the furtherance of its work, serving many years as deacon and for twenty years as Sunday school superintendent. In politics he was a Republican, and he served in the Union army during the Civil war, under two enlistments.

Mr. Rohrbach married Jennie F. Miller, daughter of William M. and Annie (Strickler) Miller, of Lower Augusta township, and granddaughter of Alexander Strickler, who lived in Sunbury. The following children were born to this union: Lloyd M., who died in infancy; Alexander S., who died when eight months old; Annie E.; Jacob A.;



Franklin L., a graduate of State College, an electrical engineer by profession, and at present engaged as superintendent of a plant at Spokane, Wash. (he is fond of athletics and an able business man); Hattie M.; Charles E. who is an invalid; and Clarence G.

**CHAMBERLIN.** The Chamberlin family of Shamokin township has been settled in that part of Northumberland county from pioneer days. Joseph Chamberlin, grandfather of Joseph H. Chamberlin and Silas Chamberlain (as one branch of the family writes the name), and of the late Lewis Chamberlin, cousins, all of whom make their homes in Shamokin township, was born in New Jersey, whence he removed to Pennsylvania at an early date, settling on land in Northumberland county now owned by Silas Chamberlain. He had a tract of about two hundred acres, and there he lived and died, reaching the age of eighty-seven years, seven months, fourteen days. Vast improvements were made upon the property during his lifetime. Though frequently in danger of being molested by the Indians in the early days he persevered in the work of clearing his land and getting it under cultivation. He and his wife, Mary (Young), are buried in the cemetery of the Upper Valley M. E. Church. They had the following children: Peter, who died in Jefferson county, Pa.; Rachel, Mrs. Alexander Tharp; Annie, Mrs. Moore; Huld, Mrs. William Furrman; Mary, who married Malden Hull; Cabel and Isaac, mentioned below; Lewis, who died in Shamokin township; Lemuel, mentioned below; and Aaron, who died in Shamokin township.

Cabel Chamberlin, son of Joseph, was born in 1813, and died May 2, 1884, aged seventy-one years, four months, one day. He was a farmer, and owned part of the old homestead, the farm having been divided between him and his brother Lemuel. In his young manhood he was engaged in teaching for some time, first in the subscription schools then commonly conducted in this region and later as one of the first teachers under the free school system. He was intelligent and energetic and for many years a leader in his community. On political questions he was a Republican. He died upon his farm, and is buried with his wife, Mary E. (Krissinger), at the Upper Valley M. E. church. She died Nov. 20, 1866, aged fifty-two years, eleven months, fifteen days. Eleven children were born to this worthy couple: Sarah married Isaac D. Kline; Lewis is mentioned below; Elnorah married Jared Haupt; Annie died Nov. 6, 1865, aged twenty-four years; Catharine died April 4, 1864, aged twenty-five years; Huld, died Jan. 20, 1866, aged nineteen years; Emma, married Newton Morgan; John died in 1860, when three years old; Mary Ellen died Aug. 19, 1864, aged six years; Alfred died at Trevorton, Pa.; Oliver died when twenty-two years old.

Lewis Chamberlin, son of Cabel and Mary E. (Krissinger), was at the time of his death, April 14, 1911, a retired farmer of Shamokin township. He was born there Aug. 7, 1834, and was reared to manhood upon the paternal farm. In 1857 he went to Shamokin borough, where he remained for three years, engaged in running a stationary engine. Returning to his native township, he leased the farm of Michael M. Sober, his father-in-law, and conducted that property for a period of five years as a renter, in 1873 purchasing the tract, which consists of 130 acres of valuable land. It is located in Irish Valley. He erected all new buildings on this farm, and the farm at present is one of the very finest in this section, due to his unremitting and intelligent care. In addition to general farming he made a specialty of dairying for about twenty-five years, selling his milk in Shamokin. Mr. Chamberlin retired from active pursuits in the spring of 1910, his son George W. taking charge of the farm. He always held the respect of his fellow citizens, and was elected school director of his township, filling that position faithfully and efficiently. In politics he was a Republican, in religion a devout member of the M. E. Church, in the work of which he took an active part. He is buried at the Summit church in Shamokin township. Socially he held membership in the P. O. S. of A.

Mr. Chamberlin's first wife, Esther (Sober), daughter of Michael M. Sober, died in 1868, leaving three children: Calvin, who died at the age of twenty-three; Ada, who died when five years old; and Ella May, wife of George Lawton, who is in the coal business and lives in Virginia. Mr. Chamberlin's second marriage was to Mrs. Elizabeth (Sober) Dresher, widow of Jacob Dresher, by whom she had these children: Harris M.; Mary F., wife of Lemuel Tharp; Spencer H., of Shamokin; William H., of Shamokin township; Clara, wife of C. C. Wilson; and Jacob G., a teacher of Shamokin township. Two children were born to Lewis and Elizabeth (Sober) Chamberlin: Edward O., who died in 1906; and George W., now engaged in running the homestead in Shamokin township, who married Ada Scott and has children, Austin L., Wilfred L., Ella G. and Margaret O. Mrs. Lewis Chamberlin died Aug. 8, 1906.

Isaac Chamberlin, son of Joseph, was born May 29, 1814, and died on the old homestead Jan. 8, 1903, in his ninety-second year. He was reared upon the home farm, and at an early age his employment turned out his time as a teacher. In his young manhood he taught school for a time, first in the subscription schools and later in the free schools. His services as a school teacher in his early life. Mr. Chamberlain was not only one of the best men in the neighborhood, but one of the most respected, and his many friends were ab-

nured and appreciated his sterling qualities. His wife, Mary (Campbell), died May 14, 1885, aged seventy-one years, seven months, nineteen days. They were the parents of four children: Jane is deceased; Silas is mentioned below; Martha is the wife of Tobias Dunkelberger, of Shamokin township; Rhode (deceased) was the wife of Aaron Raker and had a large family, all dying young but one son, Adam G., who died in April, 1911, aged twenty-seven years.

SILAS CHAMBERLAIN was born July 30, 1848, in Shamokin township, and there obtained his education in the public schools. He was reared upon the homestead farm, where he has spent all his life with the exception of four years after his marriage, during which time he was engaged in farming elsewhere. Returning to the old home he took the farm, which originally contained about 150 acres, and has added to his holdings until he now has 160 acres. His industry has been well rewarded, and he is considered one of the substantial farmers of his neighborhood, where his honorable life has gained him high standing personally as well as in a business way.

In 1875 Mr. Chamberlain married Derresa Adams, daughter of David Adams, of Ralpho township, this county. They have had a family of nine children: Lorenzo D. married Mary B. Moore and they have a son, James F.; Ellsworth L. married Maud E. Osburn and they have a son, Lamar Ellsworth; William A. is still at home; Martin L. married Myrtle Hamilton and they have three children, Elwood H., Glendine M. and Cornelia; Keturah L., Adam, Rosella, Evelyn Viola and Ira Rankin are at home. Mr. Chamberlain and his family are members of the M. E. Church. He votes independently, supporting the candidates he considers best regardless of their party affiliations.

Lemuel Chamberlin, son of Joseph, was born Dec. 16, 1823, and lived and died in Shamokin township, passing away Jan. 20, 1906. When a young man he learned wheelwrighting, and for some time followed that trade, eventually buying part of the old homestead, where he followed farming until seventeen years before his death. For four years he lived in Jefferson county, this State, returning thence to the homestead, where he died. On Oct. 17, 1850, Mr. Chamberlin married Margaret Hoffman, daughter of John C. and Catherine (Dunlap) Hoffman. She died July 14, 1889, aged sixty-five years, eight months, seventeen days, the mother of two children, Joseph H. and John M., both residents of Shamokin township. Mr. Chamberlin's second marriage was to Ida Bowers, by whom he had one son, Lemuel M., who is now living in Jefferson county.

JOSEPH H. CHAMBERLIN, son of Lemuel, was born July 31, 1851, in Shamokin township, where he is now engaged in farming. He obtained his

education in the local public schools, and remained at home, assisting his father with the farm work until twenty-four years of age, since when he has been living at his present location. He has a tract of seventy acres, bought of Lewis Chamberlin in 1873, lying along Irish creek, and besides this is half owner of another farm in Shamokin township. In addition to general farming and trucking he has engaged in lumbering to some extent, and has prospered in all his various undertakings. His natural mechanical ability has been of great use to him in his work, enabling him to do many things for himself, and his handiness has not only saved him hiring much work done but has proved convenient in many emergencies. Mr. Chamberlin was one of the organizers of The Irish Valley & Seven Points Telephone Company, and is serving as one of its directors.

Mr. Chamberlin married Margaret C. Grove, who was born May 15, 1856, daughter of Joseph and Susanna (Weary) Grove, of Mahantango Valley, later of Shamokin township, and they have had a large family, born as follows: Elleroy, Dec. 26, 1872 (died Aug. 12, 1876); Margaret E., Dec. 22, 1877 (married Samuel A. Kopenhafer); Mary E., Nov. 21, 1879 (married Frank Fahrensworth); Carrie V., Oct. 3, 1881 (married William A. Snyder); Lettie M., Sept. 5, 1883 (married Emanuel Smith); Hattie L., Jan. 18, 1886; Ellis R., July 10, 1888 (died Jan. 29, 1890); Zella D., Dec. 23, 1890; Percy A., Aug. 20, 1892; Prossie M., Nov. 7, 1893; Florence A., Jan. 28, 1898.

Mr. Chamberlin is an active member of the United Brethren Church. In politics he is a Democrat, and he has long been prominent in the public affairs of his township, which he has served sixteen years as school director, also holding the offices of treasurer and supervisor. Fraternally he is a Mason, holding membership in Elysburg Lodge, No. 414.

ABRAHAM H. REED, a prosperous farmer of Shamokin township, was born there Nov. 16, 1846, son of Jacob Reed, and is a representative of a family which has been well and favorably known in Northumberland county for over one hundred and thirty-five years. It was founded here by Jacob Reed, whose posterity is now numerous in this section, ranking among the most substantial and useful citizens and most highly respected members of their various communities.

Jacob Reed was born in England in 1700, and married a Miss Wolford, a native of Switzerland. They came to Berks county, Pa., where a son Jacob was born, and later removed to Lebanon, Pa., where a son Casper was born.

Jacob and Casper Reed, brothers, came from Berks county to Northumberland in 1774, being among the early pioneers in the region where they settled. They took up about five hundred acres of



land in what is now Shamokin and Ralpho townships, which land is still owned by their descendants. Jacob Reed was one of the foremost men of his time in the community. He was a skilled mechanic, as a worker both in iron and wood, carrying on such work in connection with farming, having a blacksmith and carpenter shop; he had natural ability as well as training for mechanical work, and was successful and enterprising in everything he undertook. Much of the progress of the valley in his day owed its initiation to him. He was a promoter, in fact the chief advocate for the organization, of St. Jacob's Lutheran Church, which was named in his honor, and he was the largest contributor toward its foundation and support, his skill as a tradesman enabling him to do much more than most of the organizers and supporters; his brother, Casper Reed, donated much of the land for the cemetery. In politics Jacob Reed was a Whig.

In Berks county Jacob Reed had married Elizabeth Dreher, and they had a family of nine children: John, Jacob, David, Matthias, Salome (married John Hursh), Catharine (married George Hower), Magdaline (married John Smith), Eva (married Daniel Haas) and Elizabeth (married William H. Muench, a noted schoolmaster of his time).

John Reed, eldest son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Dreher) Reed, was born June 5, 1780, upon the homestead at Reed's station, and himself owned the old Reed homestead, which is now the property of the Martz family. He was a well known and highly respected man of his day, and lived to a good old age, dying Aug. 26, 1865, at the age of eighty-five. His wife, Eva G. (Gillinger), born in 1787, died May 11, 1876. They are buried at Reed's church, in Ralpho township. Their children were: Jesse; Maria, Mrs. John Lake; Jacob; Elizabeth, Mrs. Casper Scholt; Hannah, Mrs. Solomon Martz; and Eva C., who married William Zuern, this couple moving to Colorado.

Jacob Reed, son of John Reed, was born at Reed's station in 1812, and died Jan. 10, 1852. He is buried at Reed's church. He took the old homestead, which he cultivated all his life. He married Maria Hoffman, who was born Nov. 13, 1818, and six children were born to this union: Elizabeth, who married Herman Campbell; Jane, who died unmarried; John, who died unmarried; Abraham H.; Lydia, who married Peter Overdorf; and Jacob G., a resident of Sunbury. After Mr. Reed's death Mrs. Reed married (second) Daniel Hummel, who was born Sept. 8, 1814, and died Feb. 10, 1874; she died Jan. 18, 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hummel are buried in the United Brethren cemetery in Shamokin township.

Abraham H. Reed obtained his early education in the common schools near his home, and later

went to the academies at Lewisburg and Elsbury. In his early manhood he taught school for three terms, in Shamokin township. He then settled down to farming, locating on his present place near Paxinos, where he erected a fine residence in 1908. All the other buildings on the farm have been improved and kept in excellent condition since the place came into his possession, and he has the reputation of being a thorough business man, which the success of his various undertakings bears out well. He has 120 acres of fine land, all under cultivation, and in agricultural matters and affairs of general interest is considered one of the leading men in his district, a typical member of the substantial old family to which he belongs. He has served as auditor of his township.

Mr. Reed married, Feb. 25, 1875, Lucy A. Boughner, daughter of Peter and Margaret (Repl.) Boughner, of Ralpho township, this county. They have no children. Mr. Reed is a Lutheran, holding membership in St. Jacob's (Reed's) Church. Politically he is a Republican.

WILLIAM H. MORGAN, late of Northumberland, was a prosperous merchant of that borough for almost forty years, and at one time served as postmaster there. He was a self-made man, universally respected, and was long classed among the best and most enterprising citizens of his community.

Mr. Morgan was born Oct. 13, 1839, at Northumberland, son of Henry and Sarah Morgan. Both the parents were born and reared in Chillisquaque township, where they lived until their removal to the borough in 1828. They had a family of eight children, of whom Thaddeus G. settled in Chillisquaque township, Martin L., William H. and Mrs. John Ulp lived in Northumberland, and Samuel B. in Watsonstown.

William H. Morgan began life humbly. When a boy of thirteen he husked corn for the sum of twenty-five cents a day, and when a few years older drove mule teams for various employers, and was engaged as a clerk in the grocery store of Samuel Burkenbine, at the locks. In May, 1861, he enlisted in the Union service, becoming a member of Company B, 5th Regiment, Pennsylvania Reserves, the company being commanded by Captain Taggart (who was killed in the war) and composed principally of men from Northumberland and vicinity. Mr. Morgan served three full years, and had a fine record as a soldier. At the second battle of Fredericksburg he was wounded in the foot and captured, being confined for a month in Libby prison.

Returning to Northumberland after the war Mr. Morgan clerked about a year for W. T. Forsyth. In 1866 he and J. C. Forsyth bought the grocery business at the locks, which they carried on in part-



nership until 1875, after which Mr. Morgan continued the store alone until 1885, when he sold out to Evans Brothers. Purchasing the McFarland property on the corner of Queen street and Depot alley, he renovated some parts of the building, converting one room into a store room, and was in the city buying a stock of shoes for the store he expected to open when fire (supposedly of incendiary origin) partly destroyed the building. As it was built of brick, and the fire department responded promptly, it was not ruined, though considerably damaged, and new repairs were necessary. The building was long considered one of the most creditable business and residence structures in the borough, being of substantial construction and well kept up by the owner. Mr. Morgan built up an excellent trade as a shoe merchant, continuing in the business until his death, which occurred Dec. 21, 1904. Meanwhile, in 1894, during President Cleveland's second administration, he received the appointment of postmaster. By economy and thrift in his younger years he obtained a fair start, and by continued industry and devotion to business he gained substance and standing that made him one of the most esteemed residents of Northumberland, a man looked up to for his honorable life and high standards of conduct. He was a member of the Methodist Church, though his family belong to the Lutheran denomination, and socially was an active member of Capt. James Taggart Post, No. 359, G. A. R., and of the Masonic lodge at Northumberland. At one time he also held membership in the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. He had numerous friends.

In 1872 Mr. Morgan married Annie E. Stroh, daughter of John S. Stroh, who came to Pennsylvania in the early days, making the journey in a Conestoga wagon, a favored method of transportation at the time. Mrs. Morgan proved of great assistance to her husband in the conduct of his business. Thirteen children were born to them, two of whom are deceased, the survivors being: Minnie A., wife of Harry Barnhart, living in Point township (she was a trained nurse before her marriage); Gertrude B., who graduated from the Bloomsburg State normal school and was a successful public school teacher for three terms in Michigan before her marriage to Edward Northy, of Calumet, Mich., where they reside; Estelle, married to Homer Derk and residing at Northumberland; Mary J., a seamstress, who lives at home; Sarah, a milliner, of Philadelphia; John S., night clerk for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Sunbury, Pa.; George V., of Northumberland; Elsie, clerk in George M. Howell's store at Northumberland; Rachel C., a clerk in Northumberland; Helen L. and Ruth E., both of whom are attending school.

LLOYD T. ROHRBACH, late of Sunbury, commenced his active career as a lawyer, was for several years in his earlier manhood quite prominent in official—especially court—circles in Northumberland county, and for many years before his decease was one of the foremost business men of this section of Pennsylvania. Though his commercial interests became large and varied, he always kept in touch with the public and political life of the county, and for years was one of the most valuable workers in the Republican party in the State. He was born Jan. 22, 1839, in Upper Augusta township, Northumberland Co., Pa., and died at his home on Chestnut street, in the borough of Sunbury, March 8, 1909.

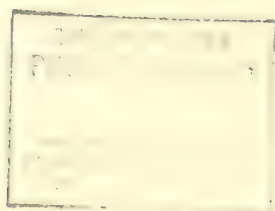
The Rohrbach family is of German origin and its members were among the early settlers of eastern Pennsylvania. The grandfather of Lloyd T. Rohrbach lived and labored in that section, devoting himself to his business affairs. He was a successful and influential man of his day, although he had no aspirations toward public honors and took no part in anything outside of his private interests. For many years he conducted a charcoal furnace in conjunction with farming. He married Catherine Fenstermacher, and to them was born a large family.

George Rohrbach, father of Lloyd T. Rohrbach, was born in 1808 in Columbia county, Pa. He early became interested in the iron industry and continued to follow the foundry and furnace business all his active days. In 1838 he moved to Northumberland county, locating in Upper Augusta township, where he resided a few years, afterward removing to Sunbury. There he lived for more than half a century, until his death, in 1894. He was an active member of the Lutheran Church and one of the founders of the church of that denomination in Sunbury, in which congregation he served as trustee for a long time and also held other official position. He married Mary C. Artley, who died in 1887, at the advanced age of eighty-eight years. They had a family of nine children, two of whom died in infancy, those who reached maturity being: Clinton, carried on lumbering and farming as well as the foundry business, and died in Upper Augusta township; he married Sarah Engle. Jacob engaged in the foundry business, was afterward postmaster at Sunbury, and subsequently lived in retirement. Elizabeth is the widow of Thomas G. Cooper, of Sunbury. Catherine, widow of Harry Bourne, also lives at Sunbury. Lloyd T. is mentioned below. Edward died at the age of eighteen years. William was engaged in the foundry business for many years and later was superintendent at the Sunbury waterworks.

Lloyd T. Rohrbach began his education in the public schools of Sunbury, receiving his higher training at the Missionary Institute (now known



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as Susquehanna University) at Selinsgrove, from which he was graduated in 1861, and at Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, where he spent the freshman year of his college life, finishing at Selinsgrove. In April, 1861, he became a soldier in the Union army, becoming a member of Company F, 11th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, of which company he served as clerk. During his service of about three months he took part in the battle of Falling Waters, Md. Going to Harrisburg, he was assigned to a position in the auditor general's office. On his return to Sunbury he taught school in the old academy which stood on the present site of the former Masonic Temple building on Third street, and took up the study of law in the office of Horatio Wolverton, finishing his legal course with Judge William M. Rockefeller, of Sunbury. He was admitted to the bar of this county in 1865 and began the practice of his profession in Sunbury, giving the greater part of his time and attention to law work until 1872. During this time he had won a place in the confidence of his fellow citizens and become very well known, his success being notable. Meantime, however, he had begun his association with the official life of the county. In 1868 he was appointed United States commissioner, which office he continued to fill until he resigned it in 1872 to take that of prothonotary and clerk of Orphans' court, to which he had been elected. By reelection, in 1875, he was continued in that position for six years in all. Though a Republican in a county conceded at the time to have a normal Democratic majority of from 1,200 to 1,500 votes, Mr. Rohrbach was first elected by a majority of 600 and reelected by a majority of 300. Though not much in office after giving up his court work he continued to hold an influential place in the councils of his party, local, State and national, until the end of his active life, was a Presidential elector in 1892, and in 1896 was a prominent candidate for the nomination for State treasurer; he had a strong following, but withdrew his name before the balloting began. He served several years as member of the Sunbury school board.

The extensive business interests, gradually acquired by Mr. Rohrbach after he entered business life in 1878, in time came to require the principal part of his time and it was probably in this connection that he made his widest reputation. In 1878 he began the manufacture of lime, in conjunction therewith also dealing in coal and ice, and he continued that business with some variations as long as he was in active association with such interests. Several years before his retirement he gave up the lime business, carrying on the ice and coal trade and the manufacture of brick, in which he was interested with his two sons. No man in Sunbury was more prominently identified with undertakings of importance in the

industrial development of the borough. He was interested in the Sunbury Nail, Bar and Gudge Iron Manufacturing Company, of which he was treasurer, and assisted in organizing, in 1882, the Sunbury Water Company, now grown to vast proportions, which he served as secretary and treasurer.

About four years before his death, which occurred March 8, 1909, at his home on Chestnut street, Sunbury, Mr. Rohrbach retired, being incapacitated by ill health to such an extent that he took no further part in affairs of importance. Of his previous activity the *Sunbury Daily Item* said at the time of his death: "While his business interests were multiple, he attended to the exacting details with a master hand and rare ability, and enjoyed the proud distinction of having the unmeasured confidence and esteem of the public at large. He was always quick to further any project having for its object the betterment of the community's interests. \* \* \* The deceased lived a life that was crowded with many accomplishments and good deeds. To his friends he was staunch and true, in spite of any ordeals that might spring up, and never turned a deaf ear when appealed to for a favor or helping hand. He was a public benefactor in all that it implies, regardless of his personal interests. In his home life he was a kind, devoted husband and father."

Though always progressive and aggressive in his business life to such an extent that his success seemed inevitable, Mr. Rohrbach was always pleasant and cordial in his manner and genial to all with whom he came in contact, finding time for the amenities as well as the necessities of existence, and making himself agreeable in all his relations. Temperate in his acts and principles, large-hearted and liberal in his views, he was not only a citizen valued in his own community, but one who would have been an accession to any community. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and one of its leading workers and supporters, serving many years as elder of that congregation. Socially he belonged to Sunbury Lodge, No. 22, F. & A. M., and to the Masonic chapter. He was buried in Portret Manor cemetery, and during the funeral the prothonotary's office was closed as a mark of respect to one who had worthily filled the office in his day.

On Dec. 29, 1866, Mr. Rohrbach was married to Jennie C. Haas, who was born Nov. 6, 1846, and died April 10, 1902. They were the parents of three children: John Haas (deceased), George Edward and William R.

JOHN HAAS, father of the late Mrs. Lloyd T. Rohrbach, was born June 22, 1822, in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, one of the eleven children of David and Eliza (Reed) Haas. His early education was spent on his father's farm, but when a young man he engaged in the mercantile

tile business and in coal mining, spending many years at the latter business. He was a member of the firms of John Haas & Co. and Haas & Fagely, of Shamokin, both well known concerns in their day. Retiring from the coal business in 1875, he became interested in the Sunbury Nail Works, with which he was identified until 1894, resigning the position of president that year. His other business associations were numerous and important. He was president of the Sunbury Water Company, a director of the First National Bank, one of the first directors of the Shamokin, Sunbury & Lewisburg Railroad, and for many years president of the board of directors of the Missionary Institute (now Susquehanna University), at Selinsgrove. He was also prominent in religious work, serving thirty-five years as elder in the Lutheran Church of Sunbury, and for thirty years he was superintendent of the Sunday school of that church. In politics he was a Republican.

Mr. Haas married Mary Gheen, and they had a family of four children: John Packer, born Sept. 30, 1849, now deceased; Jennie Clementine, who became the wife of Lloyd T. Rohrbach; Mary Alice, who was the wife of the late Dr. C. M. Martin; and Louisa, who died in infancy.

GEORGE EDWARD ROHRBACH, son of Lloyd T. Rohrbach, was born in Sunbury Nov. 24, 1869. He received his education in the public schools there and gained a thorough business training as assistant to his father. At the age of eighteen years he became a member of the firms of Lloyd T. Rohrbach & Sons and the Sunbury Water Company, retaining his connection with the former concern until 1909, when he sold his interest therein to his brother, William R. When he entered the firm it was extensively engaged in dealing in coal and ice (now handling ice only), the wholesale coal business being relinquished in January, 1903, when George E. Rohrbach became manager of the Sunbury Water Company. Mr. Rohrbach has continued his interest in the Sunbury Water Company, of which concern—now grown to large proportions—he is secretary; is a director of the First National Bank of Sunbury; and has large holdings in a Southern lumber concern. He has devoted considerable time to local matters affecting the general welfare, having served since 1903 as a trustee of the Mary M. Packer hospital (succeeding his father on the board), was a member of the borough council for eight years, from 1896 to 1904, and has been an active worker in the Republican party, serving as committeeman for the First ward. He has numerous social connections, being a member of Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., of Sunbury; Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M.; the Temple Club; Lodge No. 267, B. P. O. E., of which he is a past exalted ruler; and the Conclave. He is a trustee of the First

Presbyterian Church, with which he and his wife unite.

On Christmas Day, 1905, Mr. Rohrbach married Laura Irene Welker, daughter of Cares and Abbie (Clement) Welker, of Sunbury. They reside in the homestead of his father on Chestnut street. Mrs. Rohrbach is a member of Fort Augusta Chapter, D. A. R., of Sunbury, and is prominent in social and civic circles. She manifests at all times an intelligent and devoted interest in the affairs of her husband, to whom she is a charming companion.

WILLIAM R. ROHRBACH, son of Lloyd T. Rohrbach, was born in Sunbury, March 5, 1876. He graduated from the Sunbury high school in 1895, and the same fall entered Susquehanna University, at Selinsgrove, Pa. He entered Bucknell College, at Lewisburg, Pa., in 1899, and graduated in 1900, after which he became connected with his father, Lloyd T. Rohrbach, in 1901 becoming a member of the firm of Lloyd T. Rohrbach & Sons, in the wholesale ice business. In 1902 he became secretary of the Sunbury Water Company and in 1909 assumed the duties of treasurer and general manager of that company, buying out his father's and brother's interest in both the water company and the firm of Lloyd T. Rohrbach & Sons. Since that time he has continued the business successfully, displaying ability and initiative in his enterprise.

Socially Mr. Rohrbach is a member of Maclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M.; of Williamsport Consistory, and of Irem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Wilkes Barre, Pa. He is also a member of the Alpha Tau Omega and T. & N. E. fraternities, at Gettysburg, Pa.; the I. O. O. F. and Encampment, the Temple Club of Sunbury; the Sons of Veterans, and the Conclave. In politics he is a Republican.

On June 10, 1902, Mr. Rohrbach married Hannah Derr, daughter of John F. and Susan (Knight) Derr, and they have two children, Lloyd Derr and Mary Elizabeth. In 1911 Mr. Rohrbach completed his handsome residence on Market street, Sunbury, a Colonial mansion, and one of the most up-to-date homes in central Pennsylvania.

SAMUEL EGOLFF MAY, engineer of the borough of Shamokin, is a representative of a profession indispensable to the opening and upbuilding of a town or country. He is a member of a family whose early home was in England, and he was born in Shamokin Oct. 8, 1876, son of Maj. James and Mary G. (Snyder) May.

Joseph May, his great-grandfather, came to America from England, accompanied by his wife, whose maiden name was Anna George. They located in Schuylkill county, Pa., but later moved to Canada, where both died.

Isaac May, son of Joseph and Anna, was born in Cornwall, England, March 18, 1819. After



coming to the New World, he was employed in the coal mines in Schuylk County, Pa., and later in the lead mines at Galena, Ill. After some time spent at the latter place, he returned to Schuylk county, and again entered the mines. In 1861 he located in Shamokin, and as the head of the firm of May, Patterson & Co. operated for ten years the Buck Ridge colliery, which was afterward carried on by May, Audenried & Co. He then leased and operated the Burnside for six years, after which, under the name of Isaac May & Co., he leased and operated the Morris Ridge colliery for several years. This ended his active participation in business. He was once the owner of the Maysville tract where Maysville Park, named after him, is situated. Outside his coal interests he was engaged actively and officially with several financial institutions, being a director of the Northumberland County National Bank, president of the Miners' Trust & Safe Deposit Company, one of the originators of the First National Bank and its second president. He married Mary Sterling, daughter of John and Sarah Sterling, of Berks county, Pa., and they had fourteen children, among whom were James, Elizabeth (Mrs. H. W. Morgan), Isaac, Jr., Emma (who married A. D. Allen and later M. M. Markle), Jennie (Mrs. A. A. Heizmann), Ida (who married J. F. Graeber and later Thomas O'Connor), Susan (Mrs. W. W. Ryon), George, Joseph, Carrie and Laura (Mrs. D. J. Driscoll). Mr. May was a Republican in politics, and a Methodist in religious faith. Mrs. May was a member of St. Edward's Roman Catholic Church at Shamokin.

Maj. James May, son of Isaac, was born in Schuylk county, Pa., Dec. 4, 1843, and there attended school and grew to manhood. In 1861 he enlisted in Company E, 48th Pa. Vol. Inf., and participated in a number of the noted engagements of the Civil war, among these being Bull Run, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, the Wilderness (where he won a second lieutenant's commission), Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, Petersburg Mine, Knoxville, Loudon, Campbell Station and Petersburg. In the latter engagement he was promoted to first lieutenant, and as such completed his term of enlistment, serving throughout the war. In 1867 he joined the Pennsylvania National Guard, becoming first lieutenant of the Shamokin Guards, later captain, and finally major, serving in the latter capacity twelve years. After his return from the war he was engaged in a mercantile business until 1871, when with his father he began the operation of the Burnside colliery. He was also interested in the Morris Ridge colliery, under the firm name of Isaac May & Co., which later dissolved, after which Morris Ridge colliery was operated by May, Troutman & Co., with Maj. James May as senior partner. He died Sept. 29, 1905, and is buried in St. Edward's cemetery, Shamokin.

Pa. Major May was prominent in public life, and served the borough three years in the council, and was treasurer of the Home Building and Loan Association. He was a member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, and of Lincoln Post, No. 140, G. A. R. Gov. R. E. Pattison appointed Major May one of a commission to locate the position of the 48th Regiment during the battle of Antietam, upon which ground a monument was erected; it was unveiled Oct. 17, 1904. In politics he was a Republican. His religious connection was with St. Edward's Catholic Church. On Jan. 31, 1866, he married in Shamokin, Pa., Mary Gillen Snyder, daughter of John A. and Catherine Styles (Egolff) Snyder, and ten of their twelve children reached mature years namely: Catherine, born Nov. 26, 1866, married May 2, 1893, William A. Mullen, of Shamokin, a powder manufacturer, and they have had two children, John, born in 1894 at Shamokin, and Mary May, born Dec. 25, 1895, the latter of whom died March 7, 1910, and is buried in St. Edward's cemetery at Shamokin. Louise, born March 20, 1870, is the wife of Frank K. Conley, a hardware merchant at Shamokin, and they have had one child, which died in infancy. Elizabeth Egolff, born Jan. 8, 1872, married J. Edward Gilger, of Shamokin, a clerk in the Shamokin post office, and they have had four children, William Mullen, Margaret May, and James May and Edward, twins. Margaret, born Aug. 5, 1873, is the wife of J. A. Shephard, of the Wood, Shephard Varnish Company, of New York, Mr. Shephard being the patentee of Shephard's Paragon Varnish; Mr. and Mrs. Shephard have no children. Charles Heizmann, born March 2, 1875, a druggist at Shamokin, married Catharine M. Morris, of Shamokin, and they have had two children, Richard Morris and Eleanor Claire. Samuel Egolff was born Oct. 8, 1876. Richard Francis, born Aug. 17, 1878, is unmarried, and is a mining engineer at Shamokin. Jeanne, born Dec. 4, 1881, married Dr. G. O. Roberts, of Savannah, Ga., a dentist at Shamokin, and they have had one child, Louise May. Eleanor Claire, born Jan. 25, 1884, and James Isaac, born April 4, 1890, are unmarried. The latter assists his brother Samuel Egolff May. The mother of this family, Mrs. Mary G. May, still resides at Shamokin.

Samuel Egolff May has been well fitted for the responsibilities of his position, his practical experience and his school training both tending to place him at the top of his profession. He has made a careful study of all branches from the construction of roads to sewerage and the building of water-works, and his work has won him a high reputation. He has been borough engineer since 1905, and has done a great deal of work for the county.

Mr. May is a member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, the B. P. O.



Elks, Sons of Veterans and West End Fire Company, and enjoys high social standing.

**EGOLFF FAMILY** an introduction to a part of the Egolff family, and some of their descendants (written in 1896): "The history of the Egolff family is quite a lengthy one, although I intend to bring up only the descendants of one branch of the family; I have, of course, reference to one of the branches that go back in a lineal line to the first Egolff that landed in the Province of Pennsylvania in 1746. The history of this one branch will, however, be found sufficiently long, as it reaches to the seventh generation now in this year of grace 1896.

"Michael Egolff, 1st. (On the documents contained in the German Bible which was printed in 1746, in possession of William and Barbara Egolff, at Carlisle, the name Egolff is always written with a ff at the end of the name.)

"Michael Egolff, 1st, was the oldest son of Michael and Agatha Egolff. He was born at Engstadt, in the district of Bahlinger, in the Duchy of Wittenberg, on the 26th of April, 1693. His mother died in 1698, when he was five years of age; his father died in 1734, thirty-six years after the death of his mother.

"Michael Egolff, 1st, was a cooper by trade. He was married to Mary Voutsh on the 10th of April, 1735, in the church of Engstadt; his wife Mary Voutsh was born on the 27th of July, 1704, and was consequently eleven years younger than her husband.

"The name of his father-in-law (his wife's father) was Martin Voutsh, a citizen and farmer at Engstadt; the maiden name of his mother-in-law (his wife's mother) was Mary Reisbein, who it is said died a premature death when her daughter Mary was but six years of age.

"Michael and Mary Egolff, 1st, had ten children, four of whom died in their infancy. The births and names of those that died in their infancy are not given on the original documents. The following is the order in which those that grew up were born: (1) Michael Egolff, 2d, was born at Engstadt, on the 2d of October, 1727. (2) Balthaser Egolff, 2d, was born at Engstadt, on the 8th of May, 1729. (3) John Egolff, 2d, was born at Engstadt, on the 11th of August, 1732. (4) Mary Egolff, 2d, was born at Engstadt, on the 9th of May, 1738. (5) Martin Egolff, 2d, was born at Engstadt, on the 8th of October, 1742. (6) Anna Elizabeth Egolff, 2d, was born in all probability at Philadelphia on the 15th of October, 1747.

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"During the fall of 1745 Michael Egolff, 1st, conceived the idea of emigrating to the English Province of Pennsylvania in North America with his family. They left their native town of Engstadt, as well as relations and friends, in the month

of March or April, 1746, and journeyed to Rotterdam, one of the seaports of Holland; the name of the ship on which they embarked was 'Mary Gallen'; William Wilson was the name of the captain. They must have been on the ocean considerably over one hundred days, for they did not arrive at Philadelphia until about the 20th of September of that year. On the 21st of September, just a few days after they had landed, Michael Egolff, 1st, was qualified as a British subject, which was the custom then according to the laws of Great Britain. They were also going to qualify Michael Egolff, 2d, thinking him to be old enough, but after ascertaining his age, and finding him too young, they abandoned it. (Some of the above information, in regard to their landing in Philadelphia and being qualified as British subjects, can be found in Pennsylvania Archives, Second Series, Vol. 17, page 225.)

"Of the movements of Michael Egolff, 1st, with his family we have information. His three oldest sons were pretty well grown up when he arrived in this country. According to the traditions in the family, he remained at Philadelphia for some years. Whether he and his wife ever left the city is not known, but his children, or some of them, after having been in the city for some years, pushed up into the country, into Lancaster, Berks and Montgomery counties, for it appears there are quite a number of Egolffs, down in that part of the State. So far we have no account that ever any Egolff settled in Cumberland county except Michael Egolff, 2d. What year he came to the county is not known, probably between 1780 and 1785. The name of Egolff can not be found in the archives of Cumberland until 1784 or 1785. It appears that all the Egolffs through Cumberland, Franklin and Perry counties, etc., spring from one branch of the family, namely, that of Michael Egolff, 2d.

"In stating in the above paragraph that Michael Egolff, 2d, was the ancestor of all the Egolffs in this part of the State, it will be understood that Grandfather Henry Egolff, 3d, was supposed to be one of his sons, although we have no absolute or authentic proof that he was (the matter is being investigated). Should it, however, be proved that he was not a son of Michael Egolff, 2d, then the descendants of the Egolff family in this part of the State would spring from two branches, namely, Michael Egolff, 2d, and one of his brothers (2d), whatever one would be proved to have been the father of Grandfather Henry Egolff, 3d. The descendants of Grandfather Henry Egolff, 3d, are much more numerous in this part of the State than those of the other branch.

"Now we come to Michael Egolff, 2d, who is the only Egolff we know of that came to Cumberland county. Michael Egolff, 2d, as we have seen, was the oldest son of Michael and Mary Voutsh Egolff, 1st.

He was born on the 2d of October, 1727, and was nineteen years of age when his father landed in this country. He had learned the coopering trade with his father. He was married to Elizabeth (her family name is not given), of Dellenburg, in Nassau, on the 14th of January, 1757. It was supposed they were married at Philadelphia. They had ten children, of whom two died in their infancy. There is no record of the births or names of the children, and the following imperfect record of them is from family tradition, with the supposition that he was the father of Grandfather Henry Egolff, 3rd: (1) I will begin with Grandfather Henry Egolff, 3d, who was born in 1759. (2) Joseph Egolff, 3d, who was born on the 16th of November, 1765 (William and Barbara Egolff, 4th, children of Joseph Egolff, 3d, who are still living at an advanced age in this year of grace 1896, say that they think their father was born in Philadelphia; if it will be proved that Michael Egolff, 2d, was the father of Grandfather Henry Egolff, 3d, then there is no doubt that he also was born there, as he was born six years before his supposed brother Joseph). (3) Jacob Egolff, 3d (it is not known when he was born). (4) Michael Egolff, 3d (it is not known when he was born). (5) Polly (or Mary) Egolff, 3d (it is not known when she was born).

"In the above we have five of the eight children of Michael and Elizabeth Egolff, 2d, accounted for; the investigation mentioned, if successful, will probably bring the other three to light. With this I will close with Michael Egolff, 2d. His wife Elizabeth died at Carlisle in 1795, and he died on Wednesday, April 9th, 1817, at the very advanced age of ninety years, having been born on the 2d of October, 1727. They are both buried at the old graveyard at Carlisle.

"I will now begin with the third generation, which brings us a little nearer home. I will take them up in regular order, and give such information as is at my command concerning them, and will close with Grandfather Henry Egolff, 3d, and his family.

"Polly (or Mary) Egolff, 3d, a daughter of Michael and Elizabeth Egolff, 2d: Concerning her and her descendants I know but very little. Her marriage to Thomas Mattheson on the 3d of July, 1795, is recorded at the parsonage of the First Presbyterian Church at Carlisle. They had some children. He was a nephew of Grandfather Henry Egolff, 3d. I was informed that the descendants of the Matthesons were numerous, some of them living north of Carlisle, some in Perry county, and others farther west.

"Joseph Egolff, 3d, son of Michael and Elizabeth Egolff, 2d: Of him I knew but little or nothing. I do not know whether he was older or younger than Grandfather Henry Egolff, 3d. I do not know when or where he was born. All I know concern-

ing him is that he was never married and that he made his home with the Goshert family, and that he died at their house about 1837 or 1838 (the home of the Goshert family was three or four miles north of St. Thomas, Franklin Co., Pa.). I do not know what age he was. He is buried at the Southern graveyard at St. Thomas.

"Michael Egolff, 3d: He is supposed to have been a son of Michael and Elizabeth Egolff, 2d, but when and where he was born is not known, nor do I know whether he was a mechanic or a farmer. He had a family. I only know from family tradition that he lived and died near Mercersburg. Do not know what became of his family after his death. We have accounts of what might be supposed to be two Michael Egolffs, 3d. They were no doubt one and the same person. In the history of Cumberland and Adams counties, printed in 1886 (second part, pages 101 and 102), it is stated that among the members of one of the companies that went from Carlisle to assist in subduing the Whiskey Insurrection in the western part of the State, in 1794, were Joseph and Michael Egolff; they were supposed to have been brothers. The Michael Egolff, 3d, referred to above, in or near Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa., where he died prior to 1832, was a brother of Henry Egolff, 3d, and is supposed to have been the same Michael Egolff, 3d, that was in service during the Whiskey Insurrection. The investigation referred to will probably throw the desired light on this subject.

"Joseph Egolff, 3d, a son of Michael and Elizabeth Egolff, 2d, is supposed to have been born (at Philadelphia) on the 16th of November, 1765. He was a saddler by trade. It is not known when he came to Carlisle, but it is quite likely that he came there with his parents about 1780 or 1785. He carried on his trade in Carlisle for many years. He was married twice. The family name of his first wife was Catherine Roads. It is not known what year he was married the first time. They had two children, a son and a daughter; the daughter died in her infancy, the son's name was John, 4th. He died at Harrisburg on the 5th of November, 1834, and was buried at Carlisle. At the time of the Whiskey Insurrection in the western part of the State, in 1794, as we have seen above, he was in that service with one of the Carlisle companies; they were only in service about two months, from the 1st of October to the 5th of December, of the same year, on which date they were discharged. [Refer to the History of Cumberland and Adams counties, as requested above.]

"Whether Joseph Egolff, 3d, was single, married or a widower when he entered the service at the time of the Whiskey Insurrection is not known to the writer. He was married the second time to Miss Barbara Loose, on the 12th of September, 1810. By this marriage, so far as my information goes, there were five children, three sons and two



daughters; the names of these children are Michael, William, Joseph, Elizabeth and Barbara. I will now give short sketches of the children of Joseph and Barbara Loose Egolff, 3d. . . .

"(1) Michael Egolff, 4th, was the oldest of Joseph and Barbara Egolff's family. He was born at Carlisle in 1811. When, in 1832, he became of age, he engaged in the mercantile business in his native town, in which he, however, only continued until July, 1833, when he discontinued the business. He was married to Miss Mary McManus, a daughter of Carmack McManus, on March the 23d, 1835, by the Rev. Mr. Ulrich. Carmack McManus was one of the prominent members of the Catholic Church at Carlisle; his daughter Mary could not have been a Catholic, as the Rev. Mr. Ulrich was the Lutheran minister at Carlisle. Michael Egolff, 4th, resides at Albany, N. Y., where he has resided for many years. I am not able to say what year he left Carlisle. His descendants are quite numerous there, in children, 5th, grandchildren, 6th, and great-grandchildren, 7th. He is still in the enjoyment of good health in this year of grace 1896, at the advanced age of eighty-five years.

"(2) Joseph Egolff, 4th, is probably next in age to his brother Michael. I am not able to say what he follows. He was married in the month of June, 1837, to Susana Mickey, of Perry county. He resides at Reading, where he has a family of children, 5th, and grandchildren, 6th.

"(3) William Egolff, 4th, was born at Carlisle in 1819. He has resided at Carlisle all his life. He resides with his sister Barbara. They keep a private boarding house. William Egolff is now, in this year of grace 1896, seventy-eight years of age. He is quite feeble, but is able to be about. He was never married.

"(4) Miss Barbara Egolff, 4th, was born at Carlisle, where she has resided all the time, as stated above. She and her brother William reside together. She was never married. She is a very pleasant conversationalist and enjoys very good health for a lady that is past seventy-two years of age.

"(5) Miss Elizabeth Egolff, 4th: Of her I can say but very little. She died a few years ago and is buried at the old graveyard at Carlisle. She was never married.

"Joseph Egolff was in very comfortable circumstances, and was very much respected among his fellow citizens. He owned several properties in the town of Carlisle. In the month of March, 1826, he was nominated for town council and held other responsible places of trust. His second wife died in 1845 and he having a paralytic stroke was confined to the house for four or five years, when in 1850 he followed his wife to the grave at the advanced age of eighty-five years. They are both buried at the old graveyard at Carlisle. With this

I will conclude the history of Joseph Egolff, 3d, and his family.

"To all those who are lineal descendants of Grandfather Henry Egolff, 3d, the following will be the most interesting part of this investigation and history, namely, the biographical sketch of himself and his family.

"Henry Egolff, 3d, was a son of Michael and Elizabeth Egolff. His birthplace is no doubt Philadelphia, where he was born about the year 1759. We have seen that Joseph Egolff, 3d, a brother of his, was born in 1765, at Philadelphia also; and as Henry was six years older than his brother Joseph there is scarcely any doubt but he was born at Philadelphia. Of his early life we have little or no information. We do not know whether he had learned the trade of his father, namely, that of a cooper, or learned some other trade; or whether he followed the business that we find him employed in during the most active part of his life, namely, that of a farmer and teamster. We are informed through family tradition that his father, although a cooper by trade, followed farming. It is quite likely that he was with his father on the farm until he got married. We have no means of knowing where his father was engaged in farming, whether in one of the lower counties of the State or near Carlisle. We first come across Henry's name on the military roll of the Pennsylvania volunteers who had enlisted to free the thirteen colonies in North America from the tyrannical yoke of Great Britain. Whether his father still resided at Philadelphia at the time of his enlistment or had gone to one of the neighboring counties west of Philadelphia we do not know. We know from public documents of the State archives that he was still in the service of the government on the 1st of January, 1781. He was among the number who received depreciation pay. They were determined that they should receive what they had been promised, dollar for dollar, and not with money that they could only pass for forty or fifty cents on the dollar. He also received a pension by the general as well as by the State government. The official information in regard to Grandfather Henry Egolff and his confreres in the service during the Revolution will be found in Pennsylvania Archives, Second Series, Vol. 13, page 64. . . .

"About two years after peace was declared, namely, in 1785, we find his name in the archives of Cumberland county. After the war of independence he returned to his home, to enjoy the fruits of his valor. He had bought about six acres of land from James Duncan. The land was not far from the town of Carlisle. The old homestead where he lived with his wife is on the Walnut Bottom road, something less than a mile from town. The old log house, which was afterward weather-boarded, was torn down a few years ago and replaced by a brick house. He was at this



time about twenty-six years of age and in a probability single yet. His father, Michael Egolff, 2d, had no doubt now come to Cumberland county, if not with all at least with some of his children.

"It is not known what year he was married. What is to be regretted the most is that we have no information at all respecting his wife. We do not know her family nor her Christian name. Their oldest child, Valentine, was born in 1790. We may reasonably suppose that they were married sometime in the year 1789.

"From the conversations that I can remember by Mother Green, he lived with his family on the little farm he had bought near town, where it is supposed he went soon after they were married. He farmed in the summer; during the winter he would be engaged in teaming from Baltimore or Philadelphia to Carlisle and other neighboring towns, and later on, when the turnpikes were made westward, he sometimes went as far as Pittsburgh.

"They had eight children, two sons and six daughters. There are only two or three of them the date of whose birth I know very near, the rest I must put down promiscuously. The names of the children are as follows: Valentine Egolff, 4th, was born in 1790, at Carlisle (died in 1832); Mary Egolff, 4th, was born near Carlisle, in 1793; Henry Egolff, 4th, was born near Carlisle (date of birth not known); Genevieve Egolff, 4th, was born near Carlisle (date of birth not known); Catherine Egolff, 4th, Sarah Egolff, 4th, Jane Egolff, 4th, were born near Carlisle (dates of birth not known); Malinda Egolff, 4th, is supposed to have been born in 1808, near Carlisle.

"I will now give some short biographical sketches of the above mentioned children and their respective families, as well as I am able, and then resume and finish the biographical sketch of Grandfather Henry Egolff, 3d, himself.

"Valentine Egolff, 4th, the oldest child of Henry Egolff, 3d, and his wife, was born on the little farm of his parents near Carlisle in 1790. I am not able to say whether he had any trade or not. He was a farmer. It is stated that he married young. He was married to Miss Elizabeth Martin in 1803. She came to America from Belfast, Ireland, in 1800 A. D., settled in Carlisle, Pa. Her father's name was David Martin. Mother's name Elizabeth McCollough. They had six children, three sons and three daughters; their names were as follows: Rebecca, 5th, Samuel, 5th, Elizabeth, 5th, David, 5th, John, 5th, and Catherine Styles, 5th. (1) Rebecca Egolff, 5th, was married on the 18th of December, 1838, to Daniel Bailey; Daniel and Rebecca (Egolff, 5th) Bailey were the parents of David Bailey, 6th. David is about fifty-two or fifty-six years of age. He is a widower and has four children (1th, living, two sons and two daughters. They are all grown up. David is an ardent member of the G. A. R. and I think is

holding some distinguished office in the organization. He lost an arm in the Civil war. He seems to be very comfortably fixed at Carlisle. I cannot say whether David Bailey, 6th, has any brothers or sisters or not. (2) Samuel Egolff, 5th, son of Valentine Egolff, 4th, was never married. He was of a rather roving disposition. I am not able to say whether he had a trade or not. He was the owner of five teams which traded between Carlisle and Philadelphia, Baltimore and Pittsburg. I saw his name enrolled on an old list of the Union Fire Company at Carlisle. He died and was buried at Battle Mountain, Nev., about the year 1890. (3) Elizabeth Egolff, 5th, daughter of Valentine and Elizabeth (Martin) Egolff, 4th, was born at Carlisle in May, 1821. She was married to David Snyder at Carlisle, Pa., in October, 1840." They have descendants as follows: Sarah Egolff Snyder (6th), born in August, 1841, died in January, 1856, at Carlisle, unmarried. Rachel Snyder (6th), born Oct. 13, 1843, still living in this year (1911), married first Lieut. Harrison Fostick, U. S. A., who was born in 1833 and died in August, 1866, at Washington, D. C. (he was buried in the Ashland cemetery at Carlisle); her second marriage, which took place at Carlisle Jan. 9, 1872, was to Lewis Bosh, who died at Chambersburg, Pa., Aug. 9, 1872, and is buried in the Ashland cemetery at Carlisle. Rebecca Snyder (6th), born at Carlisle in August, 1845, died at Carlisle and is buried there; she married Henry Kaufman, commissary sergeant, U. S. A., who is still living (1911), and of this union two children were born, of whom Charles William (7th), born May 23, 1863, now foreman in the Linder shoe factory at Carlisle, married Sarah Speck, of Carlisle, in November, 1890; they have no children. Jesse H. Snyder (6th), born Nov. 25, 1849, a farmer near Carlisle in this year of grace (1911) married Laura Gosh, of Carlisle, Pa., and had eight children, 7th, all born at Carlisle, namely: Harrison Fostick, Lewis Bosh, Mary May (Mrs. Fleegal, born in March, 1876), Elizabeth Egolff (Mrs. Garret), Rachel Armstrong (born March 1, 1884), John Styles (born July 29, 1888), Jessie Yates (born in November, 1891), and Charles Kaufman (born April 9, 1894). (4) David Egolff, 5th, son of Valentine and Elizabeth (Martin) Egolff, 4th, was born at Carlisle. He was a saddler and harnessmaker. He had learned his trade with his grandfather, Joseph Egolff, 3d. His name is also on the same German's roll that his brother Samuel's is on. I also saw his name on one of the lists of the quarter of Cumberland county. He went to Kansas some time early in the fifties and was married there to Mary Madden, of Geary, Ill. No children. He was a corporal in Galena, Illinois, for some time, but died in the Cumberland county prison in 1848 for holding out against the termination and accordingly

in 1849 he left Galena for California with his family, where he died in 1869, at Oleta, Cal. (5) John Egolff, 5th, son of Valentine and Elizabeth (Martin) Egolff, 4th, was born at Carlisle, where he resided all his life. I am not able to say whether he had a trade or not. He married Elizabeth Sparr at Carlisle about 1850. They had a large family of children (6th) and grandchildren (7th). His son Cirus lives in the same log house in which his grandfather, Valentine Egolff, 4th, lived and died. The house is still in a very good state of preservation and promises to stand for many years yet. John Egolff, 5th, died in 1880; do not know what his age was. Cannot say whether his wife is still living in this year of grace, 1896, or not. They had ten children. (6) Catherine Styles Egolff, 5th, a daughter of Valentine and Elizabeth (Martin) Egolff, 4th, was born at Carlisle Dec. 25, 1825; died at Shamokin, Pa., Oct. 20, 1890. She was married Oct. 18, 1845, at Carlisle, Pa., by Rev. Father P. Maher, Catholic Rector, to John A. Snyder, a brother of David Snyder, who is married to her sister Elizabeth. They have descendants as follows: Mary G. Snyder May (6th), born July 19, 1846, at Carlisle; Samuel Egolff Snyder (6th), born Jan. 3, 1848, at Carlisle; Edw. Helfenstine Snyder (6th), born Sept. 6, 1850, at Carlisle; Martin McCullough Snyder (6th), born Jan. 29, 1854; John Patrick Snyder (6th), born June 15, 1858, at Shamokin; James Harrison Snyder (6th), born May 3, 1862 (died Feb. 16, 1864); George Britten Snyder (6th), born Sept. 24, 1864 (died July 14, 1891, at Shamokin). Of this family, Mary G. Snyder, the eldest daughter, married Maj. James May.

"Valentine Egolff, 4th, had considerable financial difficulties during his life. He died at Carlisle of the smallpox on the 10th of December, 1832, at the age of forty-two years (ten days before the death of his brother-in-law, Edward Green). He is buried at the old graveyard at Carlisle. I am not able to say when his wife died. With this closes the biographical sketch of Valentine Egolff, 4th, including his children as well as some of his grandchildren, and also some of his great-grandchildren down to the seventh generation.

"Mary Egolff, 4th: As she is the immediate ancestor of my family on my wife's side and the biographical sketch of her family and her descendants for several generations will make a long chapter, I will give the sketches of her brothers and sisters first, and then close up with her own.

"Henry Egolff, 4th, was born at his father's home at Carlisle. I cannot say when he was born. He was a cripple from his infancy. I was informed that when he was lying in his cradle a drunken man, an acquaintance of the family, came to the house and stumbling over the cradle, fell heavily on the child, injuring him to such an extent that he was a cripple for life. When he was

grown up he got himself a small conveyance with which he would peddle notions through the country. He was never married. After his father broke up housekeeping he made his home with Simon Sholley, at Carlisle, Mrs. Sarah Sholley being Henry's sister. He died at Carlisle when he was about forty-five years of age and is buried at the old graveyard at Carlisle.

"Genevieve Egolff, 4th, was born at her father's farm near Carlisle but I am not able to give the date of her birth. She was married to a Mr. Hemwood. I do not know his Christian name. I have been able to get but very little information in Carlisle in regard to this family, with the exception that they were married at Carlisle, had a family and lived there, that some of their descendants were still in the neighborhood. The old folks are no doubt dead.

"Catherine Egolff, 4th, a daughter of Henry Egolff and his wife, was born on her parents' farm near Carlisle, but I do not know the date of her birth. She was married to Mardicay Duncan, but what year they were married I am not able to say. Mr. Duncan is a shoemaker by trade and lived about two miles north of Loudon, in Path Valley, where he had a small piece of land which he tilled along with his trade. They had three children, two sons and one daughter; their names were, respectively, Alexander (5th), William (5th) and Mary (5th). Alexander Duncan was a millwright by trade; he died suddenly, while a young man, unmarried. William Duncan: Do not know whether William had a trade or not; the last I heard of him he was in Colorado; cannot say whether he was married or single. Mary Duncan was married, but I could not learn the name of her husband nor the time when they were married; after she was married they moved to Michigan. Mr. Duncan was married twice. The above named children were all by his first wife, he had no children by the second wife. I do not know what year his first wife died. When I first got acquainted with him, in 1845, he was married to his second wife and the three children were very near grown up. Mr. Duncan died, I think, in 1878 or 1879. His second wife had died some time before him. I cannot say where he is buried, but I suppose at Loudon.

"Sarah Egolff, 4th, was born at the home of her parents near Carlisle, but I am not able to give the date of her birth. She was married to Simon Sholley, but I cannot say what year they were married. In regard to their children, I do not know how many they had, I can only remember two daughters (5th), who were nearly grown up when I first got acquainted with the family, about 1845. Mr. Sholley had a horse and cart or wagon with which he was doing hauling about town. Mrs. Sholley kept what was in those days known as a cake house. She baked different kinds of sweet



cakes and made mead and small beer. From my best recollections they left Carlisle for Ohio in the fifties. I was informed by some of the relations after they had gone to Ohio that Mr. and Mrs. Sholley were both dead, without knowing where and when they died, and that none of the relations about Carlisle knew what had become of the children. The above is all the information I could gather in regard to the Sholley family.

"Jane Egolff, 4th, a daughter of Henry Egolff, 3d, and his wife, was born at the home of her parents near Carlisle, but the date of her birth I do not know. She was married to a Mr. Koup. I do not know his Christian name, nor the date of their marriage. After they were married they resided in Perry county, Pa., where Grandfather Henry Egolff, 3d, paid them a visit in 1826. They had ten children; I do not know how many sons or how many daughters. I do not know what their names were. They are all dead but two, namely, Henry (5th) and Jeremiah (5th). An other brother, by the name of Jacob, died about four years ago, in 1892. The following is all the information I have in regard to the children of Mr. Koup and Jane Egolff, 4th, his wife: (1) Henry Koup, 5th (born no doubt in Perry county, Pa.), in 1820, lives in Pontiac, Livingston Co., Ill. Cannot say whether he is a mechanic or farmer. He has a family there. Do not know what year he went West, nor do I know whether he was married before he went to the West or got his wife out there. I am not able to say how many children they have. (2) Jeremiah Koup, 5th, born (no doubt in Perry Co., Pa.) in 1832, resides at Duncannon, in the same county. I do not know what his occupation is. He is a widower with five children (6th), three sons and two daughters, but I do not know their names, age or occupation. (3) Jacob Koup, 5th: Although he is dead, as his wife is living yet I will relate what little I know about him. He was no doubt also born in Perry county, Pa., but I do not know the date of his birth. His wife's Christian name is Josephine, but her family name I do not know. They had no children. She resides in Duncannon, Perry Co., Pa., where her husband, Jacob Koup, died in 1892. With this I will have to close the family record of Jane Egolff, 4th, and her husband Mr. Koup. I am sorry that I have not got some information concerning the other seven children of theirs.

"Malinda Egolff, 4th, was the youngest of the family of Henry Egolff, 3d, and his wife, and was probably born in 1808. It is stated in the family traditions that Grandmother Egolff, the wife of Grandfather Henry Egolff, 3d, died in 1809, that several of the children were single yet at the time of her death, and that the youngest (Malinda) was only a few months old; that Mary, the oldest of the girls, who was then a girl about sixteen

years of age, had the whole charge of the family on her shoulders. Malinda Egolff, 4th, was married twice. Her first husband's name was Sipes; could not see what his Christian name was, nor what year she was married to him. I don't think they had any children. I cannot say what year he died. Some time after the death of her first husband she was married to Jacob Albert. Mr. Albert was a house carpenter; they had five children, that are grown up. I am not able to say whether they had any children that died young. Of the age of their children I am not positive, but think the following order is correct: Barbara (5th), Levi (5th), Jacob (5th), Samuel (5th), and Rebecca (5th). The following is a short biographical sketch of the children and other descendants of Jacob and Malinda (Egolff, 4th) Sipes Albert: (1) Barbara Albert was born at Carlisle; do not know the date of her birth. She was married to Thomas Jameson. Mr. Jameson is a day laborer. They have five children, three sons and two daughters (6th). The three sons are all married and have families; the two daughters are single. (2) Levi Albert was born at Carlisle; do not know what year. Levi is a day laborer. He is married, but I do not know his wife's family or Christian name; they have two daughters (6th), who are both single. (3) Jacob Albert was born at Carlisle, but I cannot say what year. He is an engineer and works for one of the railroad companies at Carlisle. He is a widower. He was twice married. He has no children, and makes his home with his brother-in-law, Jesse Hayes, who is married to Jacob Albert's sister Rebecca. (4) Samuel Albert was born at Carlisle (year not known). He is married, but I do not know his wife's family or Christian name. He has some children (6th), but I can not say how many, nor do I know what he follows. (5) Rebecca Albert, the youngest of Jacob and Malinda (Egolff, 4th) Sipes Albert's family, was born at Carlisle, but I do not know the date of her birth. She is married to Jesse Hayes. Her husband is a watchman at one of the factories at Carlisle. They have four children. One died in infancy, two sons and one daughter (6th) surviving. Their names are, respectively, Jacob, Martin and Mary. The two sons are married and have families (7th); the daughter is single. Mrs. Hayes is a very pleasant woman. I have received a good deal of information from her concerning some of our relations. This completes the biographical sketch of the children and other descendants of Jacob and Malinda (Egolff, 4th) Sipes Albert's family. (6) Jacob Albert died in the summer of 1819. He was born in the same time and was quite old. I am not able to say what his age was at the time of his death. His wife had some more children from a second marriage, but I do not know where they were born.



"Mary Egolff, 4th, was the second child and the oldest daughter of Henry Egolff, 3d, and his wife. She was born at the paternal mansion near Carlisle in 1793. Her parents belonged to the Lutheran denomination, in which faith she was brought up. The early part of her life was passed on her father's farm, in the pursuit of such work as pertains to the female portion of a farmer's family, namely, the household affairs, culinary duties and the dairy. Schools were scarce in her young days, particularly in the country, consequently her education was limited; however, she was able to read quite well, but I do not think she could write. She had plenty of mother wit, good common sense and excellent judgment. There were eight children in the family, one of them, her brother Henry, a cripple for life. Her father was engaged in farming during the spring, summer and early fall, and during the winter and early spring he was engaged in wagoning. He would take country produce to Baltimore or Philadelphia and return laden with merchandise of different kinds, for the business men of Carlisle or some of the neighboring towns; and when the turnpike was finished westward he would make a trip once in a while as far as Pittsburg. In 1809, when she was about sixteen years of age she as well as the rest of the family met with a serious loss in the death of her mother. As she was the oldest daughter she was placed at the head of the family and nearly the whole responsibility of the family rested on her shoulders. This was more particularly the case when her father was away with the team. But when the war of 1812 broke out between the United States and Great Britain her responsibility increased still more, as her father's patriotism (although he had fought for several years during the war of Independence, and was now past the age of doing military duty) prompted him to go again, and according to the family traditions he was gone almost three years.

"If the traditions of the family are correct, the young Irish distiller Edward Green, who had arrived in the United States in 1811, had formed the acquaintance of Mary Egolff, 4th, and had obtained the consent of her father to their marriage before he left for the army. It is quite likely they were married in 1813 or 1814. She was then about twenty or twenty-one years of age, while her young husband was one year her senior.

"After their marriage she no doubt remained at her father's home until he returned from the war. She was very conscientious and would not leave the family of her father without it being properly cared for, and she thought she could do better herself than anyone else. From information received it would appear that her husband continued working at the distillery after they were married and after her father's return from the army they commenced housekeeping themselves, and lived at or

near the distillery where he worked, in Cumberland county, a few miles west of Harrisburg, where it is quite likely they remained until they moved to Chambersburg.

"It has been stated that she was born and raised in the Lutheran faith. After her marriage she became a Catholic, and I think was received into the church, by one of the Jesuit fathers from Conewago, who attended the mission at Carlisle. She had become a Catholic before they moved to Chambersburg.

"Edward and Mary (Egolff, 4th) Green had eleven children, four sons and seven daughters: six of them, three sons and three daughters, died while they were young and only five, one son and four daughters, were permitted to grow up. The following are the names of their children and the time of their birth, as near as could be obtained: (1) Edward Green (5th) was born in Cumberland county, about the year 1815; died when small. (2) Sarah Green (5th) was born at Chambersburg on the 5th of June, 1817. (3) Mary Green (5th) was born near Chambersburg in 1819. (4) Margaret Green (5th) was born near Chambersburg in 1821. (5) Susana Green (5th) was probably born near Chambersburg in 1823; died when small. (6) Elizabeth Green (5th) was probably born at Bridgeport, Franklin county, in 1824; died when small. (7) Catherine Green (5th) was born near Bridgeport in 1835. (8) Simon Peter Green (5th) was born near Bridgeport on the 21th of March, 1827. (9) Isabella Green (5th) was born near Bridgeport in 1829; died when small. (10) James Green (5th) was born near Bridgeport in 1830; died when small. (11) John Green (5th) was born near Bridgeport in 1831; died when small.

"Having now finished with the family of Grandfather Henry Egolff, 3d, including all his children and also some descendants of his belonging to generations still further off, I will resume and finish his own biography.

"From the family traditions we have it would seem that he lost his wife in 1809, when some of the children were still small, one of them Malinda only a few months old. He was still living on his little farm and the responsibility of the whole family principally rested on the shoulders of his daughter Mary who was then about sixteen years of age. When in 1812 war broke out between Great Britain and the United States he, being then about fifty-three or fifty-four years of age, and beyond the age of doing military duty, having besides been in the service of the government for several years during the war of Independence, the fire of his patriotism was kindled anew, and although his wife was dead, and having no one as head of the family except his daughter Mary, he shouldered his musket again against the same foe he had fought thirty-six years before, with a firm

resolve to do as he had done before—not to return until victory had been accomplished. It is stated that he was gone almost three years during the war of 1812-15 and that his duty during that time was principally on the lakes. It is stated in connection with this war that he and his brother Joseph Egolff lost a team laden with flour which was taken near Philadelphia by the government. The driver of the team was a nephew of theirs by the name of Mattheson, a son of their sister Polly Mattheson.

"We have no authentic information when he discontinued farming and probably also house-keeping, but it was no doubt before the year 1826. His youngest daughter, Malinda, was then about eighteen years of age, and although we have no record of the date when any of his children were married we may suppose that all, or nearly all, of them had been married before the year 1826. On page 64, Vol. 13, of the Archives of Pennsylvania, Second Series, it is stated that Henry Egolff resided in Perry county, Pa., in 1826. He had no doubt broken up housekeeping then and was simply staying with his daughter, Jane Koup, who resided with her husband and family in Perry county. It is quite likely that some pension money was sent to him in Perry county and in that way his name got into the State Archives, as living in Perry county. He had made his home at the house of his daughter Sarah Sholley, in Carlisle, where his son Henry, the cripple, also made his home, but he would pay periodical visits to his children, as I was informed. He paid his daughter Mary Egolff Green a visit when she lived in Path Valley, in 1833, after the death of her husband. Then he paid her a visit again in 1838, when she lived near Chambersburg.

"He must have been of a very retiring disposition. In perusing some old files of Carlisle papers, beginning with September, 1811, to June, 1839, embracing a period of twenty-five years, I never came across his name a single time. There were a great many meetings published, some political, others 4th of July celebrations, some religious, some social and others business meetings, where in many cases the names of those present at the meeting or gathering were published, but his name never appeared a single time. It is stated that he could never learn to master the English language very well, which might have been a reason for him to absent himself from public gatherings, but during the first half of the present century a great deal of German (Pennsylvania Dutch) was spoken in Cumberland county, and if he was not able to speak the English very plain there is no doubt he had plenty company of that kind, during the time he lived near Carlisle.

"After having reached a good ripe age he died at the house of his daughter, Mrs. Sarah Sholley, at Carlisle, on Friday, April 10th, 1840, in the 71st

year of his age. He was buried on Sunday, April 13th, with military honors. He is buried in the old graveyard at Carlisle, but as there is no tombstone to mark his grave, his grave is not known. With this closes the history of the most important person of the Egolff family up to the time of writing these biographical sketches in the year of grace 1896, namely, that of Henry Egolff, the patriot of two wars, the war of Independence in 1776 and the war of 1812-15, with perhaps one single exception, that of Michael Egolff, 1st. It is not complete in all respects, as I would like to see it, but I have done my best with the material at my command."

RENN. The Renn family has long been well known in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, where the old homestead of Ira T. Renn is still owned by his son Roland D. Renn, who makes his home in Harrisburg, Pa. Bert L. Renn, a merchant of Sunbury, and Ira T. Renn, his brother, are also sons of Ira T. Renn and worthy representatives of this family name.

Adam Renn, great-grandfather of the brothers just named, was born in Germany, and coming to America settled about 1800 in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland Co., Pa., living in the locality known as Jews Hollow. He was a farmer, and owned three hundred acres of land. During the war of 1812 he served his adopted country as a soldier. He was a Democrat in politics and a Lutheran in religion. His wife's maiden name was Snyder, and they had children as follows: Jacob; Bernard; Henry, who lived and died in Lower Augusta township; and Mary, who married Jacob Rhen and lived in Lancaster and Dauphin counties.

Jacob Renn, son of Adam, lived in Lower Augusta township. In early life he learned butchering, which occupation he followed for forty years, meantime becoming also an extensive and prosperous farmer. He owned a tract of nearly two hundred acres, now the property of H. I. Reitz. In his earlier years he was employed as a boatman on what was known as the Pennsylvania canal. He was a tall man, six feet in height, strong, robust and of military carriage though heavy build, weighing about two hundred pounds. A Lutheran in religion, he was a zealous church worker and contributed liberally to church work, donating two acres of ground upon which to erect St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lower Augusta. He served many years as clerk of this church, and was one of the most active in the promotion and establishment of its house of worship. In politics he was a Democrat. He died March 28, 1889, in Shamokin, aged eighty-one years, nine months and eighteen days.

Mr. Renn was twice married, his first union being to Elizabeth Snyder, to whom he had a large



family. We have mention of three: Hiram; John, of Wmfield, Union Co., Pa.; and Henry, of Shamokin, Pa. By his second wife, Eve Conrad, born Jan. 26, 1810, died Dec. 22, 1876, Mr. Renn had four children: (1) Isaiah J., born May 30, 1842, in Lower Augusta township, grew to manhood there, receiving his education in the public schools, and like his father followed butchering and farming, working at his trade for twenty-five years. He also sold farm implements. He was a prominent Democrat of his locality, was elected justice of the peace in 1881 and served five terms, was overseer of the poor and township auditor, and represented his district in the Legislature two terms, being first elected Nov. 1, 1890. In his active years he occupied a most influential position in the community. He died Feb. 21, 1906. In 1863 he married Melinda Kauffman, daughter of Daniel Kauffman, of Lower Augusta township, and he and his family are members of the Lutheran Church. (2) Samuel C. lived in Lower Augusta township, and is now an old resident of Sunbury. (3) Mary L. married Lewis Evarts, and they live in Shamokin. (4) Ira T. was the father of the Renn brothers mentioned at the opening of this article.

Ira T. Renn, son of Jacob, was born Dec. 11, 1850, on his father's homestead in Lower Augusta township, and received his education in the local schools. Learning the miller's trade, he followed it for a number of years, after which he began farming and stock dealing, owning the place in Lower Augusta which now belongs to his son Roland. There he passed most of his life, prosperously engaged in farming. For six years he lived on the old Adam Renn farm in Jews Hollow. He was an enterprising man, and owned some fine stock. Mr. Renn died on his farm in Lower Augusta Dec. 29, 1896, and is buried at the Lutheran Church in that township. He was an active member of that church, serving as deacon and elder, and was also interested in the success of the Democratic party, to which he rendered considerable service in his locality without caring for the material rewards of office or power.

In 1869 Mr. Renn married Rachel Kauffman, whose father, Daniel Kauffman, late of Lower Augusta township, settled on a 150-acre tract in that township which he bought from the Silverwood family, large landowners in that section. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Renn: Roland D.; Bertram I.; Clayton Jacob, deceased; Amos S., of Lower Augusta township; Ira T.; Grover Cleveland, of Lower Augusta township, who married Frances Martz, daughter of Samuel V. Martz; Franklin F., born July 30, 1888, who died May 8, 1889.

ROLAND D. RENN, son of Ira T., was born March 25, 1870, in Lower Augusta township, and received his early education in the common schools. Later he attended the Normal school at Bloomsburg,

from which he was graduated in 1889, two years after which he entered the Eastman Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., graduating therefrom in 1891, the same year he entered; he took the commercial course. After teaching school for a number of years in Northumberland county Mr. Renn went into the railway mail service, in 1894, and has since been engaged in that work, his run being on the main line of the Pennsylvania road between New York and Pittsburg. He makes his home in Harrisburg, but still owns the homestead farm in Lower Augusta township. Mr. Renn has never lost his taste for reading, and he has a nice library. He is especially interested in agricultural and horticultural works, literature on stock raising, and history, and he has traced the family genealogy on both the paternal and maternal sides.

On June 11, 1896, Mr. Renn married Jennie S. Knisely, daughter of Henry Knisely, of Steelton, Pa., and they have had one son, Roland R. The family are members of the United Brethren Church at Harrisburg.

BERTRAM I. RENN, son of Ira T., was born July 13, 1872, in Lower Augusta township, was reared on the farm and received his education in the public schools. He began railroading when a boy of fifteen, and followed that work successfully for a number of years, traveling all over the United States. His last railroad position was that of yardmaster at Chicago for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Company, but though he was doing well he resigned and returned East, buying an eighty-acre farm in Rockefeller township, in his native county. After farming there for two years, he moved to Sunbury, Dec. 14, 1909, selling his farm at that time, and in November, 1910, disposing of his farm stock. Upon his removal to Sunbury Mr. Renn embarked in the fish, oyster and produce business at No. 455 Market street, handling fish and clams all the year round and oysters and sea food in season. He also carries a line of cigars and confectionery, and during the summer months sells ice cream and soft drinks. He enjoyed a good trade from the start, and in 1910 purchased a business place at the corner of Third and Walnut streets. Mr. Renn is a most obliging dealer, and by his enterprising methods and accommodating ways has drawn an excellent class of patrons.

On Feb. 25, 1896, Mr. Renn married Mary E. Basom, who is from Newport, Perry county, Pa., daughter of John and Jane (Zeiders) Basom. They have one child, a daughter, Lillian R. L.

IRA T. RENN, son of the late Ira T., was born March 16, 1880, in Lower Augusta township, and was reared on the farm. He first attended the local public schools, and later was a pupil at Selinsgrove (Pa.) Academy, and he was only seventeen when licensed to teach by Prof. Ira Shipman, then county superintendent. He taught for three



terms, two in his native township and one in Little Mahanoy township, but farming has always been his principal occupation. He assisted his father and mother until 1901, after which he farmed a year at home on his own account, in the spring of 1902 settling in Rockefeller township, where he purchased the Urias Malick homestead. This property consists of eighty-three acres of the best land in the township, and there Mr. Renn has since resided and engaged in farming. He is an energetic young man, public-spirited and interested in the social welfare of the community as well as in its material progress. He has served in local offices, and has taken part in the work of the Lutheran Church at Hollowing Run, of which he and his family are members, having acted as a member of the church council. He is at present superintendent of the Sunday school at Augustaville. Politically he is a Democrat. Mr. Renn has been quite active in the Odd Fellows fraternity in his section, one of the leading members of Augusta Lodge, No. 614, of Augustaville, which he represented at the Grand Lodge for seven consecutive terms.

On Oct. 3, 1900, Mr. Renn married Mary E. Barrett, daughter of James and Mary (Burns) Barrett, formerly of Selinsgrove and later of Lewisburg, Pa., where Mr. Barrett died. Mr. and Mrs. Renn have two children: E. Fay and Harold W.

NICHOLAS W. RENN, who is engaged in farming in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, was born in that township April 25, 1858, son of John Renn and grandson of Philip Renn.

Philip Renn was born in Pennsylvania and was the pioneer of this family in Northumberland county, having settled there at an early day in the history of Rockefeller township, on the farm now owned by the Flemming sisters. It comprises about one hundred acres, and Philip Renn built the barn still standing there. He prospered in his farming operations, doing fairly well for that day. He was a Pennsylvania German, and spoke both German and English. He is buried at the Stone Church, one of the oldest churches in that section. His family, two sons and three daughters, was as follows: Betzy married John Cornell, who came from Bucks or Montgomery county and lived in Rockefeller township; Henry lived in Iowa; John lived in Lower Augusta township; Tina married John Flemming and they lived on the Philip Renn homestead, where both died; Sarah married William Ross and they lived in Rockefeller township.

John Renn, son of Philip, was born March 3, 1812, on the Renn homestead in Rockefeller township, and lived for the most part in Lower Augusta township, where he had a tract of five acres, upon which place he died March 25, 1893. He is buried at the Mountain Presbyterian Church. He was a laborer, and was a man of peaceful and

noted for his strength and locally known as "Big Foot." On one occasion he was held up at a bridge in Schuylkill county by a husky Irishman, who told him he could not pass. Renn said, "Yes, I will pass," picked up the Irishman and threw him bodily over the bridge; he died of his injuries. During the Civil war Mr. Renn enlisted for three years' service, in Company H, 17th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and had served nineteen months when honorably discharged, because of the close of the war. His wife, Margaret Fry, was born Oct. 24, 1814, in Alsace, France, of which place, her father, Jacob Fry, was also a native. She was twelve years old when she came with her parents to Pennsylvania, the family locating first in Clinton county, at the "Block House," and thence removing to Schuylkill county and later to Northumberland county, where they lived for two or three years. Returning to Schuylkill county, Mr. Fry made a permanent settlement there, following farming until his death. Mrs. John Renn died in 1906 at Williamsport, Pa. Ten children were born to her and her husband: Barbara married Andrew Baldy and (second) Edward Pickering; Sarah married Abraham DeWitt; Maria married Samuel Beck; Catharine married Frank Hilbush; Elizabeth married Henry Eisenhuth; Rebecca married Osburn Difford; Emma married Harry Olmstead; Malinda married Peter Crissinger; Delila married Galen DeWitt; Nicholas W.

Nicholas W. Renn was educated in the public schools and began working on the farm for his parents at an early age, continuing thus until he reached the age of twenty-eight years. He then married, and for nine years worked among farmers, after which he began working upon the homestead of his father-in-law, Isaac Feaster, in Lower Augusta township. In June, 1905, he purchased this property, which consists of fifty acres, the present buildings on which were erected by Mr. Feaster. Mr. Renn follows general farming, and occasionally attends the Sunbury and Shamokin markets. Though he devotes all his attention to his business affairs, he has found time to serve his township as school director and inspector, in which offices he gave excellent satisfaction. He is a Republican in politics. By thrift and industry he has attained a substantial position, and he is a respected citizen of his community.

On March 2, 1886, Mr. Renn married Lescenia Feaster, daughter of Isaac and Charity (Shipman) Feaster, and granddaughter of Jacob Shipman. Mrs. Renn was born Sept. 5, 1856, and died Feb. 2, 1895, aged thirty-eight years. Mr. Renn married her sister, Mrs. Adela Thomas, widow of S. D. Thomas, who died April 19, 1894, at the age of forty-two years. Mr. Renn had no children by either wife. Four children were born to Mrs. Renn in her marriage, Elva, William, Maud and Marion.

**JAMES FOX**, for many years one of the leading agriculturists of Ralpho township, where he had the largest fruit farm in Northumberland county, was a native of Columbia county, Pa., born Feb. 28, 1813, in Catawissa township. The family was early in Berks county, this State, where Mr. Fox's grandfather was born. The latter had a family of nine children, six sons and three daughters.

Jacob Fox, father of the late James Fox, was born in Berks county, and died in 1851 in Columbia county, Pa., whither he had removed when a young man. He was a stonemason by trade, and went to Catawissa, Columbia county, to fill a contract he had obtained to build a church. Upon the completion of the contract he remained there, having taken a liking to the place, and he later purchased a farm in Catawissa township upon which he made his home, cultivating his land and also continuing to follow his trade. He was thus engaged for many years and became very well known in that section, where he made many friends. His wife, Rachel (McIntire), died in 1836. They had the following children: William, Daniel, Hannah (wife of Isaac Irwin), Mary E., Price, James and Jacob.

James Fox, son of Jacob, spent his early life upon the homestead farm in Catawissa township, Columbia county, receiving a common school education in the locality. Soon after the death of his father he removed to Northumberland county, where he passed the remainder of his long life. In connection with his brother-in-law, John Campbell, he purchased a tract of 426 acres, upon part of which he established his home, becoming one of the best known and most substantial citizens of Ralpho township. He was one of the most enterprising farmers of his district, and made a specialty of fruit raising, having the largest fruit farm in the county. In politics he was a Republican, in religion a member of the Presbyterian Church. He died Oct. 16, 1902, in his ninetieth year.

In 1840 Mr. Fox married Elizabeth Campbell, daughter of Obadiah Campbell, and she died long before her husband, passing away in 1880. Mr. and Mrs. Fox are buried at the McIntire church in Columbia county. They had a family of eight children, namely: George W. and Isaac N. died young; Obadiah P. is mentioned below; Isabella married William Cherington; Joanna now resides at Bloomsburg, Pa.; William is also a resident of Bloomsburg; Mary J. lives at Bloomsburg; Christopher C. is a resident of Mount Carmel.

**OBADIAH P. FOX**, son of James, located at Mount Carmel in 1884 and was among the early successful merchants there. He died at Mount Carmel May 4, 1908, aged sixty-one years. Mr. Fox married Elizabeth Campbell, daughter of Duncan Campbell, of Rush township, and they

had a family of four children: Estella, Kimber, Howard and Ethel.

**CHRISTOPHER C. FOX**, son of James and Elizabeth (Campbell) Fox, was born Oct. 4, 1860, near Elysburg, Northumberland county. He was educated in the public schools of his native township and at Elysburg Academy, and remained upon the farm until he reached the age of eighteen years. At that time he became engaged in the mercantile business with his brother Obadiah. They were at their original location for three years, after which they were out of the business for two years, in 1884 settling at Mount Carmel, where they conducted a general store, under the firm name of O. P. Fox & Brother. They did a successful business until the death of Mr. Obadiah P. Fox, May 4, 1908, after which Christopher C. Fox closed out the mercantile establishment and embarked in the real estate line in association with C. H. Robins. They have acquired a profitable patronage and are doing a live business.

On April 18, 1895, Mr. Fox married Hattie M. Jones, daughter of Thomas and Rebecca (Graham) Jones, of Philadelphia, and they are the parents of the following children: Ernestine D., Russell J., Marion W. and Benjamin H. Mr. Fox is a Methodist in religious connection. On political questions he is a Republican.

**CHARLES F. BLANK**, senior member of the firm of Blank & Gottshall, who have a large milling business at Sunbury, owning and conducting the City Roller Mills, was born Oct. 31, 1851, in Upper Saucon township, Lehigh Co., Pa. He is a son of Jacob Blank and a descendant of John George Blank, who founded a family now numerous in Lehigh county, especially in the eastern portion. The 1910 city directory of Allentown, that county, gives the names of thirty-two Blanks.

John George Blank, the earliest ancestor of this family of whom we have record, was born in 1729 and died in 1799. He came to Saucon township, Northampton (now Lehigh) county, about 1750. He married Elizabeth Steinmetz, daughter of Valentine Steinmetz, and after the death of his father-in-law succeeded to and settled upon his estate, taking up his residence on the site later occupied by John H. Laubach. The number of his children cannot be determined, but it appears there are several branches of Blanks even in the territory now embraced in Lehigh county. His son John George Blank had nine children, of whom we have the following account: George died unmarried; John married Esther Clemmer and had six children, George, Charles H. (both residing in Coopersburg, Lehigh county), Edwin H., Benjamin (both residing in Allentown), Eliza (married William P. Weidner) and Elamina (married Simon Troxel); Jacob married a Miss Hintenbeutel, but nothing is known of his de-



scendants; Abraham married Mary Bahl and was the father of Jacob, John G. and Abraham, who reside in Upper Saucon township, Mrs. John Laubach, of Saucon, and Mrs. John Metzger, of Allentown; Charles married Priscilla Fry and resides at Bethlehem, Pa.; David died unmarried; Mary married Jacob Bahl and resides at Bethlehem; Lydia married Nathan Eberhart and died without issue; Sarah married David Schneider and resides at Emaus, Lehigh county.

Jacob Blank, father of Charles F. Blank, was born in Saucon township, Lehigh county, and died in 1864. \*He is buried at Zionville church, in that county, having been a member of the Reformed congregation of that church. He was a wheelwright, learning the trade early in life, and followed it at Emaus until his death. Mr. Blank married Sarah Groman, whose father lived in Salisbury township, Lehigh county, and she survived him many years, dying in 1906, at the age of seventy-five. She is buried at Emaus. Eight children, five sons and three daughters, were born to this union: Wilson died at the age of six years; John is a resident of Emaus, Pa.; Charles F. is mentioned below; James was drowned when about seven years old; George died in 1902 at Bethlehem, Pa. (he had sons James and Harvey); Mary Alice married James Camburn, of Philadelphia, and died in 1909; Sarah married John Reinbaugh, of Lehigh county, Pa., and died about 1910; Anna married Paul Eisenhart, of Emaus.

Charles F. Blank was reared and educated in his native county, attending school at Emaus and Allentown, to which latter place the family removed when he was thirteen years old. He worked at various vocations until he reached the age of eighteen years, when he commenced to learn the carpenter's trade at Cetronia, Lehigh county, following same, as well as millwrighting, which work he began in 1875. He engaged as millwright in the employ of others until 1888, being foreman for four years for the Wolf & Hamaker Company, then of Allentown. Since that time he has been in partnership with William B. Gottshall, who was also formerly with the Wolf & Hamaker Company and like himself a miller of thorough experience. Messrs. Blank and Gottshall came to Sunbury in the employ of a Chambersburg firm to remodel the historic old Haas mill, from the burr to the roller system. They soon leased the property and began operations on their own account, remaining at that place until 1895, when they completed the building of the large mill they have since occupied. They have a three-story building 40 by 230 feet, with a two-story addition 115 by 50 feet, as well as other buildings, among which is a large engine house. Their business has extended, in both volume and scope, until there are now many interests besides flour milling, the firm handling all kinds of flour

and feed, cement, plaster, and similar commodities in large quantities. Their principal brands of flour are "B. & G.'s Best," "Flaky Loaf" and "White Cloud," the daily capacity of the flour-milling equipment being two hundred barrels of wheat, seventy-five barrels of rye, seventy-five barrels of buckwheat and cornmeal. They manufacture cattle and poultry foods, about forty tons of chop daily, and the B. & G. Chick and Hen Food has a large sale not only in the Lehigh Valley but also throughout the Middle States. Their hay shed is 40 by 60 feet in dimensions, the grain elevator has a capacity of 40,000 bushels, and a large warehouse is included among the many conveniences of this well equipped establishment. Twenty-five men are given regular employment. The products, which have the reputation of being of the highest excellence, are not only in steady demand locally and over the coal regions, but find a ready sale all over the eastern part of the country. Blank & Gottshall have shown their enterprise in the completeness of their plant, which is admirably located, facing the Susquehanna river and running parallel with the Philadelphia & Reading tracks, from which a switch connects with the mills; there is also a siding connecting with the Pennsylvania lines. An engine of 150 horse power supplies the motive force for the operation of the mills and the power for the electrical conveniences and comfort of the fine residences which the partners have erected on adjoining property. As member of a firm whose enterprise is reckoned upon as a substantial factor in the prosperity of Sunbury, Mr. Blank is one of the most respected and valuable citizens of that borough. He is an intelligent and public-spirited man, as effective a worker in other fields as in business circles.

On Aug. 10, 1872, Mr. Blank married Ellen Jane Lentz, daughter of Josiah and Miranda (Shearer) Lentz, the former a lifelong resident of the vicinity of Allentown. Mr. and Mrs. Blank had one daughter, who died in infancy. They are active in the work of the First Reformed Church of Sunbury, and Mr. Blank is a member of Mac-lay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M., of Sunbury.

EDWIN E. HOLLENBACK, D. D. S., has been practicing dentistry at Shamokin throughout his professional career, having begun in company with his father, one of the oldest established dentists in the borough.

Dr. Reuben Hollenback, the father, was born Sept. 1, 1841, in Lower Augusta township, near Sunbury, Northumberland county, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Sherry) Hollenback. He received his early education in the public schools and was reared in his native locality, being trained to farming, which he followed until twenty-one years old. Meanwhile he had also taken up teaching, that stepping stone to so many of the earlier profes-



sions, being thus engaged for six years, one year in his native township, the rest of the time in Coal and Shamokin townships. His older brother, Dr. D. S. Hollenback, had entered the medical profession, and he, too, had aspirations toward such a career, which led him, while teaching, to take up the study of dentistry, which he began under the tuition of Dr. B. F. Van Boskirk, of Selinsgrove, Snyder Co., Pa. However, he was not in a position to devote himself to it entirely for a number of years. In 1864 he located at Shamokin, where he was engaged as engineer at the Big Mountain colliery two years, at the end of that time resuming teaching, which he continued, along with his dental studies, until 1868. He then commenced practice in Shamokin, but not being quite satisfied with his attainments he entered the Dental College of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, from which he was graduated March 1, 1877. Dr. Hollenback built up a large practice by his skillful and conscientious work, and deservedly won a place among the leading professional men of Shamokin. Moreover, without solicitation on his part, he has been honored with some of the most responsible public trusts in the gift of his fellow citizens, having served one term as representative of the Third ward in the common council, of which he served one year as president. He is an ardent supporter of the principles of the Republican party and for many years took a leading part in its local activities. In religious matters he has been identified with St. John's Reformed Church, of which he has long been a prominent member, serving as chorister for many years.

In 1865 Dr. Hollenback married Dorcas Sober, daughter of Michael M. Sober, who lived in the Irish Valley in Northumberland county. Three children were born to this marriage, viz.: William S., of Reading, Pa., a piano tuner; Hudson S., a dentist, who is located at Mount Carmel, this county; and Edwin E. The mother of these died Oct. 24, 1887, and on Dec. 6, 1888, Dr. Hollenback married Savilla Fidler, daughter of William Fidler, of Shamokin. They have had two children, Harry Franklin and Flora Lillian.

Edwin E. Hollenback was born at Shamokin May 25, 1871, and there received his early education in the public schools. He learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed for three years, and then entered the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery, from which he was graduated in 1892. For several years thereafter he practiced with his father, in 1898 opening an office of his own. Dr. Hollenback is a general practitioner, but he makes a specialty of high-grade crown, bridge and plate work, in which line he has a high reputation. His practice is large, and has been gained by the most honorable methods and satisfactory work, many of his patrons having come to him ever since he commenced practice.

Dr. Hollenback married Jessie Hoskings, of Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and they have three children: Alfred, Martha Dorcas and Annie G. The family home is at No. 117 Marshall street.

GEN. CHARLES M. CLEMENT, a leading lawyer of Sunbury, was born there Oct. 28, 1855, son of Gen. John Kay Clement. His ancestors were Friends, the Clements having been prominent members of that Society in England.

Gregory Clement, the earliest ancestor of whom we have record, was a member of Parliament in 1646 and was one of the famous body of Regicides, and with four others was hanged. When Gregory Clement was arrested, in 1660, his son James escaped, and emigrating from his native land came to America, landing on Staten island. Subsequently he located near Camden, in Camden (then Gloucester) county, N. J. He became a large land owner and surveyor and his descendants also followed that occupation for a number of generations. He married Sarah Field, and their children included a son Jacob.

Jacob Clement, son of James, married Ann Harrison.

Samuel Clement, son of Jacob and Ann (Harrison), married Rebecca Collins, a granddaughter of Francis Collins, who came to America in 1678, locating in New Jersey, where he became a man of distinction. He served for a time in the capacity of judge and was a member of the Provincial Legislature of New Jersey.

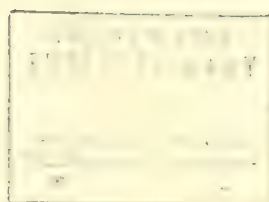
Samuel Clement (2), son of Samuel, married Mary Foster.

Evan C. Clement, son of Samuel (2), was born in Camden county, N. J. He was associated with his father in the manufacture of glass and became a man of considerable means. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, serving as sergeant major. He passed all his life in his native county, where he died in 1827 at the comparatively early age of thirty-seven. He married Hannah Kay, great-great-granddaughter of John Kay, the first settler of the name in America, who came over in 1683, was speaker of the Provincial Assembly of New Jersey for several years, and one of the council for West Jersey. John Kay, Mrs. Clement's father, married Kesiah Thorne, daughter of Capt. Joseph Thorne, a soldier of the Revolution.

John Kay Clement, son of Evan C. and Hannah (Kay) Clement, was born Jan. 1, 1820, in Philadelphia, Pa., and was but seven years old when his father died. As the latter had failed a short time previously, the boy was thrown upon his own resources at an early age. He acquired his early education in the Friends' school in his native city, and began the study of law when eighteen years old in the office of his cousin, Richard Howell, of Camden, N. J. In 1842, at the age of twenty-two, he was admitted to the bar in Trenton, N. J.



W. W. Clement





Soon afterward he removed to Schuylkill county, Pa., where he first made his home at Minersville, later at Pottsville, practicing law there until his removal to Sunbury, Northumberland county, in 1854. There he continued to live the remainder of his days, acquiring a very extensive practice and for many years holding a high place in public affairs. His legal work was mainly in the line of criminal law, in which special branch of the profession he was one of the foremost lawyers of the State, participating in many of the most famous cases tried in his section. He was not only versatile in the law, but gifted with unusual powers of eloquence, and as a pleader had few equals. He practiced law to the exclusion of almost every other interest, most of his public service being of a professional nature, and he won his high rank in the legal fraternity by unswerving devotion to the calling of his choice. His logic and eloquence, backed by a thorough understanding of the law, made him a powerful ally on either side of a case. From 1871 to 1878 he was engaged as counsel, on one side or the other, in every important criminal case tried here. "Bear" Dolan, the first "Molly Maguire" convicted, was successfully prosecuted by him in 1872, and he defended Peter McMannes, the last of that famous band to be tried. In 1859 General Clement was elected district attorney of Northumberland county, was again elected in 1871, and in 1877 again took the office by appointment.

While a resident of Schuylkill county he was made brigadier general of the State militia, and during the Civil war he not only aided the Union by personal service as officer and private, but also used his influence throughout that period in support of the Northern cause. He was captain of the Pottsville Light Artillery, which organization still exists as Company F, 4th Regiment, P. N. G., served in the first battle of Bull Run as aide to Colonel Cameron, and also served as a private of Company D, 4th Pennsylvania Emergency Militia. In 1862 he was made provost marshal of the 14th District of Pennsylvania and served efficiently until 1864. He was a Democrat in politics before the war, and subsequently a staunch Republican. He served some years as a member of the council of Sunbury. He died at Sunbury Oct. 15, 1882.

On May 18, 1854, General Clement married Mary S. Zeigler, of Sunbury, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Eyer) Zeigler, the former of whom was once a prominent leader and merchant of Sunbury. She survived him, making her home in Sunbury until her death, April 30, 1908. Five children were born to this union, Charles M. being the only survivor. General Clement was an Episcopalian in religion, and was a vestryman in St. Matthew's Protestant Episcopal Church at the time of his death. Fraternally he was a Freemason.

Charles M. Clement, only surviving member of

the family, of Gen. John Kay and Mary S. (Zeigler) Clement, received an excellent literary training in the academies at Sunbury, Pa., and Burlington, N. J., leaving school at the age of seventeen. For the next six years he was employed as clerk in the probatory's office at Sunbury, and then read law with his father, being admitted to the bar March 11, 1878. The January following he began practice with his father, with whom he was associated in practice until the latter's death. This relation was of the utmost value to him. His thorough study of legal principles gave him an excellent foundation for his work, and his aptitude for applying it to practical, everyday affairs made him popular with a large clientage who appreciate common sense interpretation of ordinary laws. But though he has engaged in general practice, corporation work has been his main line, particularly as a trial lawyer in causes affecting corporate interests. From April, 1891, to April, 1898, he was associated in practice with Hon. S. P. Wolverton.

General Clement has long been a leading member of the Republican party. From 1879 to 1883 he was secretary of the county committee, and from 1883 to 1888 was chairman of that body. He has served several years as member of the council, and one term as assistant burgess; he was borough solicitor, solicitor of the school and solicitor for the overseers of the poor for several years; is now a school director; on Oct. 1, 1887, he was appointed corporation clerk of the State department by Charles W. Stone; on Nov. 28, 1890, he was appointed by Governor Beaver deputy secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In all these offices his service was most creditable, showing the most intelligent citizenship and public-spirited devotion to the general interest. He is president of the trustees of the Mary M. Paicher Hospital at Sunbury.

In 1877 General Clement was one of the organizers of the Sunbury Guards, Company E, 12th Regiment, P. N. G., which he joined as a private. He was promoted to the rank of captain in the regular order and three times elected to serve in that capacity, in 1882, 1887 and 1892. In 1896 he was elected major of the 12th Regiment, in 1898 elected lieutenant colonel, and volunteering for service during the Spanish American war was commissioned lieutenant colonel of the 12th Pennsylvania Volunteers, which was mustered out Oct. 29, 1898. His eldest son, John Kay Clement, then a boy of seventeen, was a corporal in Company E, same regiment. On Aug. 17, 1899, Charles M. Clement was elected colonel; was re-elected in 1901 and 1909; was promoted lieutenant general March 29, 1910; and on Sept. 1, 1910, was assigned to the command of the 43 Brigade, Southern Command, General Adjutant to the Sons of Veterans, the Sons of the Revolution, the Society of the War of 1812,

the Society of Foreign Wars and the Naval and Military Order of the Spanish American war. He is a member of Maclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M., Northumberland R. A. Chapter, No. 174, Mount Hermon Commandery, No. 85, K. T., Caldwell Consistory, thirty-second degree, and Zembo Temple, Mystic Shrine. He is a past master of his lodge and past commander of the commandery. General Clement is rector's warden of St. Matthew's Church, Sunbury, secretary of the vestry, secretary of the diocesan convention, and has been a deputy to the general convention since 1898, serving therein on the committees on Admission of New Dioceses, on the Prayer Book, and on the Commission to Revise the Lectionary.

On Nov. 19, 1879, General Clement was married at Northumberland to Alice V. Withington, daughter of Martin J. D. Withington. Four sons have been born to them: John Kay, Martin W., Charles Francis and Theron Ball. John Kay Clement married Isabel Colvin, and has one son, Charles M. Clement, 2d; he is captain of Company E, 18th Regiment, N. G. P., and is physicist in the Bureau of Mines, stationed at Pittsburg. Martin W. Clement married Irene H. Higbee, and they have one son, Martin W. Clement, Jr.; he is supervisor on the Pennsylvania railroad, stationed at Philadelphia, and is a captain in the quartermaster's department, N. G. P. Charles Francis is practicing law with his father, and is first lieutenant of Company E, 12th Regiment, N. G. P. These three sons are graduates of Trinity College, Hartford, Conn.; John K. is also a graduate of the University of Gottingen, and Charles F. of the law school of the University of Pennsylvania. Theron B. is in the local high school.

**WILLIAM F. KLINE**, a leading citizen of the borough of Snyderstown, Northumberland county, was born Sept. 9, 1833, at Klinesgrove, which place is so known in honor of his family. He is the last surviving member of his generation of the family, which was settled in this region by Isaac Kline, his great-grandfather.

One Herman Kline emigrated to America in the early part of the eighteenth century and settled in Hunterdon county, N. J., where he bought considerable land. It is said he was rich, and generous to his less fortunate fellowmen. He reared a large family of sons and daughters. The date of his death is unknown.

In 1799 three of the sons of Herman Kline came to Pennsylvania, two of them (Abraham and another) settling on Fishing creek, in Columbia county. Isaac Kline, one of these three brothers, was the progenitor of the family with which this article deals. He settled in what is now Upper Augusta (then Augusta) township, Northumberland county, at or near the site of what is now known as Klinesgrove, which village was

named for the Kline family. It is on the road leading from Sunbury to Danville, at the line of Upper Augusta and Rush townships. A number of the family, of the various generations, are buried at the Klinesgrove M. E. Church. In this locality Isaac Kline bought four hundred or five hundred acres of land, then nearly all forest, and he and his family were pioneers in all that the name implies. Their nearest neighbors were five miles distant. Wild beasts howled at night around the log cabin, rudely constructed, but affording a comfortable shelter. There the family made a permanent home. Isaac Kline was accompanied into the wilderness by his wife, Margaret, and their two sons, Herman and Isaac, with their wives and families. He settled his oldest son, Herman, on the farm now owned by Charles Rockefeller, and made his own home with his son Isaac, on the farm now owned by John F. Derr. There he died in 1818, at the advanced age of ninety years, a year or two after the death of his wife. They are interred in the M. E. Church cemetery at Klinesgrove.

Herman Kline, eldest son of Isaac Kline, settled in what was then Augusta township. He had a family of four sons and four daughters: Elisha, who lived on the farm later owned by Charles Moore, died in 1875, aged eighty-eight years; John, who lived on the farm now in the possession of A. D. Moore, died in 1861, aged sixty-nine years; Isaac, who lived on the farm now owned by S. G. Kase, died in 1878, aged eighty-four years; David went West while young; Margaret became Mrs. Campbell; Jemima, Mrs. Stroh; Polly, Mrs. Campbell; Susan died unmarried.

Isaac Kline, Jr., the younger son of Isaac Kline, lived with his father until his death, in 1804, at the early age of thirty-three years. He followed farming. His widow, Catharine (Barton), lived with her children until her death, in the year 1856, at the advanced age of eighty-seven. After the death of their grandfather the children of Isaac (Jr.) and Catharine (Barton) Kline inherited his estate, there being three sons and one daughter, namely: (1) Henry, the eldest, born in 1791 in Hunterdon county, N. J., obtained the farm on which his son Francis A. now lives in Upper Augusta township, and died in 1878, aged eighty-seven years. His wife, Elizabeth (Forrester), died in 1859. Their children were: John F. (born Dec. 25, 1814, in Augusta township), Sarah Ann (Mrs. Weaver), Jane (Mrs. Mettler, living in the West, and the only surviving daughter), Elizabeth (Mrs. Gilger), Isaac F., Mary (Mrs. Bassett), and Francis A. (2) Herman inherited the farm now owned by John F. Derr, and spent some years of his earlier manhood farming on the homestead, later living at Klinesgrove, where he operated the Klinesgrove gristmill. He died there in 1865, aged seventy-one years. He married



Nancy Mettler. They left no descendants. (3) Isaac is mentioned below. (4) Sarah, Mrs. Campbell, lived on the farm now occupied by her son, Isaac Campbell, and died there in 1844, at the age of about forty-four. She reared a family of ten children.

Isaac Kline, son of Isaac (Jr.) and Catharine (Barton) Kline, was born Nov. 2, 1803, and died Oct. 10, 1876. He inherited the farm near the Klinesgrove Church, a tract of 105 acres, upon which he followed farming, and resided there until his death. In 1834 he built the stone residence still standing upon that farm. In politics he was originally an old-line Whig, later becoming a Republican, and he was particularly active in the religious life of the community, being one of the pillars of the Klinesgrove Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he was an organizer, and he donated five hundred dollars when the church was erected, in 1867. His family were also Methodists. Mr. Kline married Lucy Ann Forrester, who was born Feb. 16, 1804, and died Jan. 8, 1886. They had three children: (1) Josiah F., born Aug. 29, 1831, married Elizabeth Condon, of Philadelphia, and they lived in that city. They had children: Edmund James, William R., Josiah F. and Henry B., the last named dying young. (2) William F. is mentioned below. (3) James F., born Oct. 20, 1837, died June 5, 1888, at Newark, N. J., and is buried at Danville, Pa. He was a lieutenant in the 3d Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery during the Civil war, stationed at Fortress Monroe. He and his wife Mary (McGill) had one child, that died in infancy.

William F. Kline attended the schools of the home locality in his early boyhood, and later went to Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport. He taught school for one term in Upper Augusta township, at what is now known as Mount Pleasant (then Texas) schoolhouse. From early life he was trained to farming, in which he is still interested, having a valuable tract of 150 acres all included within the limits of the borough of Snyderstown. He has made various improvements upon this estate since it came into his possession, and has twice remodeled the house during his ownership. In 1867 Mr. Kline began tanning at Snyderstown, in 1868 putting up the present tannery buildings there, replacing the original buildings of an early tannery. He continued in this business for a period of six years, until the end of 1873. Mr. Kline's substantial success entitles him to a foremost place among the business men of his section, where he is regarded as a man of excellent judgment and ability. In the conduct of borough affairs he has for years been a well-known figure. He has been a member of the board of school directors, and served some years as secretary of that body; he was the first chief Burgess elected in Snyderstown, held the office for six years in suc-

cession, and later was elected for another two years. The mere record of the positions to which he has been chosen is sufficient evidence of the esteem and popularity he enjoys among his fellow-men. He has been one of the most prominent citizens of Snyderstown since its organization. It is the largest borough in area in the State, though the population is but four hundred. Politically Mr. Kline is a Republican.

In January, 1860, Mr. Kline married Mary Margaret Wolverton, who was born March 13, 1838, and died July 2, 1886, the mother of three children: One that died in infancy; Charles H., also deceased in infancy; and George W., who is located at Eleventh and Wolverton streets, Sunbury. On Feb. 19, 1890, Mr. Kline married (second) Margaret E. Moore, daughter of James R. and Priscilla (Martin) Moore, of Snyderstown, who had the following children: James A., John M., Jane E., Rebecca M., Perry M. and Margaret E. Mr. and Mrs. Kline have no children. Mr. Kline and his family are Methodists, prominent members of the church at Klinesgrove, which Mr. Kline served on the board of trustees continuously from 1866 to 1908, being also secretary of that board. He has long been regarded as one of the pillars of the church, and is highly respected among its membership.

JAMES R. MOORE, the father of Mrs. William F. Kline, was the son of John Moore, who came from New Jersey at an early date and settled in what is now Rush township, where he purchased a farm. He died upon his farm at the age of fifty years and is buried in a grave yard near Deiblers station in Shamokin township. He married Rebecca, daughter of James Moore, and they had these children: John, James R., Rebecca, Mary, Anna, Miriam, Samuel and Hannah.

James R. Moore, father of Mrs. Kline, was born in Rush township Feb. 2, 1805, and died at Olathe, Johnson Co., Kans., July 2, 1885. He was reared upon the home farm and in the year of 1846 went to Morrow county, Ohio, where he followed farming, and remained until 1872, when he went to Olathe, Kans., and there he continued to farm. He married Priscilla, daughter of Atkinson Martin, who died in Kansas. They had these children: James A., John M., Jane E., Rebecca M., Perry M. and Margaret E., now the wife of William F. Kline.

KLASE. The family history in this article on the Klases was contributed by Mr. John Hower Kline, of Snyderstown, who intends to amplify it and complete the records as time and opportunity permit. Each records in his possession show considerable variation in the spelling of the name. The German forms are Kloss, Kles, Kloesz. The Anglo-American spelling John Klase (Johannes



Kloess) appears in the tax record of 1773 for Bethlehem township, Northampton Co., Pa., and the forms Clase, Glase, Glos, Glosz and Kleiss are all found.

On Nov. 22, 1752, one "Johonas Kloss" landed in Philadelphia from the ship "Phoenix," Reuben Houer, captain, from Rotterdam and Cowes. The emigration records of Philadelphia show Klosses here much earlier, as early as 1732, who evidently were of the same family, as they all settled to the north of Philadelphia, where they had land grants surveyed. But this Johonas Kloss is the earliest arrival to whom the family here under consideration can be traced. His family can be very easily traced from the records appearing at Easton, Pa. He lived and died near Bethlehem, and his will, on record at Easton, makes grants to the following nine children (who were to receive £5,000 in money besides lands): Valentine, Philip, John, Jr., Jacob, Catharine, Michael, Elizabeth (married Michael Young), Annie Marie and Christiana. The dates of birth and death of "Johon" Klase are at present not known, but he was still living in the year 1804, when he and his wife Catharine appear as witnesses at the christening of one of Valentine's daughters, Mary Eva, who later married Solomon Fegley, father of George K. Fegley.

Valentine Klase, the eldest son of Johonas and the head of the family located in Northumberland county, Pa., was a resident of Northampton county, near Bethlehem, where he owned a farm of two hundred acres on what is known as the Dry Land. This farm appears on the tax list of Bethlehem township in 1788, and its location is known to the family, the Klase burying ground being on this farm. Valentine Klase married Mary Eva Smitten, who was born Oct. 1, 1766, and died at Snyderstown, Northumberland Co., Pa., on the old homestead, Aug. 2, 1838; she is buried in St. John's Lutheran cemetery near Snyderstown. The children of Valentine and Mary Eva were: Jacob, Abraham, Michael, Valentine, Jr., Henry, Mary Eva and Catharine, all born in Bethlehem township, Northampton county. In the year 1753 Valentine took out a warrant for fifty acres of land in Northampton county. In the year 1778 he entered the service of the Continental army, in Captain Reeser's 4th Company of Militia, from Forks township, Northampton county, Pa., 5th Battalion; ordered to march July 30, 1778 (Pennsylvania Archives, Second Series, Vol. 14, Page 591); for which service he was given a grant of land, which he never took up. Valentine Klase was a farmer up to the time of his death, which occurred some time between April 12th—when he made his will—and May 18th, 1812, when his will was probated at Easton, Pa. After the Indian troubles had been settled in the northern sections of the State and the lands of the last Indian purchase opened for settlement, he joined himself to

others of Northampton county and came to Fort Augusta, or what is now known as Sunbury, Pa., and entered into the purchasing of lands. About eight miles east of Sunbury he purchased 950 acres with an allowance of  $\frac{1}{10}$  per cent for roads, making 1,000 acres all told. This land lay north of the old Reading road, at what is known as Stonington, comprising a strip nearly one mile wide running north to the northern boundary of Snyderstown borough, including what are now the lands of John Klase, William Garrow, Jesse Gonsar, Jacob Gonsar, H. A. Pensyl, Charles Snyder, and Jake Klase's farm, and part of the Fox farm. This tract had been surveyed at an earlier date and was known as the Hanover Manor. Same was sold to Lewis Dewart and Jacob Snyder, from whom Valentine Klase purchased. Jacob Snyder erected the first burr mill and saw mill at Snyderstown, located on the site of the present mill owned by Grant Gonsar. The said Jacob Snyder was also the founder of Snyderstown, Pa. [for above see deed of Valentine Kloss]. The date of this purchase by Valentine Klase was 1811, as recorded in the recorder's office at Sunbury, Pa. After buying this land he returned to Bethlehem, with the intention of moving here, but meeting with an accident he died. His will bequeathed this land to his widow and children to be held by them as tenants in common, and he appointed his widow, Mary Eva, Jacob, Henry, Abraham, children, and John Smith, brother-in-law, as administrators of his estate, both in Northampton county and Northumberland county. He also stipulated in his will that the land in Northumberland county should not be sold before six years after his death. Some of the family were not suited with the land and requested the sale of same, so on March 19, 1816, four years after the purchase of the land, the Legislature of Pennsylvania passed an act for its special disposal. After this, having been advertised for four weeks in a paper published at Easton, Pa., it was sold to John Smith, one of the administrators, for \$11,067.67. The tract was now parceled out to the following: Jacob, who took the southern part, about 200 acres; Valentine, Jr., central part, 200 acres; John Smith, 200 acres of northern part; Abraham, one half of the western part (joining John Smith), consisting of 200 acres; the balance being sold to different parties. The part that Abraham owned consisted principally of the land bought of Jacob Snyder. Michael, Henry, Eva and Catharine received their share in money. Of this family we have the following record:

Jacob Klase, son of Valentine, Sr., born near Bethlehem, Pa., Jan. 28, 1790, died March 18, 1870, and was buried in St. John's cemetery near Snyderstown, Pa. He cleared the greater part of his land for farming, which he followed throughout his life, and it was also the occupation of his

family. They were noted for their hospitality. He built a stone house at Stonington, which is still standing, in a good state of preservation, and built a sawmill on the stream running past the house. He married Polly Schweitzer and had these children: (1) Mary. (2) Catharine, born in 1817, married Jacob Weaver, and died in 1899. She is buried at Rush Presbyterian church, in Rush township. They lived near Rushtown, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver had the following children: Mary, born in 1831, died in 1889 (buried in Rush Presbyterian cemetery), who married William Cunningham and had Catharine (married S. Bailey and had one child, George E.), G. S. (married Margaret Gulick, and had children, C. Louis, Sarah E., Margaret V. and Dessie Marione; G. S. Cunningham is living on the old homestead, where he is following farming) and Sarah G. (who married Rev. Thomas Kerr and they have one child, Kathryn); Elizabeth, who married a Mr. Miller and had children, Frank, Warren, Charles, Jennie and Samuel; Kate, who married a Mr. Bartlet and had one child, Oliver (they live at West Pittston, Pa.); and Harriet, born in 1835, who died in 1909 and is buried in Rush Presbyterian church cemetery. (3) Elizabeth was born at Stonington, Pa., and died at New Media, Pa., aged ninety-two years. (4) Solomon, born at Stonington, Pa., died while living at the farm. (5) Jacob died unmarried. (6) Annie Marie married a Mr. Lamerson and lived at Danville, where she died. There were no children. (7) Leonard died as the result of an accident at the sawmill. He was unmarried. (8) Samuel is living at Catawissa, Pa., now (1911) in his eighty-fourth year. After selling the farm at Stonington he moved to New Media, Pa., where he also owned a farm, which he sold in 1905. (9) Wilhelmina, born at Stonington, died unmarried.

Abraham Klase, son of Valentine, Sr., was born in 1792, died in 1859, and is buried in St. John's Lutheran cemetery at Snyderstown. He made use of the western half of the northern part of the land purchased by his father, consisting of that part bought of Jacob Snyder, whereon was the gristmill and sawmill, and besides following farming he operated the mill for several years. Meantime he built a house near the mill, and then sold the mill to Samuel Gonsar, whose heirs own the same. He married Elizabeth Smith, and they had the following children: (1) Hannah married George Krieger. (2) Frank Klase died in Shamokin township. (3) Matilda married Samuel Yetter. (4) Catharine married a Mr. Brobst and moved to Iowa. (5) Eliza married Daniel Weaver. (6) William died in California. (7) Abraham, born in 1819, died in 1885, and is buried at Shamokin. He married Catharine Miller, born in 1819, died in 1891, buried at Shamokin, and they had the following children: George

Washington, born in 1843, who married Huldah Clark, died in 1908; Amanda, born in 1844, died in 1907; Regina Catharine, born in 1846, married A. G. Goodwill; Thomas Jefferson, born in 1849, married Sue E. Bolich; Martha Clementine, born in 1851, married A. E. Shissler; Franklin Pierce, born in 1853, died in 1854; Mary Elizabeth, born in 1855, died in 1879; Addison Miller, born in 1857, died in 1881; Ida Rebecca, born in 1859, married W. F. Goodwill; James Buchanan, born in 1861, married Mattie Applegate. (8) Solomon P. was born June 28, 1831.

SOLOMON P. KLAKE, son of Abraham, born June 28, 1831, in Shamokin township, is now living retired at the borough of Snyderstown. He became familiar with farm work in boyhood, and when eighteen years old commenced to learn the trades of stone mason and stone cutter, which he continued to follow until several years ago, giving up active work in 1900. He had an excellent reputation for first-class workmanship, and among other undertakings intrusted to him may be mentioned the building of St. Edward's Catholic church at Shamokin, of which he had charge as superintendent. Mr. Klase is a veteran of the Civil war, having entered the Union service in 1862 as a member of Company C (largely recruited from the territory about Snyderstown), 131st Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, under Capt. Thomas R. Jones. He served as corporal. He completed a nine months' term, during which he took part in the fights at Antietam, Frederickburg and Chancellorsville. He is a member of G. A. R. Post No. 335, at Sunbury. Politically Mr. Klase is a Democrat, and he has taken considerable interest in the welfare of his party and the affairs of the borough, where he has been chosen for the offices of councilman and tax collector. He is a member of the Lutheran Church.

On Nov. 26, 1854, Mr. Klase married Jane Wittington, who was born Jan. 4, 1834, daughter of Jacob Wittington, and died Feb. 19, 1900. His second marriage on May 14, 1901, was to Sarah Evert, daughter of Isaac Tribbley. Mr. Klase reared James McBride, who is now a resident of Shamokin.

Henry Klase, son of Valentine, Sr., was born near Bethlehem, Northampton Co., Pa., settled at Snyderstown in 1817, and there conducted a general store, landing his merchandise from Reading and Philadelphia, by wagon and team. He moved from there to Danville, Pa., where he died. He married Sallie Smith, daughter of John Smith, and had the following children: Jesse; Mary Jane, Mrs. Kester; Henry; Jacob, and Wellington. Jesse, who now lives at Danville, is one of the committee of ten of the Klase Family Reunion.

Michael Klase, son of Valentine, Sr., was born Sept. 4, 1794, in Bethlehem township, Northampton county. When the other children came to



Northumberland county he concluded to stay at the old home. He married and had three children: Daniel, Joseph and William. He paid a visit to his brethren living in Northumberland county and while on the trip took sick at the home of Jacob Klase, where he died, Feb. 22, 1852. His children lived at Allentown and Bethlehem, where his descendants are still found. Michael Klase is buried in the Klase row in St. John's Lutheran cemetery at Snyderstown.

Catharine Klase, daughter of Valentine, was born in Bethlehem township, Northampton Co., Pa., Sept. 12, 1796, died June 30, 1875, and is buried at St. Jacob's church, near Reed's station, in Northumberland county. She married Felix Lerch, and early in life moved to Mount Carmel, where they engaged in keeping hotel. For a long time this was the only house of public entertainment in Mount Carmel. According to a reference in the Northumberland county history they had an important hotel stand. Located almost midway between Sunbury and Pottsville, and on the original Indian trail leading to Philadelphia, they saw numbers of the red men as they passed the place. Later they conducted a hotel at Paxinos, Pa. Their children were: Susan, who married Amos Vastine; Benjamin, who lived at Stonington, Pa.; Abraham, who lived at Mount Carmel; Sebella, who married Jacob Tribbley and lived near Stonington (they were the parents of Rev. D. B. Tribbley, minister of the Lutheran Church at Minersville); and William H., the youngest, still living at Mount Carmel, the oldest settler living there to-day, who, though in his eighty-fourth year, conducts a store and is very bright for a man of his years.

Mary Eva Klase, daughter of Valentine, Sr., was born Dec. 20, 1803, died Feb. 13, 1887, and is buried at the Blue church near Paxinos, Pa. On Dec. 7, 1823, she married Solomon Fegley, and they subsequently purchased a farm on what is known at present as the Reading road, three miles west of Paxinos, which they owned for several years. At the end of that time they sold it and purchased a place just north on the Center turnpike. Mr. Fegley followed farming nearly his whole life, in his early years being occupied to some extent in coal mining and railroad building. Mr. and Mrs. Fegley had the following children: Eliza; Valentine; Rosana, Mrs. Sobert; Catharine, Mrs. McWilliams; Caroline, who married Wiloughby Hass; William; Harriet; Ellen, Mrs. McWilliams; Mary; Eva; George K., living at present at Shamokin, Pa., who is a member of Lincoln Post, G. A. R., has served as sheriff of Northumberland county one term and has been active in politics for a number of years (he at present is treasurer of the Klase Family Reunion); and H. K.

H. K. Feglev, son of Solomon, was born March

15, 1836, and died Aug. 11, 1910. At an early age he went to Sunbury, where he was employed by John W. Fryling in his store. He next engaged in merchandising, which he carried on successfully, and later built a nail mill, in the east end of Sunbury, which prospered also. Mr. Fegley married Mary O'Brien, of Washington, D. C., and their surviving children are: William, who is engaged in electrical operations in Topeka, Kans.; Mrs. J. A. Lamb, living at Sunbury, Pa.; and Mrs. William Colhoun, of Sunbury.

Valentine Klase, Jr., son of Valentine, Sr., was born in Bethlehem township, Northampton Co., Pa., July 13, 1799, and died April 20, 1872; he is buried in St. John's cemetery at Snyderstown. He married Mary Baker, of Milton, Pa., where she was born Feb. 6, 1794, her family being pioneer settlers in that section. Mrs. Klase died Feb. 11, 1884, and is buried in St. John's cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Klase settled on a tract of land one mile south of Snyderstown, same being a part of the purchase of Valentine Klase, Sr. Here in 1817 they erected a log house and barn, which is still standing and in a good state of preservation; it is now owned by Charles Snyder, who at present owns part of this farm, located a short distance south of Snyderstown. They cleared the land of timber and started farming, which was Mr. Klase's occupation until the time of his death. In 1823 he erected a distillery for the manufacture of liquors. In looking over some of his papers we find the price for the distilling of one bushel of rye was twenty-five cents; whiskey sold for forty cents per gallon. Valentine Klase was also engaged in the cutting of timber and its manufacture into lumber. He owned a tract of timber land on Fishing creek, in Columbia county, Pa., the timber for which was sawed up and rafted down the creek to the river, thence to Sunbury, where it was disposed of. He was a progressive man, as is shown by the fact that he was a strong advocate of the free school system. On election day he rode eight miles through eighteen inches of freshly fallen snow to cast his vote for free schools, being the only one to go from Snyderstown. This election carried for free schools by a majority of one, so his efforts were not wasted. About the first school held in Snyderstown was a subscription school held at his house for several winters. Jacob Snyder, the founder of Snyderstown, left a plot of ground for school purposes. Valentine Klase was one of three trustees appointed to hold this land and they filled this trust till there was a regular school board elected by Shamokin township, after which the same was turned over to them. The papers relative to this are still in existence.

On the farm which Valentine Klase owned was what was considered to be a valuable mineral deposit. This was tested for oil in 1869 to a depth of



600 feet, by drillings. In 1887 it was again tested, to a depth of 3,200 feet, for the same purpose, neither test showing any signs of oil. On this farm is found a mineral spring the waters of which may be drunk of freely by man, but the same is death to small animals, as they succumb almost as soon as they touch the water. The compiler has seen as many as a half dozen dead in it at once, some having died apparently just before his coming.

Valentine, Jacob and Henry Klase, along with John Smith and Samuel Hoover, were the founders of St. John's Lutheran Church at Snyderstown, which church was erected jointly by Lutherans and those of the German Reformed faith, in 1821.

All the generation of the sons and daughters of Valentine Klase, Sr., have passed away. They were among the early settlers of Snyderstown and vicinity, living there and raising families who were honest, upright, stalwart men and women. They not only cleared the ground but improved it, fought back the wolves and panthers, and saw all the wild animals depart gradually for thicker forest lands. The record of the children of Valentine Klase, Jr., is as follows:

(1) Catharine Klase, daughter of Valentine, Jr., married Abraham Rimert. They owned and lived on a farm one mile west of Stonington, on the Center turnpike, and were engaged in farming until the time of his death, which occurred very suddenly while he was on a trip to Sunbury. They had the following children: David; Martin; Valentine; Albert; Samuel; Mandis; Mary, who married John Savage and lived in Sunbury; Jane, Mrs. Koons, who lives in Watsonstown, Pa.; and Anna, Mrs. Hoff. Abraham and Catharine Rimert are buried at St. John's Lutheran cemetery, Snyderstown.

(2) Eva Klase, daughter of Valentine, Jr., was born at the homestead at Snyderstown and died in Ohio. She married George William Lerch and early in life they moved to Canton, Ohio, where he purchased a farm, which they cultivated until his death. They had eleven children, all of whom were living at the time of the fiftieth anniversary of their parents' wedding, which was celebrated on Feb. 4, 1891.

(3) John Klase, son of Valentine, Jr., was born Oct. 3, 1821, at the homestead in Shamokin township, and died May 12, 1906. He is buried in St. John's Lutheran cemetery, Snyderstown. When John Klase was but sixteen years of age he would drive a four-horse team to Pottsville, Pa., with a load of produce. The trip would take from three to four days. Arriving at Mount Carmel, he would stay over night, stopping with Felix Lerch, his uncle. This hotel being very often crowded, he like others would roll up in Shamokin robes and sleep on the barroom floor. At this time there

were practically no houses after leaving the Weigh Scales, near Shamokin, till near Pottsville, and he has related how the deer often crossed the road in droves, and toward evening the howl of wildcats and panthers could be heard. While he was still a boy Mr. Arnold shot a panther that measured nine feet in length, within a half mile of the house, and one morning when sent out to bring in the horses he found a large black bear in the pasture fields; the animal scampered away at his approach. In his early life he began the study of music, in which he excelled considering the limitations of the times, and he taught singing school, was musician for the military company during the battalion days, and led the choir of the Lutheran Church at Snyderstown for forty years. His opportunities for obtaining an education were very meager. After attending subscription school several months during the winter, he had the advantage of one winter at an academy in Bethlehem, Pa. He had charge of his father's lumber interests on Fishing creek in Columbia county, where he manufactured lumber, rafting the same down to Sunbury. Buying a piece of land, which now forms a part of the farm owned by Henry Pensyl, of Stonington, he cleared it and farmed there to the time of his marriage, Nov. 8, 1849, to Margaret Evert, daughter of Solomon and Rachel (Lorman) Evert, of Snyderstown. After marriage he moved on the farm of Mr. Evert, for whom he farmed ten years. Then he and his brother Valentine purchased the John Smith farm, a half mile east of Snyderstown, which they farmed in partnership for a number of years, at the end of which period John Klase bought Valentine's interest and continued to live on the farm till the time of his death. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church of Snyderstown, having joined the congregation when seventeen years of age, under the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Shandel. In 1845 he joined Mount Taber Lodge of Odd Fellows, located at Shamokin, and several years later he and several others succeeded in getting Shamokin Valley Lodge, No. 527, I. O. O. F., organized at Snyderstown, Mr. Klase being one of the charter members. He passed all the chairs, was secretary for twenty years in succession, and aided to build the new Odd Fellows Hall more than fifty years after the organization. John Klase was one of the foremost men of this section in his active years, identified with many phases of the life of the community. He was one of the first several directors to serve in Snyderstown borough, and held several other borough offices. He was not only trusted and respected by his fellow citizens, but he held high official position among the pensioned delegates and young allies addressing his constituents as "uncle." On Nov. 8, 1899, he and his wife Margaret celebrated their fiftieth anniversary at Shamokin. The celebration was attended by 221 guests, some portion of dinner Mr.

and Mrs. Klase were married by R. A. Fisher, and on the occasion of the golden wedding Rev. Mr. Wampole, of Shamokin, Pa., was present and gave a very interesting talk to the guests. Mrs. Klase is now living with her son John. She has reached the age of eighty. John and Margaret Klase had the following children: (1) Sallie J., born Nov. 21, 1852, died Aug. 8, 1897. She married Dr. G. A. Smith, son of Daniel Smith, of Snyder town, and they lived for a short time at Hartleton, Pa., thence moving to Liberty, Tioga Co., Pa., where the Doctor built up a very lucrative practice. He is still living there. Mrs. Smith came home to visit her father in the summer of 1897, while he was sick, and taking sick while there died at his home. She is buried in St. John's Lutheran cemetery at Snyder town. She had three children: Bertha G., who is a graduate of the Mansfield State normal school, and has been teaching for a number of winters very successfully; Arthur A., who graduated from Bucknell University and later studied law, which he is now practicing in Williamsport, where he makes his home (he married Alta Shae); and Leon, who is at home with his father and is attending school. (2) Solomon Ellis, eldest son of John Klase, was born at Snyder town, Nov. 12, 1854, and as a boy worked on his father's farm during the summer months, going to the public school during the winter seasons. When twenty he attended the Elysburg Academy one or two terms, after which he taught public school several terms. When fourteen years of age he joined St. John's Lutheran Church and at once became active in both Sunday school and church work. He has a fine record as superintendent of the Sunday school, which position he has filled for twenty-five years in succession without missing one Sunday in attendance. He married Flora Deibler, daughter of Jonosoe B. Deibler, of Snyder town, and is living at present on the homestead farm of John Klase, where he has erected a house and barn, being half owner of the homestead. Mr. and Mrs. Klase had two children, Mabel, who died at the age of sixteen, and Myrle, who is living at home. (3) John Hower.

JOHN HOWER KLAKE, youngest son of John Klase, was born March 6, 1864, at the homestead at Snyder town. As a boy he worked on the farm during the summer months, going to school during the winter terms, until sixteen years of age, when he went to the Missionary Institute at Selinsgrove for one term, thence going to New Berlin for two terms. He then helped to build the Philadelphia & Reading railroad through Snyder town, and in the year 1884 graduated from the Woods Commercial College, Williamsport. Immediately thereafter he started cutting and manufacturing timber for the coal mines, continuing this business alone for five years, when he entered into a copartnership with Luther Cooper and enlarged

the scope of his operations, manufacturing lumber for all general purposes. After cutting and manufacturing timber for two years in the southern part of Northumberland county, Mr. Klase bought out Mr. Cooper's interest and connected himself with S. Bailey, of Danville, Pa., with whom he entered into the manufacture of lumber on an extensive scale in Perry, Juniata, Huntingdon and Franklin counties, in which region he spent five years. In 1897 he took a half interest in the homestead farm, which he and his brother Ellis bought, later on, each having half of the 180 acres. He is living at the present time on the old homestead farm, in the house built by John Smith in the year 1815; it is a stone house, and the walls are as solid as the day they were completed. John Smith, a brother-in-law of Valentine Klase and one of his administrators, lived and died on this farm and raised his family there. He was the progenitor of the Smith descendants now in that community. He and his wife are buried in St. John's cemetery at Snyder town. At his death the farm was purchased by John Klase and Valentine, his brother. John Hower Klase is at present engaged in farming and the raising of market truck, taking special interest in the hybridizing of grains and small fruits, in which line he has had very good results, in the way of producing much hardier species.

On June 12, 1889, Mr. Klase married Elizabeth L. Miller, daughter of Christian and Esther (Reed) Miller, of Paxinos, Pa., and they have had two children, both living: Myrtle May, born April 16, 1890, attended public school till seventeen years of age, taught Hills school one term, and then entered the Bloomsburg State normal school, where she graduated in July, 1910; she is engaged in teaching at the present time. Maud Esther, the younger daughter, born Feb. 27, 1894, attended public school till sixteen years of age and at the present time is attending Bloomsburg State normal school, being a member of the class of 1912.

Mr. Klase is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, and for a number of years was a teacher of the male Bible class in the Lutheran Sunday school. In 1885 he joined Shamokin Valley Lodge, No. 527, I. O. O. F., of Snyder town, which was organized in 1856, and has gone through all the degrees; has represented the lodge at the annual meeting of the grand lodge several times; has been a representative of his lodge to the Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home Association for eight years; has served there on the Property committee three years, and at present is serving as chairman of the board of trustees, taking a particular interest in the welfare of the home. He joined Royal Arcanum Lodge No. 945, at Sunbury, where he continues his membership at the present time. He is also a member of the P. O. S. of A. He was one of the originators of the Klase Family Reunion,



and has been active in the work since its establishment, having been first secretary of same and historian. He has served his fellow citizens as member of the school board and of the town council, as auditor, constable and borough officer. Politically he is a Democrat.

(4) Levina Klase, daughter of Valentine, Jr., was born at the home near Snyderstown; she married Isaac Boughner and they moved early in life to Macon, Mich., where they engaged in farming to the end of their days. They had the following children: Jefferson, George, Clara, Bell and Henryetta, all living in Michigan as far as known.

(5) Hannah Klase, daughter of Valentine, Jr., was born at the homestead farm near Snyderstown. She married Daniel Donbach, and they moved to Ringtown, Schuylkill county, where they resided to the time of her death. Their children were as follows: Catharine, the eldest, married Joseph Klingerman and they moved to Beaver Meadow, where he was an employee of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company; George, a college graduate, for several years was engaged in missionary work in the far West, coming back to Pennsylvania in 1908 and engaging in contracting and building at Shamokin, where he now resides; Laura, youngest daughter of Mrs. Hannah Donbach, is living at present at Ringtown, Pa., taking care of her father, who has become an invalid.

(6) Susan Klase, daughter of Valentine, Jr., was born at the homestead near Snyderstown Dec. 12, 1833. She received a meager education in her youth, attending public school for a few months during the winter. In September, 1855, she married George C. Adams, of Ralpho township, son of Casper Adams. For several years they lived in Snyderstown, until Mr. Adams bought the Adams homestead farm in Ralpho township, Northumberland county, to which they moved in 1863, residing there till the time of Mr. Adams's death. He was an active member of and worker in the German Reformed Church, where he held the office of deacon for a long time, and he is buried at the Blue church near Paxinos. Since his death Mrs. Adams has been living mostly with her son, G. G. Adams, and daughter Mahala. She is a member of the German Reformed Church. Mr. and Mrs. Adams had the following children: Alvin, who met with an accident on the railroad that caused his death; Leannah, who married Francis Barrell and they reside at Reading, Pa.; Mahala, married to Charles Paul, and residing at Paxinos, Pa. (they have one child, Belva, who married Grant Vought, now of Emporium, Pa., and has one child); and General G., youngest son, born in Ralpho township. As a boy General G. Adams worked on the farm during the summer months, attending school in the winter. He married Sadie Miller, daughter of Christian and Esther (Reed) Miller, of Paxinos, and after his marriage purchased a store in

Snyderstown, which he conducted for several years. Selling it he bought the homestead farm, and engaged in farming for several years, then conducting the hotel at Paxinos for three years. He next bought the "Elysburg Hotel," which he enlarged and there he and his wife reside at the present time, conducting the hotel along with their farm. They have one child, George Hatton, who is at home with them.

(7) Sallie Klase, daughter of Valentine, Jr., was born at the homestead at Snyderstown. She married Noah Ware and they lived most of their lives in the northern end of Northumberland county. They had four children: William, who is employed conducting a sawmill in operation near Catawissa, Pa.; Benjamin, who is married and lives near Washingtonville, Pa.; Jefferson, who is married and lives at Three Rivers, Mich.; and Maryann, who married Albert Hill and resides at Milton, Pa. (they have two children).

(8) Valentine Klase, son of Valentine, Jr., was born at the homestead near Snyderstown, in 1830, and died in 1891 at Snyderstown, where he is buried at St. John's Lutheran cemetery. During his early boyhood he worked on the farm during the summer months, attending school a few months in the wintertime. When a young man he learned the blacksmith's trade at Snyderstown. He married Sophia Evert, daughter of Solomon and Rachel (Lorman) Evert. After his marriage he conducted a shop for several years in Elysburg, Pa., after which he and his brother John bought the John Smith farm in partnership, conducting it for several years. Then Valentine disposed of his interest to his brother John and moved on to the Solomon Evert farm, thence to Snyderstown, where he erected a house and blacksmith shop, and continued to reside till the time of his death. He was a member of the German Reformed Church, and a well known man, having served in a number of the borough offices. He and his wife had the following children: Cordelia married George Albert Startzle and they reside in Snyderstown; they have had children, Nora, Maude and Clifford. Allison married Lydia Startzle and they reside in Snyderstown. John Curtis married Catharine Resler, resides in Snyderstown, and has one child, Violet. Rodella married George Gross and they moved to Mount Carmel, Pa., where she died, survived by one child, Alice. The brothers John Curtis and Allison Klase were for a number of years in partnership, conducting a timbering outfit and sawmill. Later Allison sold out his interest to John Curtis, who is conducting same at present.

(9) William H. Klase, son of Valentine, Jr., was born at the homestead near Snyderstown Jan. 3, 1824. Like the rest of the children of the family he was employed on the farm during his younger years, helping to clear the land in the summer time and going to school several months in the



winter. When he became a young man he learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed for a number of years at Snyderstown. He married Susan Adams, daughter of Casper Adams, of Ralpho township, Northumberland county, and they resided for a number of years on a farm situated on the Center turnpike, about two miles east of Stonington. In 1861 he moved to a farm a half mile west of Snyderstown, which he bought, and has made his home there ever since. By his first wife he had two children, of whom Maryetta is married to Solomon F. Arnold and resides in Snyderstown (they have one child, Lula, who married John Deibler and has two children, Martin and Robert). After the death of his first wife William H. Klase married Lena Dunkleberger, by which union he had two children: P. C., who is at home with his parents; and Agnes, who married J. G. Quick and has two children living, Leon and Mildred, J. G. being deceased (they live at Snyderstown, Mr. Quick being engaged in contracting and building).

William H. Klase, at the present time of writing in his eighty-eighth year, is in general good health for his age. He is a member of the German Reformed Church, has held numerous borough offices, and is highly respected in the community. At his home some forty members of the family, including his children, grandchildren, sister Mrs. Adams, and other relatives, assembled on Jan. 1, 1910, to celebrate his eighty-sixth birthday, in honor of which he was presented a handsome Morris chair and other gifts. At this time and place the Klase Family Reunion was organized, Solomon F. Arnold being elected president and John H. Klase secretary. The time appointed for the first meeting was July 27, 1910, and Edgewood park, Shamokin, Pa., the place.

**KLASE FAMILY REUNION.**—The first annual reunion of the Klase family was held at Edgewood park, Shamokin, Pa., on July 27, 1910. The notices and invitations for this affair were sent out to the descendants of Valentine Klase (or Klose), Sr., as at the time there was not a complete record of the children of Johonas Kloss. But since he began the compilation of this record Mr. John H. Klase has been able to learn who his children were, and finds that Jacob, one of them, moved to Milmont, Ohio, in 1851, taking his family, which consisted of sons and daughters. This branch of the family held its second annual reunion at Meadowbrook park, Bascom, Ohio, on Aug. 25, 1910. Mr. John Hower Klase received an invitation to same, as he did also to a reunion of the Hoover family, one of Johonas' daughters being married to Henry Hoover. They lived in Northampton county and are the ancestors of the Hoover family living in Northumberland county. The rest of the family of Johonas cannot at present be located and should this sketch be read by any of

the descendants Mr. Klase desires them to get into communication with him as soon as possible. Invitation to the next annual gathering of the Klase Family Reunion will be extended to the descendants of Johonas Kloss as far as known, every effort being made to include all the relatives.

John Smith, one of the early settlers in Snyderstown, Pa., was a brother-in-law to Valentine Klase, Sr. Mr. Smith settled here in 1811, and Mr. Klase finds from the birth of his oldest daughter that he built the stone house wherein Mr. Klase resides in 1815. So that part of the Klase family very probably came up at the same time about 1811, and settled on the Valentine Klase tract of land.

The meeting at Edgewood park, on July 27, 1910, was attended by about three hundred and fifty. Mr. Klase's register showing 320 names, while there were several families that did not register. The meeting was called to order by President Solomon F. Arnold at 1:30 P. M., and after he had stated the object of the gathering a committee of ten was appointed to serve for one year to complete the organization, viz.: C. F. Lerch, Silas Klase, George K. Fegley, Jesse Klase, Felix Lerch, Mrs. Alice Price, Mrs. Doll. Goodwill, Mrs. Jane Koons, Mrs. Mary Savage, and Rev. D. B. Tribbley. These elected Solomon F. Arnold, president, John H. Klase, secretary, George K. Fegley, treasurer, to serve for one year. Rolling Green park, near Sunbury, Pa., and the second Wednesday in August, 1911, were chosen as the next place and time of meeting. After these arrangements had been completed Rev. D. B. Tribbley was introduced and gave a very interesting address treating on the early immigration to America, the faithful honesty and liberality of the early members of the family. The address was well delivered and received with applause. All present enjoyed the occasion.

In writing the sketch of the Klase family, Mr. Klase was hampered very much by want of time, being obliged to do most of it after working all day on the farm, writing generally for an hour in the evening. Where dates of birth and death are not given the same were missing from records he had at this time, and he hopes that all the descendants of the family will coöperate with him by furnishing all available dates and giving him any information at their disposal, so that the family record may be properly completed and preserved for future generations.

**JOHN B. CRESSINGER, M. D.**, who practices in Sunbury, where he has been located throughout his independent professional career, bears a name which has long been associated with professional circles in that borough, where his father has been a dental practitioner for over forty years. The family has been established in Pennsylvania for over a hundred and fifty years, the branch here

under consideration having descended from John George Cressinger, a German count who emigrated to America in 1753, he being one of three brothers who came to this country, William, John George and Henry.

John George Cressinger settled in Berks county, Pa. He was an officer of the Continental army during the Revolutionary war, taking an active part in many of the battles of that struggle for independence, and his wife accompanied him through the entire period of his service in that conflict. After its close they came to Northumberland county, Pa., settling in Augusta township, where they led long and happy lives, attaining a ripe old age. They are buried at the White Church, at the foot of Trevorton mountain. They reared four sons, William, John, George and Henry.

Henry Cressinger, great-grandfather of Dr. John B. Cressinger, was an officer in the war of 1812-15. For many years he lived at the mountain, near the mouth of Shamokin creek. He died Aug. 20, 1830, and is buried in the lower cemetery at Sunbury. He married Margaret Remm, and they had two sons, John B. and Barney, the latter of whom left Sunbury during the fifties, and died in Michigan.

Rev. John B. Cressinger, son of Henry, was born Jan. 1, 1812, in Sunbury, Northumberland county, and lived here many years. He became a minister of the Baptist Church, and in that capacity organized and built up several churches, preaching in his native county until his removal to Ohio, in October, 1848. Here he passed the remainder of his life, and died May 4, 1895. On July 4, 1831, he married Mary Baumgardner, who died April 21, 1881, at the age of seventy-five years, her death being caused by an accident. This couple were the parents of eight children, of whom two sons and one daughter died in infancy, four sons and one daughter reaching maturity. Of the sons, Daniel B. enlisted in 1861 in an Ohio regiment, received an honorable discharge from the army in 1863, and died soon after his return home, at Upper Sandusky, Ohio. Isaac and Jacob R., the youngest, were twins. Isaac enlisted in 1862 in Company C, 23d Ohio Volunteer Infantry, was captured at Harper's Ferry and confined at Libby and Andersonville, and in the fall of 1863 was exchanged, being subsequently discharged on a surgeon's certificate. In January, 1864, he re-enlisted, and he was killed at the battle of Cedar Creek, Va., Oct. 19, 1864.

Jacob R. Cressinger, D. D. S., son of Rev. John B. Cressinger, was born May 31, 1811, at Sunbury. He received his early education in the common schools and took up the study of dentistry with his brother. When the Civil war broke out he was a student at Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, and he enlisted soon at Cleveland, being mustered

into the service Aug. 27, 1861, becoming a member of Company E, 41st Ohio Volunteer Infantry; with which he served four years and three months, receiving his discharge Nov. 27, 1865. He rose to the rank of second lieutenant by brevet. Dr. Cressinger was in active service throughout the war, taking part in the battle of Shiloh and the siege of Corinth; was on garrison duty at Murfreesboro; in the battles of Perryville and Stone River, where he was wounded the second day; was on duty at Readyville, Tenn., and in the Tullahoma campaign; took part in the engagements at Ringgold, Gordon's Mills, Chickamauga, Brown's Ferry, Orchard Knob and Mission Ridge; and in the expedition to the rebel of Knoxville. He was mustered out Dec. 31, 1863, at Blain's Cross Roads, veteranizing Jan. 1, 1864; took part in the battle of Dandridge, Tenn., Jan. 16-17, and on Jan. 17th started for home on a thirty days' furlough. Rejoining his command at Chattanooga, Tenn., March 10, 1864, he subsequently took part in the battles at Rocky Face Ridge, Resaca, Adairsville, Dallas, Kenesaw Mountain, Culp's House, Kneekajack Creek, Chattahoochee River, Pickett's Mills, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta, Utah Creek, Lovejoy Station (Ga.), Columbia, Franklin, Nashville, and in the pursuit of Hood to Huntsville, Ala. Thereafter he was with his regiment in Texas.

After the war Dr. Cressinger completed his preparation for the dental profession, in February, 1868, settling in Sunbury, where he has ever since been engaged in successful practice. Dr. Cressinger is the genealogist of his family, and has made considerable research into its early history, which interests him exceedingly. He has the little iron hammer carried by his great-grandfather while serving in the Revolutionary war, and by his grandfather while serving in the war of 1812, used to sharpen the flints of their guns.

Dr. Cressinger is well known in social and fraternal circles in Sunbury, being a prominent worker in the G. A. R., an Odd Fellow and a thirty-second-degree Mason. He has been particularly active in the Masonic fraternity, in which he has a most creditable record of service. He was initiated in September, 1873, in old Lodge No. 22, of Sunbury, was crafted in October, 1873, and raised in November, 1873; was elected secretary of that body in December, and at the end of his first year's service declined renomination for the office, as he wished to pass the chairs, which he did. In 1885 he was again made secretary, and has filled the position continuously since, an office which he has also held in Northumberland Chapter, No. 111, R. A. M., continuously since its first election, in 1892. He is a leading member of the First Baptist Church of Sunbury, has been a deacon thirty years, and an evangelist and musical director of the same.



On May 31, 1869, Dr. Cressinger married, in Sunbury, Mary A. Brice, and to them were born three children, the daughter, Edna, dying when eighteen months old. The two survivors are John B. and Horace G., the latter now living in Chicago, Ill., where he is connected with the Rubber Manufacturing & Distributing Company.

John B. Cressinger was born in Sunbury Dec. 27 (St. John's Day), 1811, and obtained his early education in his native place. He graduated from the Sunbury high school in 1887, after which he took a course at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, graduating from that institution in 1893, with the degree of Ph. B., and subsequently attending the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania for three years, graduating in 1896 with the M. D. degree. For fifteen months after his graduation he was resident physician at St. Agnes hospital, on Broad and Mifflin streets, Philadelphia, at the end of that period settling in Sunbury, where he has built up an extensive practice. He met with encouraging success from the start, and has become widely known as an able and faithful physician, devoted to his work, in which he finds his keenest pleasure. He is a man of athletic build, six feet, two inches in height, and a well known figure on the streets of Sunbury.

On April 1, 1907, Dr. Cressinger married Eva Haas, daughter of John B. Haas, of Sunbury.

REV. JAMES W. GILLAND, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Shamokin, Northumberland county, has served that charge for the long period of twenty-two years, having remained ten years from the time he was first installed, and at present serving the thirteenth year of his second period.

Dr. Gilland was born Nov. 24, 1853, in Antrim township, Franklin Co., Pa., where his father had passed his long life. His grandfather, Thomas Gilland, was a native of the North of Ireland, of Scotch-Irish extraction, and emigrated to America about 1804, locating in Antrim township, Franklin Co., Pa., where he followed agricultural pursuits. He died about 1840, from pneumonia, when about sixty-six years old, and his wife, Jane (McDowell), died a number of years later. They were Scotch Presbyterians, and both are buried near Funkstown, in Franklin county. Their children were James R. and Thomas. The former was a graduate of Jefferson, at Canonsburg, Pa., and became a Presbyterian minister in the South, later acting as professor of homiletics in the theological seminary at Columbia, S. C.; he died in 1868.

Thomas Gilland, son of Thomas, was born Nov. 15, 1813, and learned the trade of carpenter, later, however, settling down to farming in Antrim township, Franklin county. He lived retired several years, dying on his farm Dec. 14, 1893, in his eighty-first year. He is buried at Greencastle,

Pa. He was a member of the Reformed Church. Mr. Gilland served a number of years as school director. His wife, Susan (Conrad), daughter of John Conrad, originally from Lancaster county, died in 1903 at the age of eighty-four years. They had a family of ten children, namely: Mary, Mrs. Samuel Showalter; Thomas R., deceased; Susan, Mrs. Samuel Stover; Sarah Jennie, unmarried, who owns part of her father's homestead; Barbara, who died in infancy; Dr. John C., of Greencastle, Pa.; Matthew M., a farmer near Greencastle; Rev. James W.; David A., farmer, of Greencastle, who has part of his father's homestead; and George S., a farmer of Greencastle.

James W. Gilland spent the first seventeen years of his life upon the farm, meantime receiving the beginnings of his education in the common schools of his native township. In 1871 he entered Ursinus College, at Collegeville, Montgomery Co., Pa., where he remained one and a half years, doing preparatory work, and in 1873 he matriculated at Lafayette College, at Easton, Pa., where he completed a full course, graduating in 1873. He was valedictorian of his class and delivered the classical oration. Entering Union Theological Seminary, at New York City, he graduated from that institution in May, 1880, and was ordained by the Presbytery of Carlisle at Duncannon, Pa., in June, 1881, when called to his first charge, the First Presbyterian Church of Duncannon. He was installed in June, 1881, and remained at that location until 1884, when he accepted a call to the First Presbyterian Church of Shamokin. He received this call Feb. 20th and was installed May 29th. His labors met with gratifying rewards, and he remained in the charge until 1894, when he became pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church at Brooklyn, N. Y., which he served until December, 1898. At that time, at the solicitation of his old congregation, he returned to Shamokin, where he has since been located. The First Presbyterian Church has a membership of 432, and the congregation has prospered in every way under his care, \$80,000 having been collected during his pastorate for the church edifice and parsonage. The church has grown in membership, equipment and efficiency under his charge. Dr. Gilland is a man of executive ability as well as other strong qualities needed for the successful administration of so large a church. He is an excellent and entertaining speaker, and indefatigable in prosecuting the various enterprises undertaken by the congregation. The degree of D. D. was conferred upon him in 1894 by Lafayette College.

On Sept. 23, 1880, Dr. Gilland married Mary Clark, daughter of Edwin and Mary A. (Davis) Clark, of Lancaster, Pa. They have had the following children: Thomas O., a graduate of Lafayette College, is engaged as a civil engineer in Philadelphia with the Philadelphia & Reading



Railroad Company; James M., a graduate of Lafayette College, is engaged as a civil engineer with the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, being inspector of construction work on the Williamsport division; Prof. Edwin C., a graduate of Lafayette College, has charge of the department of mathematics at the Shamokin high school; William D. was ready for college but owing to poor health went out to New Mexico, where he is now engaged as superintendent of the North American Mining Company; Mary F. married Thomas B. Hill and they reside at Shamokin; Susan O. is deceased; Morris W. is the youngest.

**ISAAC RICHE**, at present engaged in farming in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, was born in that township May 17, 1814, and belongs to a family which has been identified with this county for over a century. The family is of German origin. Mr. Riche's great-grandfather came to this country from Germany before the Revolutionary war and settled in Berks county, Pa., where he lived and died.

Moses Riche (or Richie), son of the emigrant, was born in Berks county May 14, 1773, and moved thence to Northumberland county, settling near what is now known as Seven Points, in Rockefeller township, in which section he was a pioneer. The Indians were still numerous in these parts when he located there. He died upon his farm (then included in Shamokin township) June 25, 1851, and he and his wife Rebecca are buried at the Summit church in Shamokin township. She was born July 30, 1781, and died Oct. 12, 1876. Among their children were: Miles, who died in Indiana; Henry, who died in Fishing Creek, Columbia Co., Pa.; Isaac; Rebecca, wife of Abner Tharp; and Elizabeth, wife of William Morris.

Isaac Riche, son of Moses Riche, was born in 1812 in Rockefeller township, and died Sept. 27, 1900. His occupation was farming, and in time he was able to buy the Thomas Tharp farm, a tract of fifty acres, to which he added by various purchases. He attended market at Shamokin, where he became well known, and was a substantial and respected citizen of his day. By his first wife, whose maiden name was Tharp, Mr. Riche had two children, Moses and Mary E., both of whom are deceased. His second marriage was to Anna Hummel, who was born in 1801, daughter of Frederick Hummel, and died Jan. 19, 1884, aged eighty-three years. She was the mother of three children: Samuel, who lives in Shamokin township; Henry, living at Tharptown; and Isaac.

Isaac Riche, son of Isaac Riche, grew up in his native township, and when a young man learned the business of powder making, at which he became an expert, following same for a number of years. His last employment in that line was at the Thornton Mills. In 1908 he returned to farming, the

occupation of his youth, and has since been engaged in that work, owning part of the old farmstead in Shamokin township, whereon he makes his home. He has been quite successful, being industrious and progressive, ready to adopt up-to-date methods and appliances to facilitate his work, and directing his energies intelligently and effectively.

Mr. Riche married Lucy C. Groves, daughter of Joseph Groves, and they are the parents of the following children: Joseph W. is mentioned below; Laura married Rufus Savage; Lillie married Leslie Wolverton; William E. is mentioned below; Agnes married Jacob Dreher; Francis is living in Shamokin township; Elory is a resident of Shamokin; Flossie married William Newberry; George Herman assists his father with the farm work; Arley is living in Shamokin township. Mr. Riche is a member of the United Brethren Church.

JOSEPH W. RICHI (as he and his brother write the name), son of Isaac Riche, was born July 29, 1813, and was reared upon the home farm, in Shamokin township, attending the public schools of that locality and of Locust township, Columbia county. When a young man of eighteen he came to the borough of Shamokin, where he has since remained. He learned the business of photographer, at which he was employed by others for about six years, until he felt justified in engaging in the business on his own account. His location is at the corner of Shamokin and Commerce streets. Mr. Richie has built up a lucrative patronage, his progressive methods, skill and artistic taste, combined with executive ability, bringing him a large business. His work is its own recommendation. He is energetic, obliging and up-to-date, and his customers appreciate the courteous and satisfactory service rendered at his establishment.

Mr. Riche married Bertha Gass, daughter of William J. Gass, of Shamokin, and they have had four children: Elva, William, Mildred and Margie. Mr. Richie is a member of the United Brethren Church and socially holds memberships in the local lodge of the B. P. O. Elks.

WILLIAM E. RICHI, son of Isaac Riche, was born Feb. 26, 1875, in Shamokin township, where he now carries on farming. He attended the public schools, and subsequently worked with his father until he reached the age of eighteen, after which he took charge of the homestead farm, continuing thus for three years. For the next twelve years he farmed the Worretton farm, in Shamokin township, and the greater part of that period having been his own, with a tract of 135 acres in Irish Valley township known as the Jesse Martin farm. It is located about two miles from the borough of Shamokin, and Mr. Richie has a milk route to that place which he serves daily. He engages in general farming, and his place is one of the finest in this fertile area, not only because of its richness and

excellent location but also in the matter of up-to-date buildings and general improvements. He is a thrifty man, a useful citizen and a much respected member of his community.

Mr. Richie married Rebecca Mowery, daughter of Peter and Mary Ann (Moyer) Mowery, and they have a family of six children: Verna, Melvin, Mary, Clarence, Leon and Elwood. Mr. Richie is a Democrat in politics and in religion a member of the United Brethren Church.

ASHER S. HOFFMAN has a large farm in the northwestern section of Point township, along Montour Ridge, and is one of the most progressive agriculturists of his vicinity, where he has also served in public offices and proved useful in various associations. He is an energetic man, and has prospered by application to his work until he ranks among the successful farmers of the township.

The Hoffman family has long been settled in Pennsylvania. Henry Hoffman, grandfather of Asher S. Hoffman, was born in Berks county, Pa., and when a young man moved thence to Union county, dying in that vicinity, in what is now Monroe township, Snyder county, in 1834. He was buried at Shamokin Dam, Snyder county, in the same grave as his wife, Rebecca, who died only twelve hours before he did. Mr. Hoffman was a shoemaker, and found work at his trade among the farmers in his locality. He was the father of a large family, namely: George died in Monroe township, Snyder county; William died in Huntingdon county, Pa.; Rebecca married John Brobst; Elijah died in Iowa; Henry died at Selinsgrove, Pa.; Polly married Lewis Bower; David is mentioned below; John died in Northumberland borough; Hannah married Charles Kessler and died in Kansas; Charles, born in March, 1831, now living at Selinsgrove, Pa., married Molly Matthias and they had three children, Adda E. (Mrs. William Snook), Sarah (unmarried) and Margaret (Mrs. John Clopp); Sarah married Charles Dunkelberger and is living in Chicago, Illinois.

David Hoffman, son of Henry, was born Sept. 8, 1825, in Snyder county, and being only a boy when his parents died was reared in the family of Mrs. Betsy Brobst. He learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed for some years, and soon after attaining his majority commenced farming in Monroe township, Snyder county, remaining there until he removed across the river into Point township, Northumberland county, in 1873. He continued farming in his new location to the end of his days, passing away Dec. 25, 1885, in Point township, at the age of sixty years. In politics a Democrat, he took an interest in party affairs and the public welfare, serving as supervisor of his township while a resident of Snyder county and as overseer of the poor in Point township. He was a Lutheran in religion. His wife, Sarah E. (Bow-

er), daughter of Henry Bower, of Dry Valley, Union Co., Pa., survived him a number of years, dying March 27, 1902, aged sixty-one years, five months, twelve days. They had children as follows: Emma, who is the widow of S. H. Smith, of Sunbury; Asher S.; Harry W., of Sunbury; and Mary E., who married Peter Winters, of Danville, Pennsylvania.

Asher S. Hoffman was born June 12, 1862, in Monroe township, Snyder Co., Pa., and there spent his youth up to his twelfth year, when he moved with the family across the Susquehanna into Point township, Northumberland county. He continued to assist his father until he was twenty-four years old, since when he has been farming on his own account, in Point township. In the spring of 1893 he settled upon the place he has since occupied, and cultivated, what was the old Thomas Baumgardner farm, which he operated as a tenant during the first eight years of his residence there; he purchased it in 1901, from John Baumgardner. The property contains 305 acres, and Mr. Hoffman is not only engaged in general farming but also gives considerable attention to live stock, owning some valuable cattle. For thirteen years he ran a dairy wagon to Northumberland, but since 1907 he has wholesaled his milk, finding this plan more convenient with the numerous details connected with the work about the place. The farm is so large that excellent management is necessary to keep it in good running order, but Mr. Hoffman has been very successful in arranging his work, and he is regarded as one of the most intelligent farmers in the region, his operations and methods showing results which justify this opinion of him. He has served as school director of the township since 1898, was president of the board one year and has been secretary of that body since 1901; he was a road supervisor, filling that position from 1907 to 1910.

On Feb. 10, 1885, Mr. Hoffman married S. Lizzie Zeluff, daughter of Thomas and Jane (Renn) Zeluff, late of Washingtonville, Montour Co., Pa., whose children were John W., Mary A., Charles H., William F., Susan Lizzie (Mrs. Hoffman) and Margaret. Solomon Zeluff, Mrs. Hoffman's grandfather, was of French and English descent. He moved from Tioga county, Pa., to Northumberland, Northumberland county, where he is buried. His children were: Mary, who married John Marshall; Benjamin; Jane; Margaret, now the only member of the family living (she is past eighty-three years old); and Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman have had these children: Ray P., Margaret A., Renna M. and Thomas L. The family are members of Trinity Lutheran Church, of Point township, and Mr. Hoffman has served many years in the church council. He is a Democrat in politics.



ALFRED J. PERSING, postmaster at Elysburg, Northumberland county, where he also has a stationery store, has passed the greater portion of his life in this section of the county. He is a member of one of the oldest families in this region, the Persings having been established here from the time of his great-great-grandfather, William Persing.

William Persing was born in Germany, and coming to this country settled in Jersey before the Revolutionary war. Washington camped at one time near the Persing home and the family was honored with his acquaintance. William Persing married in Germany and had two children when he emigrated. He and his wife died in New Jersey. Their family was as follows: William, Jr., George, Philip, Jacob, John, Tyson, Margaret, and another daughter.

Tyson Persing, one of the sons of William, was born in New Jersey and came to Northumberland county with his brothers. He followed farming in Shamokin township, died at his homestead, and is buried at the Blue church. He married Katie Baker, and their children were: Jacob; William; Miller; Rebecca, wife of William Scholl; Mary, wife of Sol Hummel; Lena, wife of Adam Dimick; Margaret, wife of John Goss; and Elizabeth, wife of David Crompt.

Jacob Persing, son of Tyson, was born in Irish Valley, this county, and spent his early life upon the farm. He learned the shoemaking trade and followed it at Danville and at Riverside, but he died in Sunbury, while living with his daughter. His wife was Elizabeth Shipe, and they had the following children: David, Eli, Iliff, Israel (of Danville, Pa.), Reiley (living in Kansas; he served in the Civil war), Susanna (married Joe Garvick) and Matilda (married John Lawrence).

David Persing, son of Jacob, was born in Irish Valley, and like his father became a shoemaker. He was one of the pioneers at Shamokin, to which place he removed when there were very few houses on the site of that now prosperous borough, and later he moved to Locust Gap, this county, where he engaged in the timber business and remained for some time. His next location was at Broad Top, where he became interested in the soft coal business with Krieger & Ammerman, but their venture did not prosper and he went to Clearfield county, Pa., where he was in the lumber business for a time. From there he went to Houtzdale, Clearfield Co., Pa., where he is now living retired. Mr. Persing has been married three times. By his first marriage, to Mary Jane Krieger, he had three children, Alfred J., George and Celestial. His second marriage was to Isabelle Clark, and their children are Andrew C. and Laura (wife of Isaac Goss).

Alfred J. Persing was born Feb. 9, 1856, at Locust Gap, and received his education in the pub-

lic schools. He was reared by his uncle, Eli Persing, at Shamrock station, in Ralpho township. After following farming for a time he learned the trade of wheelwright, and in his young manhood, in 1877, made a trip out to Kansas, where he spent two years. Returning to Northumberland county he followed lumbering for five years, after which he settled at Elysburg. He followed his trade of wheelwright for about twenty years thereafter, and since 1900 has served as postmaster. In connection with the post office he conducts a stationery business. He is an esteemed citizen, and deserves the confidence his fellow men have shown in him.

Mr. Persing married Clara Crowl, daughter of Jackson Crowl, of Ralpho township, and they have two children: Howard C., a printer; and Irene N., at home. Mr. Persing is a member of Elysburg Lodge, No. 548, I. O. O. F., and also belongs to the Knights of the Golden Eagle. He is a member of Reed's Reformed Church, and a Republican in his political views.

Philip Persing, one of the sons of William, the emigrant ancestor, was born in New Jersey and came to Shamokin township, Northumberland county, when a young man, settling in Irish Valley. He followed shoemaking and farming. He died at the age of 101 years, and was buried at the Blue church. To him and his wife Mary (Cleveland) were born these children: William, Abraham, Solomon, George, Elizabeth (married John Cherry), Catharine (who died unmarried) and Hannah (Mrs. Orlando Templin, of Shamokin, the last named now the only survivor of the family).

Daniel Persing, a son of William Persing, Jr., was born in 1828 in Irish Valley, lived at Selinsgrove, Pa., for seventeen years, and then in 1869 settled at Shamokin, where he was employed at the Cameron colliery until his death, in 1883. Previously he had followed shoemaking and farming. He is buried at Shamokin cemetery. His wife, Anna (Derr), daughter of William and Hannah (Reed) Derr, now makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Smith, in Shamokin. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Persing had children as follows: Alfred lived at Deiblers station; Emma married Monroe Geasey; Sylvia married William Yost; Alice married William Mitchell; Josephine died young; Jemima married Charles Thompson; Lloyd is an employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; Della married Charles Schlegel; Clara married James Long; Charles died young.

JOHN WESLEY GILLESPIE, of the Northumberland county bar, with offices at Ninth and Independence streets, Shamokin, Pa., is one of those able, clear-headed and straightforward attorneys who are upholders of the dignity of the law and are respected throughout the county. He was



born in Trevorton, this county, in 1859, son of Anthony Gillespie, and of sturdy Scotch-Irish ancestry.

James Gillespie, his paternal grandfather, emigrated from Scotland, bringing his family with him, and found a new home in the State of Maryland, where he died. His children were: Anthony; and Margaret and William, both of whom went to New York and there died.

Anthony Gillespie, the father of John Wesley Gillespie, was born in Scotland in 1822, and came to America with his parents when about nine years of age. However, he did not remain long in Maryland, but moved to Trevorton, Northumberland Co., Pa., afterward to Snufftown, said county where he learned the blacksmith's trade. This he followed all of his active life. He died in Shamokin in 1883. He married Sarah Foye, daughter of Phineas Foye, of Northumberland county, and they are buried, respectively, in the Shamokin cemetery and Irish Valley burial ground.

John Wesley Gillespie, son of Anthony Gillespie and Sarah, his wife, began life at the age of seven years as a slate picker boy at the Trevorton breaker. At the age of eight years he left Trevorton and worked for his board on the farm of Alexander Sober in Irish Valley until he was fifteen years of age, meanwhile attending the old Stone school in Irish Valley. He then went to Shamokin, Pa., where he picked slate at the Cameron breaker, at that time owned by the Fagely Brothers. He then worked on the township roads of Coal township for one year, after which he went to Lewisburg and attended the Lewisburg high school for a short time. His next move was to Danville, where he secured employment in the Watterman and Beaver rolling mills, laboring there for three years. Late in the year 1869 he returned to Shamokin, where he learned cabinet-making under Uriah Sober, and in 1871 he engaged in that line for himself in Turbutville, where he conducted a furniture store until 1873. He then took up undertaking, and returning to Shamokin he engaged in the furniture and undertaking business, in the year 1875 entering into partnership in that business with M. C. Farrow.

Being naturally ambitious, Mr. Gillespie devoted his leisure hours to study, in time taking up law, for which he had a decided liking. In 1883 he disposed of his interest in the furniture and undertaking business and went to Ann Arbor, Mich., where he entered the law department of the University of Michigan, graduating in 1885. He was admitted to practice before the Supreme and Circuit courts of Michigan, and entered the office of Sawyer & Knowlton, at Ann Arbor. Returning to Shamokin on July 12, 1886, he was admitted to the Northumberland county bar. The next year, 1887, he went to Lincoln, Nebr., where he was engaged in practice for two years, at the end of

which time he again came to Shamokin, and for years he has had one of the largest practices in Northumberland county, appearing in the most important civil and criminal cases in this section of the State. In 1889 he was elected borough solicitor of Shamokin borough, and has served in that capacity almost continuously for fifteen years, being the present solicitor. As one of the foremost lawyers in the county he has frequently been approached to permit his name to be used as a candidate for judge of the county bar, but has invariably refused to do so.

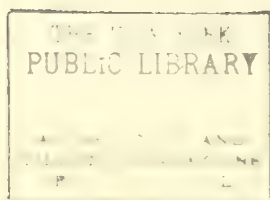
In 1871 Mr. Gillespie was united in marriage with Valeria, daughter of Silas Farrow, of Shamokin township, and they have been blessed with two children, as follows: John Malcolm, who graduated from the Shamokin high school in 1899 and the Dickinson School of Law in 1904, and is now associated in practice with his father, married Marcella Trommetter, and is residing at No. 221 East Sunbury street; Lillian J. is at home.

**SAMUEL WILSON MURRAY**, late of Milton, was one of the most distinguished citizens of that borough and for many years a leader in the development of the community, not only in his capacity of business man but also in the inauguration and encouragement of progressive enterprises of all kinds. As one of the founders of the Milton Car Works, the first large industrial plant established there, he showed a faith in the commercial possibilities of the place amply justified by the success of the venture, and he continued his connection with same for a period of thirty-five years. As a citizen he was always foremost in advocating and introducing measures which had for their object the good of the people generally. His foresight and wisdom were demonstrated in many ways, in the conduct of his personal affairs and in his discharge of the duties of citizenship as interpreted according to his high standards. Few men attain or deserve such honorable standing as he enjoyed.

Mr. Murray was a native of Lewisburg, Union Co., Pa., born Oct. 16, 1829, and belonged to a family which has been identified with that section for over a hundred and forty years. About 1770 three brothers, James, William and John Murray, settled on lands lying along the Chillisquaque creek in Northumberland county, in the vicinity of the present village of Pottsgrove, for which they obtained patents from the Commonwealth. To this original colony were afterward added several members of a family of the name of Murray who had come from Scotland and settled on the Swatara (now in Dauphin county) in 1732. It is known that kinship was claimed between these two families, but the relationship was probably remote and cannot now be determined. There appear to have been others also of the same



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name who settled in the same locality at about the same period, but it is not known that any blood relationship existed between the latter and the two families first mentioned. The Murrys were staunch Presbyterians and active members of the Chillisquaque Church. The several families of the same name became at one time so numerous as to constitute a large proportion of the local community, but subsequently many of the members removed to different parts of the West, and comparatively few of their descendants now remain in this State.

Among the members of the Swatara family who settled on the Chillisquaque creek was John Murray, who represented this district in the State Legislature from 1807 to 1810, and served as a member of Congress from 1817 to 1820. He was born in 1768 and was married to Margaret Murray, a daughter of Col. John Murray, of Dauphin county. They had several children, one of whom was the late John Murray, formerly a merchant of Milton.

James Murray, one of the three brothers first mentioned, and known as Col. James Murray, took an active part in the war of the Revolution as colonel of a regiment of militia which had probably been raised in the upper end of the county. At the organization of the Northumberland county militia in January and February, 1776, James Murray was captain of the 7th company of the 2d battalion (Col. James Potter's) and William Murray was captain of the 5th company of the 3d battalion (Col. William Plunket's), in which the lieutenant colonel was James Murray. Subsequently James Murray became colonel (succeeding Colonel Plunket probably, as the latter was not entirely in sympathy with the American cause after the Declaration of Independence); he was first called into active service in the winter of 1776-77, and on Nov. 4, 1777, marched with the Northumberland county militia to Philadelphia. His regiment was attached to Gen. James Potter's brigade and participated in the movements in Pennsylvania and New Jersey in 1776-78. A paper dated May 1, 1778, is on record in the office of the secretary of the Commonwealth, giving the names of the captains and number of men in the rank and file of the 2d battalion of the Northumberland county militia commanded by Col. James Murray. James McMahan, one of the captains of this regiment and subsequently known as Major McMahan, was married to a sister of Colonel Murray. There are but few of Colonel Murray's descendants now living in the county.

John Murray, another of the three brothers first mentioned, had one son, Thomas, and three daughters: Jane, who married John McMahan; Ann, who married John Reenor, and Mary, unmarried. The son was known as Thomas Murray, Jr., to distinguish him from another of the same name a few years his senior.

Thomas Murray, Jr., was a member of the State House of Representatives in 1813, and in 1814 was elected to the Senate. In 1820 he was elected a member of the Seventeenth Congress and served during the years 1821 and 1822, being the immediate successor of the John Murray previously mentioned. On account of increasing ill health he declined a re-nomination, and died Aug. 25, 1823. He married Charity Arbour, who in her early life had some thrilling experiences with the Indians and had frequently been obliged to fly to Fort Augusta for protection. Their children were: Mary, John F., William, Hannah, Joseph Arbour, Nancy, James, Thomas and Margaret.

William Murray, son of Thomas Murray, Jr., was born Aug. 26, 1796. He married Nancy Gray Wilson, of Lewisburg, and they resided for a time at Washingtonville, Montour Co., Pa. They removed from there to Lewisburg and subsequently to Lancaster, Pa., where he died June 13, 1886. They had three children: Eliza N., who married James Black, of Lancaster; Thomas, who died in early life, and Samuel Wilson.

Samuel Wilson Murray received his education at the old Lewisburg Academy under Hugh Pollock and his successor in that venerable institution, John Robinson. He was about seventeen years of age when he went to Lancaster, Pa., where his father then resided, and two years later he went to Portland, Maine, entering the Portland Locomotive Works for a term of three years for the purpose of learning the trade of machinist. After the expiration of his time at the Portland works, he spent a year and a half at Vernon, Ind., and in Rhode Island, at the end of that period returning to Lancaster, where he was employed for the three succeeding years as draftsman in the Lancaster Locomotive Works. In September, 1856, he went to Williamsport, Pa., and in connection with William Vanderbilt and Charles Bowman engaged in the machine business under the firm name of Vanderbilt, Murray & Bowman. About the middle of the following January their works were entirely destroyed by fire. They immediately purchased another establishment then owned and operated by John B. Hall, but during the following summer came the great commercial crash of 1857, and this, together with their losses by fire, crippled the firm to such an extent that they deemed it expedient to resign the works to Mr. Hall and retire from business. Mr. Murray then returned to Lancaster, and shortly afterward went to Pittsburg, where he was employed a year on the shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. The succeeding year he spent in the Baldwin Locomotive Works at Philadelphia. In the fall of 1860 he returned to Lancaster, and became interested in the firm of S. C. Wells, Sargent & Company, which was also connected in the manufacture of agricultural implements. In February

ary, 1864, he came to Milton, and in connection with several others founded the Milton Car Works. With that important concern he was identified continuously until the year 1899, when the business was sold to the American Car & Foundry Company.

In 1864, upon coming to Milton, Mr. Murray entered upon a partnership with William P. Dougal and others as senior member of the firm of Murray, Dougal & Co., and the erection of the car works was begun that year. During the years immediately following a number of changes were made in the personnel of the company, C. C. McCormick and John McCleery being eventually the associates of Mr. Murray and Mr. Dougal. Mr. McCleery retired in 1875, Mr. McCormick in 1878 and Mr. Dougal a few months later that year. The business was still continued under the original firm name, however, and the firm was re-organized in 1880, when Charles H. Dickerman and R. C. Carter became associated with Mr. Murray as a limited partnership under the law of 1874. Soon afterward William R. Kramer became a member of the firm, and in 1881 R. M. Longmore. The business consisted principally of the construction of all kinds of freight cars, including oil tank cars, an important branch of which they have built a very large number. The firm was engaged also for several years in the construction of iron bridges, but the bridge department of the works, destroyed in the great fire in 1880, was not rebuilt. They also for a time had a large trade in the construction of oil tanks for storage purposes, and also steam boilers. The manufacture of freight cars, however, constituted the leading business of the firm, and there is no description of car used in the freight traffic which has not been turned out of the Milton Car Works. A large number of their cars have been exported to Cuba and the various countries of South America. The capacity of the works being ten 60-thousand-pound hopper coal cars per day, or three thousand cars per year, employment was ordinarily given to about four hundred hands, though at times the number reached nearly five hundred. Large portions of the works were destroyed by the great fire of 1880, and rebuilt on a larger scale, having been replaced by substantial stone and brick buildings, and every department was amply supplied with the most approved machinery and appliances. Connected with the plant was a saw-mill for the manufacture of the oak lumber used in the business, and sixteen acres of pool for the storage of logs, which were purchased along the Susquehanna river and its tributaries and brought from Muncy dam by the canal. The works, located between the Philadelphia & Erie railroad and the West Branch canal, with a branch from the Philadelphia & Reading railroad running to the premises, enjoyed unusual transportation facilities. Under the most efficient management,

with men at the head who were capable of meeting large industrial and financial responsibilities, this grew to be one of the largest and most successful car building plants in the State of Pennsylvania. The relation of such an industrial institution to the prosperity of the borough may be readily understood. Mr. Murray was not only foremost in business circles in his connection with this establishment, but was also active in other local enterprises, being one of the organizers and originators of the Milton Iron Company, in 1872, of the Milton Water Company, in 1883, and interested in various other concerns of great importance to the community. Toward the close of his life, because of failing health, he relinquished his activity in business to some extent, but he was nevertheless an important factor in the life of the borough to the end of his days.

While a resident of Portland, Maine, Mr. Murray cast his first vote at the municipal election at which Neal Dow was elected mayor of the city and which resulted in the enactment of the famous "Maine Law." He became at that time a convert to the theory that prohibition was the only practical remedy for the evils of intemperance and remained a life-long adherent to the cause. In early life he joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which creed his parents and sister also adhered, and he was a prominent leader in church work for many years, a liberal contributor to religious and benevolent purposes. At a special meeting of the official board of the M. E. Church of Milton, held July 19, 1909, the following resolutions were passed:

"WHEREAS, it has pleased the kind Heavenly Father, in His wise Providence, to remove from the church militant to the church triumphant our beloved and highly esteemed brother and fellow worker in the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, Samuel Wilson Murray, therefore be it

*Resolved* first that we bow in sorrowful recognition of our great loss in his departure, acknowledging the supreme will of God, and pledging ourselves anew to the great tasks to which he gave the strength of his years and the devotion of his life.

*Resolved* second that in Samuel Wilson Murray we have seen an unusual exemplification of the principles of the gospel of Jesus Christ; in his unsullied personal life; his strict business integrity; his spirit of practical brotherly kindness; his broad Christian charity; his humble but unswerving loyalty to the Kingdom of Christ, and his personal love and devotion to the church of his choice.

*Resolved* third that we recognize the distinguished and conscientious fidelity with which he discharged every responsibility imposed upon him by the church; having in his nearly fifty years of membership in this church filled and honored these various official relations with characteristic quiet dignity and sound judgment.



"*Resolved* fourth that we gratefully acknowledge his large-hearted generosity in the bestowal of his means in the liberal support of the church in her local and general enterprises, his large contributions to charitable, educational and benevolent causes, and the spirit of helpful kindness with which he responded to every worthy appeal.

"*Resolved* fifth that we extend to the family of our translated brother our profoundest sympathy in the great loss they suffer in his departure, but rejoice with them that a kind Providence permitted them to enjoy for so many years his wise and kindly counsels and his saintly fellowship.

"*Resolved* sixth that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, and also that they be published in the city papers and be entered upon the records of the church."

Mr. Murray reached his eightieth year, dying at his home on North Front street, Milton, June 15, 1909. In poor health for several years, he had spent most of the winter and spring at Old Point Comfort, coming home a few days before his death, which was unexpected. The veneration and high esteem in which he was held were seen in the many marks of honor paid at the funeral. The banks and practically all other business places of the city were closed during the funeral hour as a special mark of respect, and the services were largely attended by citizens of all classes. Eloquent and impressive tributes to his character and standing were paid by his pastor and a former pastor of the M. E. Church, where the services were held. The remains were interred in the Upper cemetery at Milton. We quote the following from the pastor's address: "For half a century he has gone out and in among you. His life was an open book and was read by all. There was not a page in it that needed to be concealed or that might not be read by all the community. He had high and clear conceptions of right and an unusual sense of fine moral distinctions. The standards of business integrity are higher in this community because he lived here. To have lived a public business life in a community for fifty years in this age of corrupt business practices without any man being able to place the finger upon a single dishonorable or even questionable business transaction, is an imperishable monument to the transcendent moral greatness of the man's character."

The Milton *Evening Standard* had the following editorial in its issue of June 16, 1909: "In the death of Samuel Wilson Murray, which occurred at his home on North Front street, last night, Milton loses one of her most distinguished and honored citizens. He came to Milton almost a half century ago and established the first industrial enterprise of any magnitude in our town—the Milton car works. He has been all these years a conspicuous figure in the industrial, commercial, financial, social and moral development of the com-

munity. He possessed a strong personality. He had a wonderful memory, was a keen observer and a man of remarkable versatility and mental grasp. He had an inventive mind and a strong inclination to literature. He was a great reader and had traveled extensively in this and foreign lands. He was a forceful speaker, a sound reasoner and a pleasing and entertaining conversationalist. He was a man of the strictest integrity, with an unblemished character, and his life stands out and reflects the highest ideal of the upright man. Mr. Murray always had the courage of his convictions. He stood boldly and aggressively for what he believed to be right and he was unswerving in his devotion to any cause he espoused. He was a man of generous impulses and without ostentation has given away vast sums. Hundreds of families have felt his generosity who never knew from whence it came. While Mr. Murray has not been active in business for a few years, due to declining health, his loss will be keenly felt by the whole community."

On Dec. 17, 1866, Mr. Murray married Sarah Matilda Meckly, daughter of Dr. John Meckly, of Milton, who survives him. Two children were born to this union, John Heber and Helen Beatrice, the former of whom died June 18, 1895.

JOSEPH E. PENSYL, of Paxinos, Northumberland county, has been a resident of that place since 1896 and devotes the greater part of his attention to the lumber business, in which he has built up a prosperous trade. He is well known in public life, having served the community in various official capacities, and is considered a capable and reliable man, able to handle any work he undertakes.

Mr. Pensyl was born March 16, 1862, in Ralpho township, this county, son of David R. Pensyl, and is a member of one of the pioneer families of this region. Jacob Pensyl (or Bentzel), his great-grandfather, was a native of Germany, and coming to America made his home in Northumberland county, Pa., taking up fifty acres of land at the present site of the borough of Shamokin. His location was where the "Eagle Hotel" now stands. Afterward he abandoned this place and took up a 200-acre tract in Ralpho township (where his great-grandson, David R. Pensyl, later resided) to which he moved. He had one son, John.

John Pensyl, son of Jacob, was born in 1767 and was nine years old when his father settled at what is now Shamokin. He was a member of the German Reformed Church, one of the organizers and original members of the old Blue Church in Ralpho township, and donated an acre of ground for church purposes, the edifice of that congregation being located thereon to this day. He died upon the homestead in Ralpho township in April, 1849, at the age of eighty-two. John Pensyl married



Barbara Hinkle, and to them were born five children: Kate, who married Frederick Lebie; Leah, who married John Fisher; John, who was twice married; George, born Aug. 1, 1799; and Leonard.

Leonard Pensyl, son of John and Barbara (Hinkle) Pensyl, was born May 11, 1804, on the homestead in Ralpho township, and died Oct. 1, 1883 [date is also given Oct. 31, 1884]. He was a farmer by occupation. He was an active member of the German Reformed Church, which he served as deacon and elder for twenty-one years; in politics he was a Democrat. He married Elizabeth Kaseman, daughter of Frederick William Kaseman, of Ralpho township, and to this union were born three children: Sarah S., born July 3, 1828, died Jan. 3, 1908, who was the wife of Daniel H. Adams, of Ralpho township; Daniel, who died Jan. 24, 1834, aged seven months, sixteen days; and David R.

David R. Pensyl, son of Leonard, was born Sept. 25, 1835, on the old Pensyl homestead, which he inherited, following farming there throughout his active years, except for a short time when he was in the mercantile business, which he started in 1857 and carried on for two years. He had over two hundred acres of land. Mr. Pensyl died Feb. 15, 1910, and is buried at the Blue church. He was a member of that church, and socially was a Mason, holding membership in Shamokin lodge, F. & A. M., and in the Conclave. Though a Democrat in politics and interested in the success of his party, he never took any active part in its affairs or in public matters of any kind.

In 1859 Mr. Pensyl married Carolina Fry, daughter of Joseph Fry, and eleven children were born to their union: Lenora, who is the wife of Alonzo D. Smink, of Shamokin, and has children, Florence (wife of Robert Roth and the mother of children, Robert L. and Harriet L.) and Reuben L.; Joseph E.; Laura, wife of Joseph B. Hill, of Tharptown, Pa.; Leonard, a resident of Shamokin; David J., living at Weigh Scales, Northumberland county; Elizabeth, deceased, who was the wife of George Burkert; Hannah, living at Mount Carmel, Pa.; Cora, wife of Frank Leader, a merchant of Mount Carmel; Bertha M., who died in infancy; Oscar W., member of the firm of Paul & Pensyl, butchers of Shamokin; and Carrie F., deceased, who was the wife of Rutherford Hayes.

Joseph E. Pensyl attended the Kaseman school in his native township. He was reared to farming, which he continued to follow for a number of years, owning a farm at the Blue church which he later sold to his brother-in-law, G. J. Snyder. For ten years he farmed the ground which has since been sold to the Blue Church for cemetery purposes, this being the new part of the burial ground at that church. In 1896 he moved to Paxinos, where he has since made his home. Mean-

time he has become interested in the lumber business, supplying timber for the Shipman Coal Company's and Buck Ridge collieries. Eight men and two four-horse teams are kept constantly busy at this work, Mr. Pensyl doing quite an extensive business. Since his removal to this point he has been almost continuously identified with public affairs, having served fourteen years as constable of Shamokin township and for some time as tax collector. While a resident of Ralpho township he was constable for two years and supervisor for three years. He is identified with the Democratic party, and is a member of the I. O. O. F., belonging to Elysburg Lodge. In religion he adheres to the Reformed faith, being a member of the Blue Church.

Mr. Pensyl married Elizabeth Snyder, daughter of Isaac Snyder. They have no children.

ABRAHAM W. PONTIUS, of Sunbury, wholesale and retail dealer in ice cream and confectionery, which he also manufactures, began that business in a modest way in 1894 and has made a notable success, displaying enterprise and executive ability which would have insured him prosperity in any line. His modern, well kept establishment is a credit to the borough and his career has been active and honorable, for he has come to the front by hard work and close application to the highest principles in all his dealings.

Mr. Pontius is a native of Snyder county, Pa., born Jan. 1, 1819, son of Henry Pontius and grandson of George Pontius. John Pontius, his first ancestor in America, was born in 1718 in Alsace, and arrived here in 1738, locating in Tulpehocken, Berks Co., Pa. In 1743 he married Anna Catherine Zellers, daughter of John Zellers, and they had quite a large family, the sons being: (John) Henry, born in 1744; (John) Peter, born in 1747; John, born in 1751; Andrew Michael; George, and Frederick. Of these, Peter was a soldier in Capt. John Lasher's company from Berks county, during the Revolutionary war, and was in the battle of Long Island. All of the sons were pioneers, several being among the first settlers in Buffalo Valley, in what is now Union county, Pa., and many of the next generation were among the early settlers in Ohio and Illinois.

George Pontius, son of John, was the great-grandfather of Abraham W. Pontius. He lived in Buffalo Valley, in Snyder (now Union) county, and died at a comparatively early age. He is buried at Smith Grove church. He had sons Thomas (who is buried in Snyder county) and George.

George Pontius, son of George, was born in Jackson township, Snyder county, where he lived and owned the farm which later became the property of his son Henry. He married Susan Snyder, who died aged seventy-five years, three months,

twenty-one days, Mr. Pontius attaining the age of eighty-three. He was a member of the Reformed Church, his wife of the Lutheran Church. They had a family of six children, namely: Henry; George, of Lewisburg, Pa.; Mary, wife of Lemekus Stocker; Catharine, wife of Daniel Benfer; Susanna, who is unmarried; and Elizabeth, wife of Conrad Maurer.

Henry Pontius, son of George, was born in 1828 in Jackson township, Snyder county, and died Jan. 21, 1897. He is buried at the U. E. church at Kratzerville, Snyder county, of which church he was long an active member. He was one of its organizers and for many years a pillar of the congregation, serving as class-leader, exhorter, and in various official positions, the duties of which he discharged with zeal and efficiency. In politics he was a Republican, and he served many years as assessor of Monroe township, Snyder county. By occupation he was a farmer, owning a tract of one hundred acres. His wife, Sarah (Heiser), daughter of David Heiser, of Snyder county, died in 1904, aged sixty-nine years. They had two children: Laura, who married Elmer Greiner, and Abraham W. Mr. and Mrs. Greiner now live on the Henry Pontius homestead.

There were at least two members of the Heiser family serving in the Revolutionary war, Gotlieb Heiser having been a private in Captain Ritter's company from Berks county; and there was one John Heiser in that war from Pennsylvania.

The Federal Census Report of 1790 records the names of Henry, Charles and Ulrich Heiser, heads of families from Brunswick and Manheim townships, Berks (now Schuylkill) county.

David Heiser, a son of one of the three named as heads of families in 1790, was married to Elizabeth Rudolfe. He lived in the Buffalo Valley, in Union county, Pa., and they are buried at Bath, Pa. They had these children: Henry, John, Daniel, Christian, David, Molly (never married), Mrs. Krebs, Mrs. Showers and Mrs. Paterson.

David Heiser, son of David, was born in Midlin county, Pa., in 1794, and died in 1857. He is buried at Kratzerville, in Snyder county. He was a stonemason by trade and also a farmer. In religion he united with the Evangelical Church, and in politics he was an old-line Whig. His wife, Magdalena (Immhoff), was born in 1800, in Lancaster county, and died in 1867. She, too, is buried at Kratzerville. They had children: John, Henry, David, Elizabeth, Daniel, Sarah (married Henry Pontius), Abraham, Susan, Mary, Benjamin and Anne.

Daniel Heiser, son of David, born in 1830, in Union (now Snyder) county, was a farmer, miller and merchant for forty years, and took part in local public affairs in his active years, serving as school director nine years and assessor. He now

resides at Lewisburg, retired. He is a member of the United Evangelical Church. Mr. Heiser married Phoebeann Missuna, who died in 1907, at the age of seventy-four years, and they had children: James H. (died young), Edwin S., Willis D., Phoebe, Elmer E., C. Regina, M. Edith and Emma Irene (died aged seventy-four years).

Abraham W. Pontius received a common school education in the home locality in Snyder county, and was reared to farming pursuits, which he followed until twenty-four years old. Coming to Sunbury at that age, in 1894, he has since devoted himself to his present line of business. He began with a retail confectionery and ice cream store at No. 231 Market square, near the courthouse, continuing at that location for eleven years. During the first three years he confined himself to the retail trade, but soon branched out as a wholesale dealer, until his customers are now drawn from a territory embracing seven counties. In 1904 he built the Pontius building, at Nos. 404-406 Market street, which he has since occupied. It is three stories high, of light brick with gray stone trimming, with a frontage of 30 feet on Market street and 104 feet in depth, extending back to the wholesale room, which fronts on No. 16 North Fourth street, and which is 18 by 40 feet in dimensions. The buildings are connected, and there are entrances on both Market street and North Fourth street. The upper part of the Pontius building is finished for use as offices, lodge rooms and dwelling rooms. Mr. Pontius has made an addition to the main building, 18 by 36 feet in dimensions, where he manufactures and stores his ice cream. He has all the most modern machinery and appliances for manufacturing ice cream and confectionery, and his retail store is most attractively arranged and fitted. The tiled floor and wainscoting, large mirrors, and other tasteful appointments, give it a wholesome, inviting appearance which appeals to the patrons. There are accommodations for serving a hundred and sixty customers at one time, if necessary, and the establishment is one of the most popular places of its kind in Sunbury. Both retail and wholesale departments are conducted in the most hygienic manner, a fact which brings the best class of trade in the vicinity. Mr. Pontius has eight employees. He ships his ice cream and candy throughout central Pennsylvania. His enterprise has drawn him into other local business interests, and he was one of the promoters of the Sunbury National Bank, of which he is a director. He was instrumental in having the present location of the bank, on Market street, chosen for the site of its building and served as a member of the building committee. This structure adjoins the Pontius building, which was so planned that it is in harmony as to exterior with the bank building, being apparently a continuation of it.



On Jan. 27, 1896, Mr. Pontius married Jennie Conrey, daughter of J. C. Conrey, of Northumberland, this county, and they have had one son, C. Henry. He and his family are members of the First U. E. Church of Sunbury, in which he is very active, at present serving as steward and treasurer. In 1910 he was a delegate to the general conference which met at Canton, Ohio. Mr. Pontius is a Republican, and served two years as councilman of the Second ward. Fraternally he belongs to True Cross Commandery, No. 122, Knights of Malta, and to two insurance orders, the Royal Arcanum and the Protected Home Circle—all of Sunbury.

DANIEL G. FEGER, a farmer in the eastern end of Washington township, was born Aug. 19, 1850, at the place where he now lives, which was also his father's home.

Conrad Feger, his grandfather, was a native of Berks county, Pa., coming thence to Northumberland county before his marriage. Here he wedded Hosanna Fisher, and they lived in Northumberland county for about twenty years, at the end of that period moving out to Ogle county, Ill. There they took up 160 acres of land for which they paid \$1.25 per acre, followed farming, and prospered, passing the remainder of their days in that county, where they are buried. Conrad Feger followed distilling as well as farming. He lived to the age of ninety-two years, his wife dying some years previously. They were Lutherans in religious faith. Their children were born in Northumberland county, and all but Joseph, the eldest, accompanied them out to Ogle county, Ill., he having married previous to the removal and his wife preferring to remain in Northumberland, her native county. The family was as follows: Joseph, John, Daniel, Samuel, Conrad, Peter, David, Harry, Isaac, Sarah, Elizabeth, Katie and Rosie. Conrad Feger had a cousin George, who conducted a pottery store in Harrisburg, and who became blind in his later years.

Joseph Feger, son of Conrad, was born Jan. 5, 1812, in Jackson township, Northumberland county, and was a carpenter in his earlier manhood, later becoming a farmer. In 1850 he settled on the farm in the eastern end of Washington township now owned by his son Daniel. There he farmed until 1869, when his son Daniel succeeded him on the place and he moved to the western part of Upper Mahanoy township, living retired in that location until his death, which occurred April 23, 1887. He was a man of intelligence and trusted by his fellow men, and as he was an excellent hand at figures he served about twenty years as township auditor, being also assessor of Washington township for about twelve years. In politics he was a Democrat, in religion a Lutheran, he and

his family belonging to the Lutheran congregation at the Himmel Church. He was very regular in his attendance on church services, and was an active worker in the church, serving as deacon, elder and trustee. His first wife, Molly (Geist), daughter of Andrew and Catharine (Snyder) Geist, of Upper Mahanoy township, was born April 19, 1817, and died Sept. 29, 1863. They had six children: Andrew married Malissa Michael and had three children, Charles O., George W. and Joseph, the last named deceased; they lived in Dongola, Union Co., Ill. Harriet married Adam Cherry, and they lived in Upper Mahanoy township, where her father, Joseph Feger, died. Mary (deceased) married Henry Otto and lived at Shamokin, this county. Sarah married William H. Otto and they live at Pottsville, Pa. Anelina (deceased) married Henry Schminkey and lived at Ashland, Pa. Daniel G. is mentioned below. For his second wife Mr. Feger married Mrs. Anna (Wolfgang) Gottshall Herb, her first husband having been Samuel Gottshall, her second Daniel Herb and her third Joseph Feger.

Daniel G. Feger attended subscription school during his boyhood, but not for long. He was reared to farm life, which he has followed practically all his life, for though a carpenter he engaged at the trade only one season. In 1869 he began farming on his own account at his present home, his farm consisting of ninety-six acres. In 1907 he remodeled the old part of his residence and built the new part. Mr. Feger has always been a successful farmer and has his land in good shape. His recreation is hunting, and he has shot many rabbits and raccoons, shooting usually seventy-five rabbits during the season. He was the champion raccoon and fox hunter of his district for many years, having caught and shot as many as twenty-six raccoons in one season.

Mr. Feger is a Democrat and interested in the success of his party and the administration of local affairs, having helped to hold many elections. He has served his township for six years as school director and three years in the capacity of supervisor.

On Oct. 18, 1868, Mr. Feger married Harriet Kembel, daughter of Daniel and Catharine (Feger) Kembel, of Washington township, and they have had fourteen children, nine of whom reached maturity: Charles W., now of Spokane, Wash.; Joseph H., of Frackville, Pa.; Harvey E., who carries on his father's farm; Lillie A., wife of G. A. Brosius, of Upper Mahantango township, Schuylkill county; Jennie M., Mrs. Daniel Weary, of Frackville, Pa.; Laura B., Mrs. William Belles, of Montandon, Pa.; Frank R., Gertie M. and Daniel C., unmarried. Mr. Feger and his family worship at the Himmel Church, belonging to the Lutheran congregation.



**JOHN J. BRIERLEY**, of Trevorton, Northumberland county, has been superintendent of the silk mill at that point since January, 1908, the plant being a branch of the Shamokin Silk Mills, owned by J. H. and C. K. Eagle. The business has been his life work. His aptitude for this industrial art, and his long practical experience, make him a valuable man in his capacity as superintendent. Mr. Brierley was born Jan. 2, 1867, in Paterson, N. J., where his father, John Brierley, a native of England, settled upon coming to America, in 1854. The father was employed throughout his active years by the Hinchliffe Brothers, brewers, of Paterson. He married Sarah Clark.

John J. Brierley attended the public schools of his native city. When only a boy of twelve he began to work in the silk mills, beginning at the bottom, and he has worked his way up through the various stages of employment, rising by efficient service to his present responsible position. In 1898 he came to Shamokin, Pa., entering the Shamokin Silk Mills as a foreman, and when the mills passed into the ownership of the Eagle brothers he continued as foreman in their employ. In January, 1908, he was sent to Trevorton to take charge of the branch mill there, as superintendent. About one hundred hands are employed in this plant, which is kept busy constantly, the output of these mills finding a steady demand in the market. Mr. Brierley's efficiency and devotion to his work, and his intelligent comprehension of its requirements and possibilities, have brought out his executive qualities, which have proved quite as important in the successful operation of the plant as his thorough knowledge of silk manufacturing.

On Feb. 21, 1888, Mr. Brierley married Charlotte Miller, of New Jersey, and they have three children: David M., Elsie C. and Charlotte M. The family home is at Edgewood. Mr. Brierley is a Mason and an Odd Fellow, belonging to Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M., to Lodge No. 664, I. O. O. F., and to the Triple Link Club of Shamokin. In religious connection he is a Lutheran.

**JOHN KEIM**, of Riverside, Northumberland county, has been a citizen of that borough throughout its existence and has been a leader in the administration of its public affairs as well as in business circles. He has been engaged in the manufacture of brick practically from boyhood, having begun the business so early in life that he is still known all over the State as the "boy brick maker." Mr. Keim was born Feb. 22, 1845, at Shoemakersville, son of David Keim, and comes of a family long known in Berks county, Pa., where its representatives are still numerous. His grandfather was Samuel Keim.

David Keim was born Sept. 8, 1808, at Shoemakersville, in Perry township, Berks county, where he lived until his removal to Danville, Montour Co., Pa., in 1847. He was a farmer by occupation, and passed the rest of his life at Danville, where he is buried. His death occurred Jan. 3, 1878. In religion he was a Lutheran, in politics a Democrat. His wife, Harriet Arnold (sister of Dr. John Arnold, a dentist of Reading), was born July 13, 1813, and died April 19, 1887. Their children were born as follows: Matilda, Jan. 18, 1831; Catharine, Nov. 23, 1832; Susan, July 28, 1834; Harriet, April 3, 1836 (died in November, 1919, in Chicago, Ill.); Anna M., Sept. 22, 1838; George W., July 22, 1840; Daniel, May 3, 1842; John, Feb. 22, 1845; Sarah, Jan. 25, 1847; William, Nov. 7, 1851.

John Keim was reared at Danville, and he was only a youth of fifteen when he enlisted from that place for service in the Civil war, holding the record as Danville's youngest representative who carried a musket in that conflict. He became a member of Company H, 93d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, with which he served one year, and during his second enlistment he was enrolled in Company B, 194th Regiment, as first sergeant. He served four months in this command. His third term of service was with Company I, 41st Regiment, in which he was also first sergeant, and at its expiration he enlisted in Company I, 104th Regiment, being given the same rank. He saw considerable active service in the field, taking part in many engagements, and made a highly creditable record. At the battle of Fair Oaks two men were shot by his side.

Mr. Keim burned his first kiln of brick before he was eighteen years old, and he has been in the business continuously ever since. His plants are at Danville, and the product is a red clay, hand-made brick which is shipped into all the coal mining towns, the demands being steady, and the trade having expanded to such dimensions that as many as fifty-five men are given steady employment. In 1909 the yearly output was 2,400,000. Mr. Keim has built up his large business by constant attention to its needs and by keeping thoroughly abreast of the times in his line, and he is considered a deservedly prosperous man by all who have had dealings with him. His association with Riverside as a municipality dates from the time of its organization. He came to the town when there were only twelve houses on the site, and he was one of the leading spirits in its incorporation as a borough, which took place in 1874. As school director and member of the council he has taken an active part in its affairs and has done public-spirited duty. Politically he is a member of the Republican party, and socially he is connected with Danville Post, No. 22, G. A. R., and with Danville Lodge, No.

224, F. & A. M., of which latter he was chaplain for some years.

In 1862 Mr. Keim married Christiana Bowers, who died in 1897, at the age of fifty-one years, the mother of the following children: William is engaged as a brick manufacturer in Oklahoma; Catharine, who teaches music in Danville and Riverside, is unmarried; Alice married Rev. M. B. Bird, a Congregational minister, and they live in Chicago, Ill.; Emerson J. is engaged as a manufacturer of brick and foreman of a cement plant at Independence, Kans.; Mamie is at home. In 1898 Mr. Keim married Ida M. Morgan, daughter of Charles Grier Morgan, of Danville. Mr. Keim and his family are members of the Methodist Church, in which he has held the offices of trustee and steward, serving in the latter for many years.

Joseph Morgan, grandfather of Mrs. Ida M. (Morgan) Keim, was born Aug. 29, 1784, and was of Welsh extraction, his father, Charles Morgan, having come from Wales with his wife and a large family, nine sons and one daughter. He settled in the Irish Valley, in Northumberland county, Pa., where he owned a farm and followed agricultural pursuits. His children were Charles, David, Peter and Joseph. Joseph Morgan followed farming in the Irish Valley also, dying there in 1846, in his sixty-third year. He is buried at Klinesgrove. His wife, Charity (Campbell), born Nov. 19, 1790, preceded him to the grave. Their children were born as follows: Emily, Sept. 9, 1812; Huldah, Feb. 16, 1815; John C., July 20, 1818 (was sheriff of Northumberland county); Maria, Dec. 7, 1819; Charity, June 20, 1824; Charles Grier, Sept. 3, 1826.

Charles Grier Morgan lived at Danville, Pa., where he died Oct. 12, 1866. He married Sarah Ann Maurer, daughter of John Maurer, and she also died at Danville, March 17, 1910. They had a family of four children: Elliott R., who married Margaret Bassett, daughter of George Bassett, of Danville, Pa.; Sarah E.; Ida M., Mrs. Keim; and Seth W., who married Kate Johnson, daughter of Stephen Johnson, of Danville.

ELMER W. DOCKEY, one of the leading citizens of Pillow (formerly known as Uniontown), former auditor of Dauphin county, and now extensively engaged in the insurance business, was born at Pillow March 22, 1866, son of Benjamin Dockey.

The Dockey family of Northumberland and the surrounding counties of Pennsylvania has its origin in John Adam Dockey, who came to America during the Revolutionary war as one of the Hessian soldiers hired by King George. After the close of that war for independence he remained in America. With a number of his fellow countrymen he first lived in Berks county, thence coming to Northumberland county prior to the begin-

ning of the nineteenth century and locating in what is now Lower Mahanoy township. Here he married, prospered, lived and died. He and his wife are buried in the old part of the graveyard at Zion's Church of Stone Valley. He was tall, erect, of typical military appearance and good address, and possessed more than ordinary intelligence. He was a man of resolute will and strong convictions. He had three children, namely: John, mentioned later; Elizabeth, who died unmarried; and Catharine, who married Simon Lenker, of Lower Mahanoy.

John Dockey, son of John Adam, was born July 17, 1787, in the lower end of the Mahantango Valley. He died on his large farm in Lower Mahanoy township July 28, 1858. He was a lifelong farmer, and owned considerable real estate. His wife, Anna Maria Schaffer, who was of an old established Lower Mahanoy township family, was born Aug. 1, 1795, and died Feb. 25, 1862. John Dockey and his wife prospered by their industry, and reared a large family of children to usefulness and thrift. They were members of the Lutheran congregation of Zion's Church, in Stone Valley, and are buried at that church. They had thirteen children, twelve of whom grew to manhood and womanhood, viz.: Michael, born March 2, 1813, who died Nov. 12, 1889 (he had two sons and three daughters); John, born March 24, 1815, who died Sept. 24, 1887 (wife Elizabeth, born Nov. 27, 1815, died Feb. 2, 1891; they had one daughter); Mary; Jonas, born Dec. 31, 1819, who died July 7, 1904 (his wife Catharine Hepner, born June 15, 1869, died Oct. 29, 1891; they had one son and one daughter); Elizabeth; Joseph, who had two sons and four daughters; Sarah; Catharine Magdalena, who married David Underkoffler and had fifteen children: Benjamin; Annie, who never married; Elias, born June 21, 1833, who died Dec. 7, 1888 (his wife Eliza, born in 1834, died in 1893; they had two sons and five daughters); and Nathan, born Dec. 11, 1830, who died Oct. 3, 1835. Nearly all this family are buried at the Stone Valley Church.

Benjamin Dockey, son of John, was a tailor, and followed the trade in his earlier life. About 1850 he engaged in the store business at County Line, and later huckstered produce and followed farming. In 1866 he came to Uniontown (Pillow), where he has since lived, following various occupations. He was a drover some years and for some years was connected with a hotel at Pottsville. Since 1896 he has made his home with his son Elmer W. Dockey. He has taken some part in public affairs, having held various local offices, among them that of constable, which he filled for some years. He is the oldest resident of his section, but though advanced in years is well preserved. His wife, Mary Wittmer, daughter of John and Mary (Lenker) Wittmer, born Feb. 8, 1833,



died in 1899, aged sixty-six years lacking a few days. She is buried at Uniontown. Mr. and Mrs. Dockey had the following children: Jeremiah M., of Williamsport, Pa.; Malinda, who married John Kaudeman, of Williamsport; Miles, deceased; and Elmer W. Benjamin Dockey is a member of the Lutheran Church.

Elmer W. Dockey was reared in the borough of Uniontown and there received his early intellectual training. Later he attended the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, Pa., leaving when in the Junior class to go to work. He began teaching when nineteen years old, in Upper Mahanoy township, and was engaged for two terms. Meantime he had learned the cigarmaker's trade, when he was sixteen years old, and he followed the business as a manufacturer for seventeen years, employing three hands. He discontinued to engage in the fire insurance business, to which he has devoted himself principally for seventeen years, being agent for the Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Hummelstown, Pa.; the Lebanon Mutual, of Lebanon, Pa.; the Palmyra Mutual, of Palmyra, Pa.; the Boyertown Mutual, of Boyertown, Pa.; the Lykens Valley Mutual, of Elizabethtown, Pa.; the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, of Hartford, Conn. (a stock company); and the Mutual of Annville, Pa. Mr. Dockey writes nearly all the insurance placed south of Sunbury, and up to Pittman and Hegins, doing hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of business annually for the various companies he represents. He is a man of large business capacity, and he adjusts most of the claims for his companies.

Mr. Dockey has been prominent in his locality in the councils of the Republican party, wielding considerable influence, and has served frequently as delegate to county conventions. In the fall of 1902 he was elected auditor of Dauphin county and served two terms, until 1908. He has been a school director of Pillow for many years and for seventeen years has served as secretary of the school board—June 4, 1894, to date. He is secretary of the borough council, an office he has held since March, 1893. In 1892 he was elected justice of the peace and has held that office continuously since, all the local legal work connected with the drawing up of documents, etc., being brought to him. He has been secretary of the Mahanoy & Mahantango Telephone Company since its organization, in 1904, was one of the organizers, and is a director. He is leader of the Pillow Band of twenty-eight men, which was organized in 1908, and he was formerly connected with the old Excelsior Band of Pillow for twenty years. He was one of the leading spirits in the organization of the Pillow Band.

On March 10, 1889, Mr. Dockey was married to Lucetta Wolf, daughter of George and H. Lena (Derk) Wolf, of Jordan township, Northumber-

land county, and they have had three children: Alice L., Stella (who died in infancy) and Lottie H. Mr. Dockey and his family worship with the Reformed congregation at the Salem Church, and he has been leader of the choir for many years. He has also given lay service as superintendent of the Sunday school. Socially Mr. Dockey is a charter member of Washington Camp, No. 614, P. O. S. of A., of Pillow, of which he was one of the organizers, and for many years was District President of the Northern Dauphin District, P. O. S. of A., and is a charter member of Camp No. 11563, Modern Woodmen of America, of Berrysburg, Pennsylvania.

**WILLIAM H. READER**, who has two farms in Rockefeller township, is a native of that township and has passed all his life there. He was born Jan. 30, 1854, son of John Reader, who came into this region in 1827.

The Federal Census Report of 1890 records several Readers: Jacob Reader was the head of a family made up of the parents, three sons over sixteen years old, one son under sixteen years old, and two daughters. This family lived in Cumberland county, Pa. Absalom Reader headed a family in Northampton county, Pa., consisting of the parents, one son over sixteen years old, one son under sixteen years old, and one daughter (page 171); Hon. Frank Reeder (Reader), a prominent resident of Easton, Pa., at one time State chairman of the Republican party and secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania under Gov. D. H. Hastings, is a descendant of Absalom Reader. Joseph Reader, a resident of Luzerne county, Pa., was the head of a family of ten, parents, two daughters, two sons over sixteen years of age and four sons under sixteen years of age. The following said to be of the family of Joseph Reader are buried at Turbutville, Northumberland county: Michael Reader, born April 5, 1797, died Aug. 29, 1876, aged seventy-nine years, four months, twenty-four days; his wife Anna Mary, 1797-1865; Isaac Reader, born in 1820, who died in 1857; the latter's wife, Mary A., bore him a number of children, a daughter Deliah dying young. It is probable that William H. Reader is a descendant of Joseph Reader.

The grandmother of William H. Reader came to Northumberland county with her son John in 1827, after her husband's death, and she is buried at the Mountain Presbyterian Church. Her children were: John; Abraham, who married Mary Ely and settled in the West; Kassiah, who married John Sheppman; Joseph, who located near Danville, Pa.; Samuel, who lived in Northumberland county, near the Cumberland county line, and Emily, who married John Fisher and lived in the upper part of Northumberland county, where she died at the age of ninety.



John Reader, father of William H. Reader, was born April 10, 1808, near the Alleghany mountains, in the northwestern part of Pennsylvania, and came thence to Northumberland county before his marriage, in 1827, his mother accompanying him, as previously stated. Locating in Augusta (now Lower Augusta) township, near the head of Boyle's run, he there married Sallie Rodgers, who died while a young woman, the mother of three children: David, who settled in Columbia county, Pa.; Katie, who married John McWilliams, and Susan, who died young. His second marriage was to Maria Sears, by whom he had the following children: Sallie married Daniel F. Zimmerman; Mary married Charles M. Smith; John, of Wisconsin, married Sallie Zimmerman; James H. settled at Tyrone, Pa.; Joseph T., who married Annie Rock, located at Tyrone; Robert L., who married Mary Gruber, located near the homestead in Lower Augusta township; one child died in infancy; William H. is mentioned below; Ellen J. married Charles E. Weston (now deceased) and makes her home at Schuylkill Haven, Pa. John Reader, the father, died Sept. 5, 1880, aged seventy-two years, four months, twenty-five days. He and his wives are buried at the Mountain Presbyterian Church.

William H. Reader has always been employed in agricultural work. When twenty-two years old he began farming at the place in Rockefeller township where he has since continuously resided, and he also has another farm, of the same size—each containing eighty-two acres, both lying in the southwestern part of Rockefeller township, along the Lower Augusta township line, on the old Tulpehocken road so much traveled in pioneer days. Mr. Reader makes something of a specialty of fruit, of which he raises considerable, and is also engaged in dairying. He attends market at Shamokin every week. The place upon which he has so long made his home came into his possession about 1880, through his wife, and he purchased his other farm in 1895. The home place is an interesting property, having been the homestead of Gulielmus (Gillam) Cornell, who was born Aug. 29, 1764, emigrated to this country when a young man, and is supposed to have settled first in Chester county, Pa. He resided there during the period of the Revolutionary war, and is said to have been a British sympathizer. At any rate, he and his family supplied the English army with such subsistence as they could produce and purchase in the locality, realizing large profits in these transactions. The unfriendly feeling created against them in the neighborhood on this account became so strong that at the close of the war Mr. Cornell was compelled to leave the locality and he removed to what is now the William H. Reader farm in Rockefeller township, Northumberland county. When Mr. Reader's father moved into this locality in

1827 the Cornells had long been settled there. Mr. Cornell continued to reside on that place until his death, which occurred July 17, 1836, at the age of seventy-one years, ten months, ten days. His wife Rachel died there April 29, 1850, when about eighty years old. They had two sons, John (who died April 25, 1875, aged sixty-nine years, seven months, seven days) and William (Sept. 22, 1810—April 30, 1852), and daughters Margaret (married Lewis Dewart), Katie (married Samuel Thurston), Polly (married George Haupt) and Betsy (married John Feaster). Both the sons died without issue and are buried with their parents at the Mountain Presbyterian Church in Lower Augusta township. John's wife, Elizabeth, died Nov. 12, 1887, aged eighty-one years, eight months, eighteen days.

On Aug. 1, 1875, Mr. Reader married Mary Rea, daughter of "The Red" Godfried Robuck, of Washington township, and they have had a large family: Daniel P., who married Bertha Schaeffer; Ira E.; Katie M., wife of Charles E. Ressler; Gertie F., wife of C. G. Culp; Charles H., who married Sallie Snyder; Herbert F.; Frederick B.; John B.; George W., and Ralph Waldo E.

Mr. Reader and his family are members of Zion's Lutheran Church, in which he has been quite prominent officially, having served many years in the joint council of the charge and for many years as secretary. There are few citizens of Rockefeller township more intimately identified with the administration of its public affairs, and he has held office more than any other one man. For many years he was school director and auditor. He is a Democrat on political questions.

GEORGE O. AUMAN, of Shamokin, president of the borough council and senior member of the firm of Auman Brothers, is one of the younger citizens of that place who have held a prominent place in local affairs in recent years. His ability has gained recognition by its results rather than by any aggressive self-assertion on his part and his strong personality has brought him forward in the various projects, business and otherwise, with which he has been associated. He has been a member of the borough council since 1903, in fact he was the youngest man ever to take the councilman's oath in Shamokin, and in the spring of 1910 he was honored with election to the presidency of the council.

Mr. Auman was born in Shamokin March 22, 1878, and has spent all his life in the city, but he is of only the second generation of his family to live in Northumberland county, his forefathers in this country having resided in Berks and Schuylkill counties. The Aumans are of German extraction, Henry Auman, the first to come to America, being from Hanover, Germany. He was one of the Hessian mercenaries hired by the British

government for service in the Revolutionary war, and was one of those surprised and taken prisoner on that memorable night at Trenton. After the war he refused to return to his native land, settling in Pennsylvania, near Amityville, in Amity township, Berks county. He was well educated and engaged in school teaching, and for years was choirmaster of the German Lutheran Church there. He died in 1839, at the advanced age of eighty-three. He married Catharine Beitam, of Carlisle, Pa., and they had the following children: Elizabeth, Catharine, Sarah, George and Henry.

Daniel Auman, great-grandfather of George O. Auman, was born in Berks county, and there followed farming and milling, near the Lebanon county line. He died there, while his children were young, and they were put out to make their living among strangers.

Jacob Auman, son of Daniel, was born near the Lebanon county line in Berks county in February, 1817, and there followed milling. He was married in Berks county, whence he and his wife moved to Taylorsville, Schuylkill county, where he continued that occupation, and later he settled at Ashland, that county, making a permanent home there. At Ashland he went into the butcher business, but in his later years did hauling. He died there in 1878, and is buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery, having been a member of the fraternity. Jacob Auman married Mary A. Owens, who was born in 1817, daughter of Samuel Owens, and they had a large family, viz.: Emaline, born in 1843, married S. T. Gottschall; William H., born in 1845, died at Ashland; Aaron, born in 1846, was the father of George O. Auman; Mary A., born in 1848, married E. P. Burkert, of Ashland; Jacob, born in 1850, a carpenter of Shamokin, married (first) Elizabeth Keefer and (second) Malinda Herb; Elizabeth, born in 1853, married George Steinhilber and lives at No. 556 Oakland street, Ashland; Esther, born in 1856, married (first) a Mr. Heiser and (second) Isaac Davis; Samuel D., born in 1858, was killed in the mines at Ashland when nineteen years old; John died at Ashland when a young man.

Aaron Auman, son of Jacob, was born in 1846, and died in May, 1882. He was a butcher by trade, and followed that calling as well as milking. He and his wife, Sarah (Hoover), had a family of five children, namely: Samuel J., Aaron E., George O., Laura (married Lewis Hipler) and Elizabeth (married William Dorset), all of whom were very young when the father died. The mother subsequently married James Metz, by whom she had one daughter, Bessie (married Andrew Sadieskie).

George O. Auman attended public school at Shamokin, but his advantages for education were limited, as he and his brothers were obliged to begin work at an unusually early age in order to help

their widowed mother. He was only eleven when he commenced to work as a slate picker at the breakers, and in time he became a full-fledged miner, following mining until he decided to start in business. He had been careful and industrious, but when he commenced the grocery business in which he has since given his attention he started on the modest capital of \$15, in a small store in the Tenth ward. This was in 1900. His early experience in overcoming obstacles prevented him from becoming discouraged, however, and the success which came to him as the years passed was an incentive to further effort, if he needed it. That he has devoted himself intelligently to the building up of this business may be judged from the fact that he and his brother, Aaron E., who became his partner in 1900, now have one of the best paying grocery stores in West Shamokin. The establishment, which occupies the site at Nos. 601-609 West Walnut street, is commodious, but none too large for the extensive business done by Auman brothers, who carry a fine and complete stock, in addition to groceries and green truck, of cigars and confectionery, being among the largest retailers of tobacco and penny goods in Shamokin. The partners are popular personally, and respected for their integrity as well as their enterprise, and though both are still young they have established a profitable business and acquired property and standing in their native town.

Mr. George O. Auman has developed business ability and foresight with the needs of his expanding interests; in fact, he has succeeded so far in keeping ahead of them, and his outlook for the future is excellent. He has taken his place among the leading young men of the borough in public affairs, with which he has been identified ever since he reached his majority. When just twenty-one he became a delegate to the Republican county convention; was later county treasurer of his ward, the Tenth, and he was a delegate to the State convention when Sheetz was nominated for treasurer. In 1903 he was elected to the borough council, of which body he has since been a member. In discharging the duties of this office he has shown the same ability and application which made his private undertakings successful. Though the youngest man to serve in that position when he entered the council, he was found to be one of the most energetic and efficient members of that body, where his fellow members soon found that he could be trusted with important responsibilities. So he has grown steadily in usefulness and prominence, and in March, 1910, he was elected with acclamation to the presidency of the council. The year before, and Mr. Faltz were candidates for mayor, Mr. Egan for county in two races. The following comment on the *Shamokin Record* upon this incident and Mr. Auman's subsequent election is of interest as



showing the good-will existing in the borough regarding this young man and his achievements:

"George Auman, the new president of council, is admirably fitted for the important position to which he was elected and the fact that he had no opposition speaks still higher for him. For five years Mr. Auman has conscientiously served his constituents and has never been under bondage or under the control of any man. He is totally free from outside influences and it is believed that he will make a most capable official, as has Mr. Earley, his predecessor, who has accredited to him the honor of presiding over one of the best councilmanic bodies that have ever represented Shamokin borough . . . .

"Last year Mr. Auman and Mr. Earley both sought the office of president of the council. Mr. Auman was defeated by two votes. This did not interfere with his good work. Shoulder to shoulder he and his successful opponent, Mr. Earley, worked out plans for bettering the borough and it is said that there has never been a better body of councilmen representing this borough.

"Mr. Auman is honest in his dealings and is noted for this characteristic and will make an ideal official. He expects to make the coming term one of the most successful Shamokin borough has ever had. Taking the retrospective of last year, if he does this, speaking in the sporting vernacular, he will 'have to go some.' However, the *Dispatch* believes Mr. Auman's ambitions will be realized."

Mr. Auman was the candidate of his party for representative to the State Legislature in 1908, but was defeated. He is well known socially, belonging to the I. O. R. M. (of which he is a past sashem), the Haymakers (of which he is a past chief) and the I. O. O. F.; is president of the Modern Protective Association, and president of the Rescue Fire Company, of which latter organization he was made an honorary member, and served as foreman before being elected to his present office. He was one of the organizers of the Liars' Club, which is made up of young business men of his section of Shamokin.

Mr. Auman married Maude May Yost, daughter of Henry and Susan (Rubendale) Yost and member of an old Shamokin family. Mr. and Mrs. Auman have two children, George E. and Russel C. The family reside at No. 548 North Third street. They are identified with the Reformed Church.

**HOFFMAN.** The Hoffmans, the late Erastus Hoffman and his two sons, W. P. G. and Howard D. Hoffman, have been known in business circles in the borough of Sunbury for a number of years, W. P. G. Hoffman having been associated with his father in the real estate business, in which he is still interested, and Howard D. Hoffman con-

ducting a large business as a dealer in wall paper and paints, and as a paper hanger and painter. The brothers are among the most enterprising citizens of Sunbury, favorably known as reliable in every transaction.

The Hoffman family is of German origin. Jacob Hoffman, its founder in this country, was a native of Germany, and on immigrating to this country settled in New Jersey, where he followed farming. He was a soldier in the Revolution.

Abraham Hoffman, son of Jacob, settled in Shamokin township, Northumberland Co., Pa., and followed farming successfully. His children were: John; Peter; Michael; Abraham; Barbara, and Maria.

Abraham Hoffman, son of Abraham, was born on his father's farm in Northumberland county, where he spent his boyhood assisting with the agricultural work. After attaining his majority he was in the mercantile business for a number of years, and selling out purchased a farm in Rush township, this county. There he passed the rest of his life, dying at the age of eighty-seven years, four months, twenty-seven days. He was a hearty, strong and active man up to the time of his death, which was caused suddenly, by a stroke of apoplexy. He married Elizabeth Wolverton, daughter of Roger Wolverton, of Northampton county, Pa., and she died at the age of fifty-nine years. Eight children were born to this couple: Maria, John, Beulah, Jacob, Jemima, Erastus, Isaac and Edward G.

Erastus Hoffman, son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Wolverton) Hoffman, was born in Rush township, and there spent his youth on the parental farm near South Danville. He lived at Sunbury for about thirty years before his death, engaging in various occupations, being employed at one time in the office of the register and recorder. He then became associated in the real estate business with his son, W. P. G. Hoffman, as E. Hoffman & Son, retiring only a few years before his death, which occurred at his home, No. 222 Catawissa avenue, Aug. 22, 1910, when he was eighty-one years old. He was interred in Pomfret Manor cemetery. He was long a prominent citizen of the borough, and especially well known as an active member of the Baptist Church, to which he had belonged practically all his life. For many years he was regarded as one of the pillars of the church in Sunbury and aided materially in placing its affairs on the substantial basis at present enjoyed, doing as much as any one member of the congregation toward that end. He was long a trustee of the church, where his death was regarded as a great loss. Mr. Hoffman married Clarinda Dunham, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Hussy) Dunham, of Northumberland borough, and he was survived by his wife and two sons, W. P. G. and Howard D.



W. P. G. HOFFMAN was born in November, 1862, in Rush township, and was educated at Danville, Pa. For several years he was engaged in the hardware business at Danville, Montour county, and in the borough of Northumberland, Northumberland county, and continued that business for eleven years after he settled in Sunbury, in 1891. He has since been engaged in the real estate business, in which he was associated with his father until the latter's retirement, in 1900. The business they founded now controls the bulk of real estate transactions in Sunbury. He and his father became members of the National Real Estate Exchange, and their property list embraced the greater part of the best holdings in the city and surrounding territory. The business increased so rapidly that it required their entire attention. There are few men in this section who know more about Sunbury real estate, its values and advantages, than Mr. Hoffman, or who are better able to discourse on the subject. The advances made in local real estate values, the substantial reasons therefor, the future of the community, the opportunities offered by superior facilities of various kinds found in the territory, all these are subjects with which he is thoroughly familiar, and he is sincere in his belief that the advantages here afforded are superior to those of any other locality in this part of the State. His particular hobby is that satisfactory and profitable investments may be found near home; that there is no need for people to go to distant regions to find paying property, and that there are opportunities at the doors of those who recognize them. Moreover, Mr. Hoffman has interested himself actively in securing the advantages and facilities he considers most desirable for the improvement of the locality, particularly as regards transportation and the promotion of public utilities of various kinds.

HOWARD D. HOFFMAN, son of Erastus Hoffman, was born Aug. 23, 1867, in Rush township, Northumberland county, where he lived until sixteen years old. At that time he moved with his parents to Sunbury, and he learned the trade of painter and paper hanger. During 1886 and 1887 he lived in Shamokin. In 1889 he went West, where he remained for a number of years, returning East in 1898. For the next two years he was in the butcher business, but he has since been engaged in his old line, having now the leading establishment of the kind in the borough. He is located at No. 620 Market street. He has a large and complete line of paints and wall papers, and does a large business in painting and paper hanging, keeping from twelve to twenty men busy. His patronage is one of the largest in and around Sunbury, and his work is its best recommendation, his reputation a reliable and artistic workman having been gained in years of satisfactory service.

On April 7, 1898, Mr. Hoffman married Margar-

et M. Campbell, daughter of Harmon and Rachel (Barnhart) Campbell, and they have two children, Elizabeth May and Fred Erastus. He is a member of the First Baptist Church, Mrs. Hoffman of the Catawissa Avenue M. E. Church, and he is a Democrat politically and active in local affairs, having served as member of the council from the Eighth ward. Socially he belongs to several fraternal bodies, K. of P. Lodge No. 194, the Royal Arcanum and the P. O. S. of A., all of Sunbury, and the K. of P. lodge at Allegheny City, Pennsylvania.

DANIEL CLINGER, president of the Milton Trust & Safe Deposit Company, of Milton, Northumberland county, has been associated with that institution for many years, formerly as director and member of the executive board, and since 1907 in his present relation. A mere enumeration of the local enterprises which he has helped to finance and direct would be sufficient indication of his activity in the affairs of the borough to show how important a place he occupies and has occupied in the development of the place during the past forty years. His interest and efforts have not been confined to business, but have extended into the local civil administration, politics, church and social affairs, in all of which he has been a factor for progress and intelligent activity.

Mr. Clinger was born Nov. 18, 1837, in Limestone township, Lycoming Co., Pa. He is of German descent, his great-grandfather, John Clinger, having emigrated to this country from Germany about 1745 and settled at what was then known as Chester County Springs, now Chester Springs, in Chester county, Pa. He took a land in that vicinity and followed farming and milling there the rest of his days. His wife's maiden name was Sloyer, and it is supposed she belonged to the family of that name who came from Germany to America at the same time as John Clinger. Both are buried in Chester county.

John Clinger, son of the emigrant, was born at Chester Springs, and died in Chester county, where he is buried, at Honeyville. He was a miller as well as farmer. He and his wife reared a large family, as follows: Jacob, who died at Honeyville, Pa.; Henry; Samuel, who died at Camden, N. J.; Dr. Peter, who died at Conestoga Center, Lancaster county, Pa.; Edgar, who died in Chester county; Margaret, Mrs. Richards; Anna, who married Thomas Pennington; and Hannah, Mrs. Booth.

Henry Clinger, son of John and grandson of the emigrant, was the father of Daniel Clinger, of Milton. He was born Sept. 29, 1796, in Chester county, Pa., near Honeyville, and lived in the same place thirty-six years, five months, four days, and was accidentally killed March 3, 1853. He is buried in the German cemetery in Limestone township. His

coming county. When a young man he learned tanning in Berks county with his uncle, Peter Clinger. On May 18, 1823, he was married in the city of Reading, and he ran the tanning business for his uncle. In 1828 he moved to Limestone township, Lycoming county, where he bought four hundred acres of land on which he also built a tannery; cleared up a large farm; bought a mill site and erected a grist and saw mill, along one of the streams in the township, and became one of the best known business men and counselors in all that section, his various interests bringing him into contact, in one relation or other, with almost all of the residents of the neighborhood. He continued to do business for many years, and served also as county commissioner, many years as justice of the peace, and as land surveyor and conveyancer. He was one of the leading Democrats of the county. In his early years he served as colonel of the battalion, a military organization established by the United States government, all the men of a certain age being obliged to do military service one day in a year. He was long an active member of the Reformed Church, in which he was an elder for many years. Fraternally he was a Mason.

On May 18, 1823, Mr. Clinger was married, at Reading, Pa., to Susanna Wagner, who was born in December, 1803, in Berks county, daughter of Abraham and Catharine (Greenwalt) Wagner, and died in October, 1869, aged sixty-five years, ten months, three days. Her grandfather, John Wagner, was a cavalrman in the Revolutionary war, and received a bad scalp wound but recovered and ended his days on his farm near Reading. Nine children were born to this union, namely: Mary, who married Michael Sypher, of Limestone township, Lycoming county, and who is now living near Antes Fort, Pa., with her daughter, Mrs. C. C. Bubb; Catharine, who married Adam Baker, formerly of Winchester, Va., and now resides at Newberry, Pa.; Susan A., who married John Knauff and resides at Milton, Pa.; John W., who died at Winchester, Va.; Abraham, who died at Williamsport, Pa.; Henry S., who died in Limestone township, Lycoming county; Jacob, who died in Limestone township; Daniel; and Edgar, who died aged five years.

Daniel Clinger received his education in the district schools in the neighborhood of his boyhood home. He lived there until 1866, working for his father until the latter's death, after which he was engaged for a few years with the duties of township officer. He then bought a farm in his native township, but after cultivating it a few years sold it and went to Williamsport, in the spring of 1866, there entering the grocery business with his brother Abraham. After fourteen months' association with him he sold out and came to Milton, in June, 1867. This borough has since been the field of his

business and home interests. He engaged at once in the planing mill and lumber business as a member of the firm of Balliet, Dreisbach & Clinger, conducting the mill established in 1854 by Balliet, Billmyer & Goodlander, who established the first plant of the kind in this section of the State. The mills are on Arch street, above Locust. Mr. Clinger soon bought out his partners, becoming sole owner of this, one of the largest business establishments in this district, and he retained his connection with the lumber business until 1906. His sons have since carried it on. This was one of the few industrial plants of Milton not destroyed in the great fire of May 14, 1880.

Though his active participation in the management of what was for years his principal business has ended Mr. Clinger has not by any means given up his other interests. In 1907 he was elected president of the Milton Trust & Safe Deposit Company, of which he has served many years as director or as well as member of the executive board, and this position he continues to fill with all the ability and judgment expected of him. He is a stockholder in numerous other local companies whose prosperity means the prosperity of the community, having been identified as such with the Milton Knitting Company, the Milton Water Company, the Milton Driving Park and Fair Association (of which he has been president), the Milton Creamery Association (of which he has been a director), the Milton Record Publishing Company (of which he has been a director), the variety of his interests showing how far reaching his relations with the life of the borough are.

In public capacities Mr. Clinger has proved himself particularly helpful in promoting the cause of education, having served as school director and treasurer of the school and building fund. In this connection it might also be stated that he is a director of Ursinus College. For years he has been an ardent Democrat and a worker in the interest of the party, having served as delegate to various State conventions and as delegate to the National convention at Chicago, in 1896, when W. J. Bryan was first nominated for the Presidency. He is a member of the Reformed Church, which he has served as elder for many years, and has been interested in the Y. M. C. A., of which he was formerly a director. Fraternally Mr. Clinger unites with the Masons, holding membership in Milton Lodge, No. 256, F. & A. M., and Williamsport Consistory, thirty-second degree, and all his sons are members of that fraternity.

In 1860 Mr. Clinger married Sarah Amanda Gann, who was born Sept. 19, 1839, daughter of Israel and Leah (Moore) Gann, of Lycoming county, and died Jan. 1, 1904, the mother of eight children, as follows: (1) Homer Gann, born July 16, 1861, died March 13, 1865. (2) Dora M., born March 11, 1866, died



June 6, 1871. (3) Harry R., born Jan. 6, 1868, is the head of the firm of D. Clinger's Sons, who conduct the Milton Planing Mill and lumber business. He has been twice married, his first wife, Crissie Fretz, of Philadelphia, born March 7, 1869, dying May 4, 1897. There were no children by that union. By his present wife, Florence Heinen, he has three children, Henry, Sarah and Virginia. (4) Edgar M., born May 16, 1872, a graduate of the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, lost his life in a bicycle accident Aug. 24, 1898. (5) Franklin W., born Dec. 18, 1874, graduated from the dental department of the University of Pennsylvania in 1899, and is practicing at Milton. He married Irene Fenton, of Baltimore, Md. (6) George W., born March 9, 1877, and educated at Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa., is now engaged with his brothers in the lumber and planing mill business. He married Marian Boyer, of Williamsport, Pa., and they have two children, George and Edgar B. (7) Joseph A., born Feb. 4, 1879, a graduate of the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, and now practicing medicine in Milton, married Sarah Buoy, eldest daughter of James Buoy. (8) Daniel, Jr., born March 25, 1882, a graduate of Cornell University, married Elsie Shay, of Williamsport. He is engaged with his brothers in the planing mill and lumber business under the firm name of D. Clinger's Sons.

**WILLIAM H. PENSYL**, of Mount Carmel, Northumberland county, present chief burgess of that borough and one of the long established business men of the place, has been one of its useful citizens throughout the quarter of a century of his residence there. He is a member of one of the oldest families of the county, being of the fifth generation of his line to live here.

The family name was originally Bentzel. Jacob Bentzel, the great-great-grandfather of William H. Pensyl, came to this country from Germany, his native land, and locating in Northumberland county, where Shamokin now stands, took up fifty acres of land, his residence being on the present site of the "Eagle Hotel." Abandoning this tract later, he took up two hundred acres in what is now Ralpho township, which property was later owned by David R. Pensyl, and is now the farm of William A. Geise. Jacob Bentzel died upon his farm in Ralpho township. His son, John, was the great-grandfather of William H. Pensyl.

John Bentzel, son of Jacob, was nine years old when his father settled at what is now Shamokin. He was one of the early settlers in Shamokin township and one of the organizers and original members of the old Blue Church (St. Peter's) in Ralpho township, donating one acre of ground for church purposes, upon which the edifice stands today. He was a good man, and a leader in his community. He died upon his homestead in Ralpho

township in April, 1849. He married Barbara Hinkle, who came to America from Germany, and they had five children: Katie (married Frederick Lebie), Leah (married John Fisner), John, George and Leonard.

John Pensyl, son of John, was born near Shamokin, Pa., in Shamokin township. When a young man he went to Sumbury, where he learned the shoemaking trade, following that calling for some time. Later he purchased a farm of two hundred acres at Union Corners, in Rush township, and there made his home for a number of years, later purchasing another farm, upon which he made his home until his death, in 1873, at the age of seventy-seven years. Mr. Pensyl was twice married, his first marriage being to Lydia Kaseman, by whom he had six children: George; John; Daniel, living at Danville, Pa.; Hannah, who married Charles Dimick and (second) John Hiney, and died near Philadelphia; Barbara, deceased, who was the wife of Henry Hill; and Catharine, who married Joseph Motter. Mr. Pensyl's second wife, whose maiden name was Mary Arter Heller, died at the age of eighty-seven years. She was the daughter of John and Mary Heller, of Elysburg, Pa. By this union there were seven children: Jacob, who died in 1861, aged twenty-six years; William, who lives at Elysburg, Pa.; Samuel, who died in 1897; Margaret, who died aged twenty years; Adam, of Elysburg; Henry, who died aged twenty years; and Francis, who was a merchant, postmaster and farmer at Pensyl, Columbia county.

George Pensyl, father of William H., was born May 14, 1818, in Rush township, Northumberland county, and there grew to manhood. He learned the trades of butcher and carpenter, but later, when he lived at Danville, Pa., he was a boss heater at the iron mill. In 1856 he removed to Shamokin township, where he bought the farm upon which he remained until 1875. He died July 7, 1880. Mr. Pensyl was a Union soldier in the Civil war, having enlisted Oct. 22, 1862, in Company H, 172d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served until honorably discharged, July 31, 1863.

George Pensyl married (first) Anna Vastine, of Rush township, who died in 1850, the mother of four children, namely: Billings died young; Thomas V., served in the Civil war, and died in 1870 (he married Malinda Reed); Helen M. married John L. Miller and had children, William, Emma and Olive; Ellis's child on record at the Philadelphia *Lancet* plant. Mr. Pensyl's second marriage was to Mary A. Vastine (a cousin of his first wife), of Rush township, who died Oct. 27, 1874, and who had three children: Hutton A., in line of the peace, of Sayre town, Pa.; Clara H., wife of G. A. Start, of Danville; and William H. Pensyl's third wife (he married Harriet Ammerman.

William H. Pensyl was born March 1, 1867, at



Elysburg, Northumberland county, where he received his education in the public schools. During his early life he assisted his father upon the farm. In 1881 he first came to Mount Carmel, where he learned the trade of painter, at which he was employed, in different places, for several years, in 1886 becoming a permanent resident of the borough. He established himself in business, selling paints, wall paper and stationery, and doing painting and paper hanging, continuing this for many years; he is now devoting himself entirely to papering and painting. Mr. Pensyl has made a substantial position for himself, and he is a director of the Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Company and President of the Anthracite Building & Loan Association of Mount Carmel.

On Jan. 2, 1890, Mr. Pensyl married Mary A. Morey, daughter of Julius Morey, of Jefferson county, Pa., but later of Mount Carmel. They have one daughter, Hazel, who is a graduate of the Mount Carmel high school.

Mr. Pensyl has shown considerable interest and useful activity in the affairs of the borough, and from 1900 to 1903 he was a member of the council, of which body he was president one year. On March 1, 1909, he was honored with election to the office of chief burgess. The confidence his fellow citizens have shown in him is the reward of his disinterested efforts for the improvement of the borough, especially his work regarding the streets. He had made an admirable official. Mr. Pensyl is a Republican in political sentiment. Socially he holds membership in the Sons of Veterans, P. O. S. of A. and I. O. O. F.

**SHIPMAN.** The Shipman family, which is numerous and creditably represented in Northumberland county, has been resident there for considerably more than a century, and has had representatives in this country from the earliest Colonial days. In the Old World it is of ancient record. The ancestor of these Shipmans was of Norman descent and was knighted by Henry III. of England in 1253 and given the following coat of arms: Gules, on a bend argent betwixt six estoiles, or, three pellets. Crest: A Leopard, sejant, spotted sa., resting his dexter paw on a ship's rudder. Motto: "Non stili sed opib." The family seat was at Sarrington, in Nottinghamshire. In 1635 Edward Shipman, a refugee from religious persecution, came to America in company with Hugh Peters, John Davenport, Theodore Fenwick and others, and settled at Saybrook, Conn. From him one American branch of the family is descended.

The following is taken from a family history in the possession of Judge Shipman, of Belvidere, N. J.: "William Shipman's father was one of the first settlers of Morristown, N. J., assisting in the erection of the first house built there. He and three of his brothers served with credit during the Revolu-

tionary war, and another relative died aboard the old 'Jersey' prison ship in Wallabout Bay. Jacob Shipman, brother of William, was one of the first settlers near Fisher's Ferry, Northumberland Co., Pa., where he bought a large tract of land and where he lived to a good old age. David Shipman (son of Jacob), born Feb. 26, 1809, bought the homestead near Fisher's Ferry and divided it with his brother Sylvanus, making two good-sized farms. John L. Shipman, son of David, who served with credit in the late Rebellion, is living in his native State and county."

Harmon Shipman, the progenitor of the Northumberland county Shipmans, was born in Germany in 1717 and emigrated to this country about 1740. He settled in what is now Harmony township, Warren Co., N. J., at a place known as Untertown, where he purchased 200 acres of land which he cleared, continuing to reside there until his death, March 8, 1805. He was the early settler at Morristown, N. J., referred to in the foregoing paragraph. He is buried at the Straw Church (St. James). Prior to the Revolutionary war he erected a stone house 28 by 30 feet. He was twice married, his first wife coming to America with him. She was the mother of five children: William, born June 9, 1756; Nicholas, born in 1758, who died in 1827; John; Christian; and a daughter, then died young. By his second wife, whose maiden name was Howe, he had six children: Jacob, born May 8, 1766, who died Feb. 24, 1848, his wife Rachel, born in 1770, died in 1828; Harmon, born April 28, 1775, who died March 24, 1854 (his wife Susanna, born May 21, 1787, died June 10, 1861, and their daughter Rebecca, born in 1827, died in 1847); David; Abram, born April 8, 1773, who was married Feb. 1, 1800, to Mary Eckman; Elizabeth; and Mary.

During the Revolutionary war Harmon Shipman aided the Revolutionists in many ways, contributing of his own time and means and sending four of his sons, William, Nicholas, John and Christian, into the service. At the close of the war this patriotic family was so impoverished that the older sons, with their families, moved to newer settlements, William and Nicholas coming to Pennsylvania and settling in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, in the spring of 1794. In 1802 the brothers Christian and Jacob settled in the same vicinity.

Jacob Shipman on coming from New Jersey settled on the farm in Lower Augusta township where Morris Snyder now lives, followed farming, and there died. He owned considerable land, his possessions including the farms now owned by Morris Snyder, Silas Snyder and Nicholas Renn. He was a Presbyterian in religious belief and is buried at the Presbyterian Church along the mountain, as is one of his two wives. By his first wife, whose maiden name was Munner, he had sons Jacob and Abra-

ham. His second wife, whose maiden name was Bird, was the mother of six children: David; John; James; Sylvanus; Betzy, who married Samuel Wynn; and Polly, who married Isaac Updegrove and, (second) John Ebright. Of these, Sylvanus Shipman died Dec. 9, 1887, aged seventy-three years, one month, eight days; his wife Harriet A. died Aug. 12, 1846, aged twenty-seven years, six months; his wife Rebecca died Oct. 30, 1902, aged seventy-five years, eight months, five days.

David Shipman, son of Jacob and grandson of Harmon, born Feb. 26, 1809, died March 17, 1897. From the time of his marriage until his death he lived at the place in Lower Augusta township where his daughter Lydia, widow of Silas R. Snyder, now lives. He was a farmer by occupation. His wife Eliza (Hintershot), daughter of John Hintershot, born in September, 1812, died Feb. 9, 1877, aged sixty-four years, four months, nineteen days. Mr. and Mrs. Shipman are buried in the Fisher's Ferry cemetery. They had the following children: Matilda married Joseph Porter; John Landis lives in Shamokin; Corinda died at the age of fifty-eight, unmarried; Lydia is the widow of Silas R. Snyder; Hiram A. is a resident of Carthage, Mo.; Harriet E. married Dr. H. K. Myers, who died in 1900, aged fifty-nine years, six days; Isaac E. resides in Kansas.

William Shipman, son of Harmon, was a native of New Jersey, born in Harmony township June 9, 1756, and died Jan. 23, 1844, in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, where he settled in 1794. He is buried at the Mountain Presbyterian Church in that township. As previously mentioned, he served in the Revolutionary war. On coming to Northumberland county with his brother Nicholas, in the spring of 1794, he purchased 150 acres of land, where he made his home, and subsequently made additional purchases until he owned a large acreage. Soon after the close of the Revolution he married Catherine Campbell, of Sussex county, N. J., and they had children as follows: John, Jacob, William, Abram, Johannah, Lizzie, Sara and Lydia.

John Shipman, son of William, was born Oct. 13, 1783, in Sussex county, N. J., and accompanied his parents to Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, where he was engaged in farming to the end of his days, dying April 8, 1850. He married Mary McKinney, who was born Jan. 25, 1786, daughter of Abraham and Abigail McKinney and granddaughter of William McKinney, a native of Ireland, born Aug. 20, 1723, who died Oct. 24, 1777; his wife, Hannah, born Sept. 9, 1739, died March 18, 1765; they lived in Warren county, N. J. Mrs. Shipman died March 10, 1851. She was the mother of eleven children, born as follows: Abraham, March 10, 1810 (died Aug. 8, 1878); Sarah, Sept. 14, 1811 (died Nov. 2, 1883); Isaac, Aug. 5, 1813 (died April 1, 1836, by accident, in

the prime of life and health); Jacob, Jan. 1, 1816 (died Oct. 3, 1890; his son Luther died Feb. 5, 1891, aged thirty-eight years, five months, twenty days); Abigail, Oct. 11, 1817 (died March 23, 1880); William C., Oct. 31, 1819; Rachel E., Dec. 13, 1821 (died Oct. 22, 1824); James M., Jan. 25, 1824 (died Oct. 24, 1824); John, Dec. 25, 1825 (died Sept. 5, 1881); Samuel H., Nov. 30, 1828 (died April 15, 1864; his wife Catherine died July 9, 1905, aged seventy-nine years, one month, nine days); Peter, Aug. 11, 1833.

Abraham Shipman, eldest son of John and Mary (McKinney) Shipman, was born March 10, 1810, in Lower Augusta township, where he passed all his life, dying Aug. 8, 1878, on the old farm homestead. He received only such advantages as the common schools of the day afforded, but he became well educated by following the bent of his own inclinations. He studied civil engineering under David Andrews and learned surveying, which he followed from March, 1836, throughout his active years, serving several years as county surveyor. In addition to farming he carried on milling, building what is known as the Shipman mill, a large gristmill in Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, and in connection with his work as surveyor he did considerable conveyancing. He served as associate judge under Judge Jordan for a period of ten years, being first elected in 1861 and reelected in 1866; and subsequently was justice of the peace in Lower Augusta township for several years. In politics he was an ardent Democrat and one of the local party leaders, for a long time the recognized leader in this county. He was also active in his earlier years in local military matters, serving as a member of the Jackson Rifles from 1829 to 1836. He was a large, athletic man, of fine appearance, and his presence added much to gatherings of that kind.

On Feb. 14, 1837, Mr. Shipman married Elizabeth Yoxthimer, who died April 8, 1892. Their union was blessed with eleven children, all born in Lower Augusta township, ten of whom reached maturity: (1) Lemuel, born Dec. 15, 1838, is mentioned below; (2) Matilda, born Aug. 19, 1840, was married Aug. 12, 1879, to John Baum, of Lower Augusta township, a successful farmer of Rockledge township; (3) Mark, born April 24, 1842, died in June, 1879. He enlisted in the Union army soon after the opening of the Civil war and remained in active service until its close, being stationed first at the time at Key West, Fla., and South's nineteenth Maine. (4) Ruth, born Aug. 6, 1844, married Oct. 14, 1867, Joseph Cross, Jr., of Rockledge township; (5) Ann, born Nov. 25, 1847, died Jan. 7, 1908. On Nov. 17, 1866, she married Arthur S. Snider, who is buried in the pioneer graves at Specerville. (6) David, Oct. 15, 1849, married Jan. 25, 1871, to



1850, married Franklin Mayberry. (8) Silas, born April 30, 1853, died Aug. 14, 1853. (9) Ira is mentioned below. (10) Walter, born Aug. 3, 1856, was a lawyer by profession and had long been justice of the peace at Sunbury, where he resided. He married April 30, 1878, Josephine M. Col-dren, and they had three children, Lida M., Carrie G. and James F. (11) Jefferson, born Feb. 24, 1859, is a successful attorney at Mount Carmel, Pennsylvania.

Leuel Shipman, son of Abraham, born Dec. 15, 1838, received his education in the public schools and at the New Berlin Academy. In his early life he worked for his father on the farm and in the saw and grist mill, and also taught school for a number of years. On Oct. 30, 1862, he enlisted in Company D (Capt. Edwin A. Evans), 3d Pennsylvania Volunteer Artillery, 152d Pennsylvania Regiment. He entered the service as first sergeant, was promoted to second lieutenant of his company May 16, 1864, and served as such to the close of the war. While officer of the day at Fortress Monroe he had charge of a distinguished prisoner, Jeff. Davis, the president of the Confederacy. Upon his return from the army he was engaged in business as a merchant until elected register of wills, recorder of deeds and clerk of the Orphans' court, in 1873, serving as such from 1874 to 1880, and also filled other positions of trust and honor while a resident of Northumberland county. He was in the railroad contracting business for seven years, in 1887 removing to Lewisburg, Union county, where he became prominent in business circles. He was prominent in building up a nail mill, steam car axle forge and furniture factory (the latter being the Lewisburg Furniture Works); and in 1889 removed to West Virginia, where he engaged in the lumbering business. He is now a resident of Meridian, Miss., engaged in the manufacture of lumber and other enterprises.

On Sept. 27, 1860, Mr. Shipman married Maria Bloom, who was born Aug. 16, 1842, daughter of William Bloom, and they had a family of six children, viz.: William A. is mentioned below; D. Webster, born March 1, 1863, a practicing attorney, has been district attorney of Northumberland county; Edwin H., born Oct. 30, 1867, is employed by the Shamokin Street Railway Company; Lizzie, born Aug. 10, 1869, died Aug. 19, 1871; Charles C., born Oct. 2, 1872, died Dec. 11, 1874; Augusta, born March 19, 1874, married S. C. Yocum, who is superintendent of schools of Coal township, Northumberland county.

WILLIAM A. SHIPMAN, now engaged in the undertaking business at No. 701 Market street, Sunbury, Northumberland county, was born Sept. 11, 1861, in Rockefeller township, this county. He began his education there in the local schools and was ten years old when he came with his parents to Sunbury, where he attended the high school.

Later he became a student at Bucknell College, from which he was graduated in 1886, and in the spring of 1887 he opened a furniture store at Selingsgrove, Snyder Co., Pa., where he was located until the spring of 1889, since when he has been established at Sunbury. He has made a specialty of undertaking, in which line he is a leader in this section, receiving his full share of the local patronage. His personal and business standing has been won by upright methods, able management and fair treatment of his customers.

On Oct. 10, 1888, Mr. Shipman married Annie E. Snyder, daughter of Thomas Snyder, of Sunbury, and they have a family of five children: Myrtle E., Russel C., Harley N., William A., Jr., and Helen.

Mr. Shipman is a prominent member of the Baptist Church, which he has served many years as superintendent of the Sunday school, as well as in other capacities. Fraternally he belongs to Maclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M., the Modern Woodmen and the Sons of Veterans.

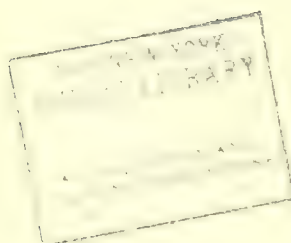
SAMUEL SHIPMAN, son of Abraham, was born in Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township Jan. 4, 1844.

Reared to labor on the farm, and in the saw and grist mills, with the limited educational advantages of a country school, in August, 1862, the darkest days of the Rebellion, he entered the Union army as a volunteer for nine months' service, in the old 5th Corps, participating in the campaigns of Antietam, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. After his discharge, at the end of his term of service, being in too delicate health for hard labor, he took a preparatory collegiate course in Freeburg Academy, but his limited means prevented him from going further. In 1864 he began his pedagogical career by taking charge of a public school in his own district.

In 1869 he was elected superintendent of schools of his native county, and reelected in 1872, serving six years in all. In this position he made a very efficient officer. Characterized as a hard worker, he followed up what he undertook with an energy and perseverance worthy of imitation. Punctual in all his appointments, he allowed nothing to interrupt the fulfillment of his engagements. By his thorough course he greatly elevated the grade of the schools of the county.

In the summer of 1870 he conducted a local normal school at Shamokin—the first movement of the kind in this section of the country and a most gratifying success. He has the reputation of having been the most efficient examining officer that ever filled the position of school superintendent of this county; also, the credit of having held the best series of institutes ever held in the county. The annual reports prepared by him as superintendent of schools are concise, pithy, suggestive







*Ira Shipman*

and out-poken documents and form a valuable contribution to the county school literature. An independent thinker, he is positive in his opinions and actions, conscientious in the discharge of duties, just and unyielding in what he believes to be right.

He is a member of the G. A. R., has served as secretary of church and joint councils; secretary of his own lodge, and representative to the grand lodge, I. O. O. F.; is secretary-treasurer of Plum Creek Cemetery Company (incorporated), of which he was the organizer, and is now serving his nineteenth year, by annual election, as secretary of a local mutual fire insurance company, incorporated. He resides in Rockefeller township, and is engaged in agricultural and horticultural pursuits, his work in these occupations being excellent object lessons, and his advice and suggestions eagerly sought by the most progressive people engaged in the same pursuits.

Mr. Shipman married July 13, 1869, Lucinda Fasold, who was born Sept. 20, 1847. They had nine children, eight sons and one daughter, all still living, seven of whom were teachers in the public schools; only one has remained in that work, the second being a supervising principal in the Philadelphia schools. The record of this family is as follows: (1) Warren Lee graduated from the Millersville normal school, supplementing this course with a special course at Valparaiso, Ind., and also graduated from the Dickinson Law School, Carlisle, Pa.; he now resides in Arkansas, engaged in farming and stock raising. (2) Gordon Bryant, a graduate of Millersville State normal school, supplemented his work there by an extended course, and is now a public school principal in Philadelphia. (3) Cullen Frazer, a graduate of Bucknell University, and Hon. S. P. Wolverton's last law student, is now a practicing attorney at Sunbury. (4) Ivan Vernon, a graduate of the Pennsylvania Dental College, Philadelphia, is now practicing dentistry at Sunbury. (5) Melville M. is a carrier in the mail service from the Philadelphia post office. (6) Truman G. is in the government service, in the United States weather bureau. (7) Grover C. served his apprenticeship as a patternmaker at Bahlwin's, Philadelphia, and is now engaged as a skilled workman at his trade, in Danville. (8) Catherine E., the only daughter, married Charles W. Gearhart, and resides at Sunbury. (9) Don Benito is now a junior student in the Sunbury high school.

IRVY SALEMAN, son of Abraham, was born in Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, this county, May 17, 1854. It is a coincidence that the year of his birth was the year the office of county superintendent of schools, in which he served efficiently for six years, was established. He received his early education in the country schools near his

birthplace, attended also at New Bloomfield, Perry county, and was later a student at the Freeburg Academy and the Shippensburg normal school. He began to teach at the age of seventeen and found his principal work in that profession to the end of his days. The first four years he was engaged in his native township, after which he was chosen a teacher for Sunbury, in which borough he followed his profession, as teacher, principal and superintendent, for nearly thirty years. There is hardly any one educator whose influence on the schools of the borough has been so strong or so lasting. In 1893 he was chosen county superintendent of schools, and held that office until 1899, after which, until his death, he was borough superintendent. At a meeting of the board of education held May 2, 1905, his term of office was extended for a period of three years, he being elected without opposition and at an increased salary. Had he lived, he would have entered upon the duties of principal of the Herndon (Northumberland county) schools, to which position he had been chosen, and which opened the day before his death. Such is a brief statement of the various capacities in which his services were given. Of his work, none who knew him had anything but words of praise. During his incumbency as superintendent the country schools were especially benefited, being graded and brought to a high state of efficiency, and he was equally zealous in his work at Sunbury. Indefatigable in his own efforts, he expected the same degree of industry and enthusiasm from all the teachers coöperating with him, but he was appreciative and just, winning their loyalty and support as well as their best exertions. He died Aug. 31, 1909, at the age of fifty-five years, mourned by all who knew him. The following explains it self:

"WHEREAS: Since the last meeting of the Northumberland County Teachers' Institute, God, in His allwise providence, has seen fit to remove, by death, from the ranks of our profession, Prof. Ira Shipman of the borough of Sunbury.

"WHEREAS: By the death of Prof. Shipman, the County has lost an educator who, by persistent effort, indefatigable work and intelligent application, placed himself at the head of the schools of the County and of the borough of Sunbury, and,

"WHEREAS: By the death of Prof. Shipman we have lost a sincere friend, a wise counselor, and a splendid leader in the positions which he so ably filled, a self-made man, attentive to his duties, a real help to the teachers, a model school man, and, as Dr. Schaeffer puts it, "One of the three great County Superintendents of the State"—the graded course of study, monthly reviews, final examinations, and the granting of diplomas, stand out as monuments of his work:

"Resolved: Be it resolved that we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family in its



affliction, and commend it to Him who doeth all things well. \* \* \*

"Be it further resolved: That these resolutions be recorded on the minutes of the Northumberland County Teachers' Institute, and that copies of the same be sent to the bereaved families." The document bears the signatures of the seven members of the Memorial committee.

It was not alone in the schools that Mr. Shipman served his community well. When a young man he studied surveying with his father, spending his holidays at the work, and in 1882 was appointed county surveyor to succeed E. M. Purdy, who had resigned, filling the position until the next election, in 1883. He also gained considerable knowledge of civil engineering under his father, and after his father's death became custodian of the notes of many important surveys. He attained a high reputation as a civil engineer, and served the borough of Sunbury in that capacity for five years, during which time the first section of street paving was laid there, under his supervision. He filled this position while teaching, resigning it in 1893, when elected county superintendent of schools. He was for a time borough regulator, and served Rockefeller township as justice of the peace.

Mr. Shipman's life was in every respect an example of unselfish devotion to the ideals he cherished, and the strength of character he displayed in carrying out his plans, especially in his educational work, is referred to with pride by all who knew him. Though timidity marked all his actions, even to the last. Realizing a few days before his death that the end was near, he made complete arrangements for his funeral and interment, sparing his family and friends as many of the sad duties as possible. He passed away at his home on Catawissa avenue, and was laid to rest in Pontefract Manor cemetery. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church from early life to the end of his days, but as the First Presbyterian church of Sunbury was undergoing repairs at the time of his decease the funeral services were held in the First Baptist church. Fraternally Mr. Shipman held membership in Lodge No. 267, B. P. O. Elks, the Sovereign Patriotic Knights, the I. O. O. F., the P. O. S. of A. and the Royal Arcanum.

On April 27, 1876, Mr. Shipman married Theresa Miller, daughter of Solomon and Caroline (Kline) Miller, who lived in Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, where Mr. Miller was the owner of a large farm, which he cultivated. Three children were born to this union, Herbert M. (deceased), Ralph, and Waldo. Upon the death of his father Mr. Shipman purchased the old family homestead, where he had spent his early life, remodelled the dwelling, and there made his home for eight or ten years.

RALPH SHIPMAN, son of Ira, was born Aug. 13,

1879. He received a common school education in Sunbury and attended the Bloomsburg State Normal School at Bloomsburg, Pa. Later he served an apprenticeship to the trade of machinist. In December, 1908, his father became connected with the Shipman Instrument Company, which manufactures speed indicators for use on automobiles and railroads, and Ralph Shipman became secretary and treasurer of the concern after the death of his father. This company produced the first successful speed indicator built on the escapement principle, recording the speed in miles per hour, trip and season distances, and trip and season running hours. Mr. Shipman is an enterprising young business man, and a citizen of promising value to the community. He is a member of Lodge No. 267, B. P. O. Elks, of the Royal Arcanum and of the Modern Woodmen of America. In 1907 he married Della Daniels, and they have had one son, Baldo.

WALDO SHIPMAN, son of Ira, was born Feb. 2, 1882, in Lower Augusta township, graduated from the Sunbury high school in 1901, and subsequently attended the Pratt Institute, at Brooklyn, N. Y., taking the electrical course, and graduating in 1905. Meantime he had been in the employ of the Westinghouse Company, extensive manufacturers of electrical supplies, and after his graduation he engaged in the electrical contracting business at Lewistown, Pa., for two years. He then began as a salesman for the Elliott Lewis Electric Company of Philadelphia, his territory being northeastern Pennsylvania and the lower end of New York State. His thorough familiarity with the products he handles makes his services particularly efficient. He is a member of Lodge No. 663, B. P. O. E., of Lewistown; of Sunbury Council, Royal Arcanum; and of Lewistown Lodge, No. 203, F. & A. M., Caldwell Consistory, of Bloomsburg, and Irem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Wilkes-Barre. He also belongs to U. C. T. Council, No. 350, of Williamsport, Pa. On March 21, 1906, Mr. Shipman married Sarah Maud Kauffman. They have no children.

WALTER SHIPMAN, lawyer and justice of the peace, late of Sunbury, was for many years one of the prominent residents of that borough, well known in his earlier years as a public school teacher and later as a successful member of the legal profession.

Mr. Shipman was born Aug. 3, 1856, in Lower Augusta township, this county, son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Yoxtheimer) Shipman. In his early life he attended the Freeburg Academy, later becoming a student at the Millersville State Normal school, after which he was engaged as an educator for fifteen years, in the public schools of Sunbury, where he won especial reputation for thoroughness and skill as a disciplinarian. During

the latter part of this period he studied law under George B. Reimensnyder, Esq., of Sunbury, was admitted to the bar in 1885, and made a decided success as a legal practitioner. He had an extensive practice, handling many important cases not only in the lower courts but also in the Supreme court, and had an especially large practice in the Orphans' court of the county. His standing among the members of his profession may be judged from the fact that he served for over ten years as member of the examining committee of the county bar, giving his services without compensation. He filled a number of public positions, for the most part in the line of his chosen work, being borough solicitor two years (at the time his brother Ira Shipman was borough regulator), holding this office under two Republican chief burgesses—Peter Bowen and Jacob Renn—though he himself was a Democrat. In 1893 he was elected justice of the peace on the Democratic ticket, by a majority of 283, and in 1898 was reelected by a majority of 1,100, continuing to serve until his death, at which time he was filling his fourth term. In 1901 he was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for president judge, and received flattering indorsement, carrying every ward in his own city, though he did not receive the nomination. The Shipmans generally have been prominent in public affairs and politics, and he proved no exception to the rule, gaining and maintaining honorable standing in the life of the community.

Mr. Shipman died July 21, 1911, at his home in Sunbury, after about a year's illness and suffering, during which he underwent three fruitless operations. The simple but impressive funeral services, held at the house, were conducted by Rev. Robert O'Boyle, assisted by Rev. Richard Gass, of Elysburg, and Rev. Walter W. C. Pugh, of Sunbury, and were largely attended. The members of the Northumberland County Bar Association and other organizations to which Mr. Shipman belonged attended in a body. The interment at Pomfret Manor cemetery was private, though the ritual of the B. P. O. Elks, of which he was a prominent member, was observed. The acting pallbearers, nephews of Mr. Shipman, were Dr. H. W. Gass, Dr. I. V. Shipman, Ralph Shipman, D. W. Shipman, Esq., Frazer Shipman, Esq., and R. Ira Gass. The honorary pallbearers were Hon. C. R. Savidge, Hon. Vans Auten, Hon. C. B. Witmer, Harry S. Knight, H. W. Cummings and John V. Lasher.

Mr. Shipman was one of the most prominent members of Lodge No. 267, B. P. O. Elks, a past exalted ruler of that body, and represented the lodge at the convention held in Salt Lake City in 1902. He was also a member of Washington Camp No. 194, P. O. S. of A., Lance and Shield Conclave and the Royal Arcanum.

Mr. Shipman married Claudine Fasold, daughter of Solomon W. and Maranda (Kimble) Fasold,

the former of whom, a farmer of Rockefeller township, died July 16, 1905. Mrs. Shipman survives, as do also the three children of Mr. Shipman by a former union: Lida Maude, now Mrs. William Gassman, of Sunbury; Carrie Glen, now Mrs. Charles D. Keefer, of Sunbury; and James Fay, a graduate of the Dickinson Law School, who was admitted to practice in Northumberland county but is now a practicing attorney at Moundsville, West Virginia.

Joseph Shipman was a farmer in what is now Lower Augusta township, owning a farm which was later the property of his son John B., who sold it to one James H. Smith. Joseph Shipman is buried at the Mountain Presbyterian Church. He married Mary, daughter of John Bergstresser, and nine children were born to this union, viz.: Elizabeth married Matthew DeWitt; John B. is mentioned below; Phoebe married William P. Koontz, who died May 23, 1854, aged twenty-five years, eleven months, and she subsequently married George McCarthy; Nicholas lives in Ohio; Lot, who was a school teacher, later interested in a grain elevator, died April 1, 1904, in Ohio, aged seventy years, five months, ten days, and is buried in the West; Jennima married John Ditty and died Aug. 2, 1904, aged sixty-one years, ten days (she is buried at Shamokin, Pa.); Adaline, who was the wife of Robert Feaster, died May 12, 1891, aged forty-five years, five months, eleven days, and is buried at the Baptist Church at Augusta; Catharine died July 26, 1836, aged eight years, fourteen days; Joseph married Harriet Read, and died Oct. 20, 1845, aged forty-two years, one month, eight days.

JOHN B. SHIPMAN was a native of Lower Augusta township, born March 23, 1830, and died July 18, 1906, on his farm near Vera Cruz (Malta post office), in Lower Mahanoy township. He was a lifelong farmer, a substantial and respected citizen, one who held the good will and esteem of all who knew him. Reared in his native township, he afterward owned his father's farm there, selling it to James H. Smith before he settled in Lower Mahanoy. In 1884 he had a farm of 144 acres in the latter township (formerly owned by John Underkoffler), and there passed the remainder of his days. It was the old original David Underkoffler homestead and was settled by a Witmer; the house is a ponderous log structure and one of the landmarks of that section.

In 1883 Mr. Shipman married Emma J. DeWitt, daughter of Paul and Abigail (Shipman) DeWitt, of Lower Augusta township, and the following year, as above mentioned, they moved to the farm in Lower Mahanoy township where Mr. Shipman followed farming until his death. As they were English-speaking people they had some difficulty at first in their social intercourse with their German neighbors. Two children were born



to Mr. and Mrs. Shipman: Carrie Abigail, who died in infancy, and Franklin Clyde. The son farms the homestead place, where he and his mother continue to make their home, and he is an industrious and respected young man, intelligent and up-to-date in his agricultural methods, which have been attended with excellent results. He received his early education in the local schools and later attended summer normal school at Georgetown.

Mr. Shipman was a Presbyterian in religious connection and is buried at the Mountain Presbyterian Church.

**WILLIAM L. DEWART**, of Sunbury, editor and proprietor of the *Sunbury Democrat* and the *Northumberland County Democrat*, wields in that connection an appreciable influence upon public sentiment and progress in that community. His father and grandfather were men of character and force, both representatives in the National Legislature, and the name has long been associated in Pennsylvania with leadership in the Democratic party.

William Dewart, the great-grandfather of William L. Dewart, was born in 1740 in Ireland, and came thence to America in 1765, first settling in Chester county, Pa. He was in such favorable circumstances that he paid his passage money after his arrival, working for five dollars a month, but industry and thrift soon brought their reward. He came to Sunbury, where he opened a store in 1775, just three years after the organization of Northumberland county. He was the second merchant at that point, and his store was the first in the town, a log building on Chestnut street, between Second and Center streets. Subsequently he purchased ground on the north side of Market street, where he built a brick residence and store, and he made a success of his business, accumulating considerable property. He was constable of Augusta township as early as 1777. He died July 25, 1814, aged seventy-four years. His wife, Eleanor, died Sept. 17, 1805, aged fifty-eight years, ten months, twenty-four days. They had a large family of children, most of whom, however, died in youth. We have record of the two sons William, Jr., and Lewis, the latter of whom was the grandfather of the present William L. Dewart, of Sunbury. William Dewart, Jr., died Nov. 12, 1810, aged thirty-two years, one month, twenty-three days; he married Liberty Brady, who was born Aug. 9, 1778, daughter of John and Mary Brady, and died July 25, 1851. Their son, William, born Nov. 24, 1806, died May 18, 1841; he was a well known merchant at Sunbury.

Hon. Lewis Dewart, son of William and Eleanor Dewart, was born in Sunbury Nov. 14, 1789, when the place was little more than a military post in the wilderness. For a number of years he was his

father's assistant in the store, and was postmaster at Sunbury from 1806 until 1816, but his public career began when he was a comparatively young man and covered many years. From 1812 to 1820 he represented his district in the State Assembly and in 1823 was elected State senator to succeed Albright, deceased, serving three years in that capacity. In 1830 he was elected a member of the Twenty-second Congress from what is now the Seventeenth district and was reelected in 1832. In 1834 he was honored with reelection to the State Legislature, in which he resumed his seat and served three terms, until 1840, during the last year of that period being honored with the speakership of the House. In 1839 he was chief Burgess of Sunbury, and for many years he was a member of the School Board. Mr. Dewart was not only a highly capable public servant, but a citizen who benefited the community equally in his activity in the development of industrial enterprises, noteworthy among which was the Danville & Pottsville railroad, which, in company with Stephen Girard, of Philadelphia, and Gen. Daniel Montgomery, of Danville, he organized and built; Mr. Dewart was one of the first directors of this road and served as such for many years. He and Stephen Girard were the pioneers in the Schuylkill county coal fields, and they had large holdings of valuable coal property in the vicinity of Shamokin, this county, as well as in Schuylkill county. Their idea was to uncover the coal, instead of tunneling, but the process proved too expensive to be practicable. Mr. Dewart was identified with the promotion or realization of many of the most advanced improvements of his day and was, indeed, one of the most prominent citizens in central Pennsylvania, but his business undertakings were particularly helpful to the opening up of the territory north of Sunbury. In 1840, the year he retired from active business pursuits, he was a Democratic candidate for the nomination for governor. He was succeeded in the leadership of the party by his son, William Lewis Dewart, who carried the honor of the name into even greater usefulness than his father had attempted. Lewis Dewart was associated with the most noted men of his time, being a warm friend of Andrew Jackson, and his influential connections gave him the opportunity to do much for his home community that would have been impossible for one less powerful or valuable personally. He was a man of fine presence, commanding attention and respect wherever he went. His death occurred April 26, 1852, when he was seventy-one years old, and his remains rest in a vault at Sunbury. He married Elizabeth Liggett, a native of Chester county, Pennsylvania.

Hon. William Lewis Dewart, only son of Lewis and Elizabeth (Liggett) Dewart, was born June 21, 1821, at Sunbury, and received his education at various places. His early training was largely



received at Harrisburg, where the family were located during the many sessions his father served in the State Legislature, and he took his preparatory collegiate course at Dickinson Preparatory School, Carlisle, Pa., after graduating from which institution he entered Princeton as a sophomore, in 1836. He was graduated from that university in 1839, read law with Hon. Charles G. Donnel, of Sunbury, and was admitted to the bar Jan. 3, 1843. The law was his chosen vocation, and he practiced for many years in partnership with the famous Capt. Charles J. Bruner, of Sunbury, but his forceful nature and the circumstances of his father's failing health and consequent retirement drew him into business and public affairs, for which he proved to be eminently fitted. In 1845-46 he served as chief Burgess of Sunbury, and at that time he was already regarded as the local party leader, a supremacy which was accorded him until 1870, for a quarter of a century. During that period he was regarded as the foremost man in Northumberland county. In 1850 his father's health failed, forcing him to assume business cares which were too important to be intrusted elsewhere. His private interests were very extensive, and he was long a director of the Northumberland National Bank (now known as the First National Bank of Sunbury). In 1852 he was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention at Baltimore, in 1856 to the Cincinnati Convention and in 1860 to the "Douglas" Convention, the same year being a Pennsylvania elector on the Douglas ticket. In 1884 he was a delegate to the Chicago Convention which nominated Cleveland for President. In 1856 he was elected a member of the Thirty-fifth Congress. A portly gentleman, of fine appearance and genial disposition, he was an attractive as well as prominent figure in society, and held a notable place in all the activities of his day. He was a Mason in fraternal connection and a Presbyterian in religion. His death occurred in Sunbury April 19, 1888.

On June 21, 1848, Mr. Dewart married Rosetta Van Horn, daughter of Espy Van Horn, of Williamsport, and they reared two sons. Mrs. Dewart survived her husband. In 1853 Mr. Dewart took his family to Europe, spending about a year traveling over England, Scotland, Ireland, France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland and other places of interest and attraction.

It is a coincidence worthy of note that Espy Van Horn, of Williamsport, father of Mrs. Dewart, was the direct predecessor in Congress of Mr. Dewart's father; and that William Wilson, her stepfather, was her father's predecessor in that legislative body.

Lewis Dewart, son of Hon. William Lewis Dewart, was born May 6, 1849, in Sunbury. After attending the common schools he took a preparatory course at Columbia, Pa., and Edge Hill, and then

entered Princeton, graduating therefrom in 1872. He read law with the late Judge Jordan, and was admitted to the bar in 1874. He received the degree of Master of Arts from his alma mater. In 1875 Mr. Dewart was elected borough clerk, which office he held one term, and in 1877 was elected district attorney. Like others of the name he was an energetic worker in the Democratic party, having been a member of the central committee, and delegate to county, district, State and national conventions, among them the convention at which Pattison was nominated for governor and the convention in 1892 when Cleveland received the nomination. He was a member of Sunbury Lodge, No. 22, F. & A. M. He died Aug. 27, 1901, unmarried.

William L. Dewart, son of William Lewis and Rosetta (Van Horn) Dewart, was born March 24, 1858, in Washington, D. C., while his father was a member of Congress. After receiving his elementary training he was a student for two years at the Pennsylvania Military Academy, at Chester, thence going to the Shoemaker Academy, at Chambersburg, from which he was graduated in 1877. Returning to Sunbury he commenced to learn the printing and newspaper business, reporting for the *Daily* and the *Northumberland County Democrat*, and in time becoming city editor of the *Daily*, in which he purchased an interest Jan. 1, 1880. He has been associated with that paper as editor and proprietor ever since, and in the same capacity with the *Northumberland County Democrat*, both of which papers have been under the same ownership and management throughout that period.

Though he has never had any personal official aspirations, and has never been a candidate for any political office, Mr. Dewart has upheld the reputation of his family as a stalwart of the Democratic party, and has served as delegate to many conventions. In 1884 he was alternate at the national convention held at Chicago, which gave Grover Cleveland his first nomination for the Presidency; in 1892, when Cleveland was nominated for the third time, he was a delegate to the national convention; and he was again a delegate in 1904, at St. Louis, when Anton R. Parker received the nomination.

Mr. Dewart is a member of Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M., and Calvary Commandery, No. 24, K. T., all of Sunbury; is hostmaster of one of the Executive Offices at Sunbury; and, in all of these, and maintains considerable activity in the social life of the city, being noted for his hospitable and companionable nature.

In 1897 Mr. Dewart married Edna Grant, daughter of the late William T. Grant, of Sunbury, and the issue born to them are three sons, William Lewis, Lewis and Gilbert F.

WILLIAM Z. RAKER has been identified with mercantile business at Trevorton for over fifty years, having first come to this place in 1858. With the exception of a few years spent in the South he has lived there ever since. He became interested in his present establishment in 1899.

Mr. Raker was born Nov. 2, 1834, in Little Mahanoy township, this county, son of Jacob Raker. The latter was born in that township in 1808 and there spent all his life. By occupation he was a farmer and tanner, tanning being his main occupation. He was a man of considerable prominence in the locality in his day, served as justice of the peace, school director, and in other offices, and was one time a candidate for county sheriff, but was defeated by a very small majority. Politically he was quite an active member of the Democratic party. He died Dec. 28, 1859, aged fifty-one years, eight months, two days, and is buried in Little Mahanoy township. He married Barbara Zartman, and they became the parents of fourteen children, namely: Harry, Lucinda, William Z., Daniel, Abbie, Cornelius, Samuel, Enoch, Rebecca, Conrad, Alice, Joseph, and two that died in infancy.

William Z. Raker attended pay schools conducted in the home territory in his youth, and later had the advantages of two terms at Freeburg Academy and one term at Berksburg. For two terms he was engaged in teaching, one in Lower Augusta township and one in Little Mahanoy township, after which he found employment as clerk for William Deppen, in Jackson township, and also at Trevorton, whither he came in 1858. After three years in his employ he became a clerk for Mowton & Co., with whom he remained two years, in 1861 engaging in a general mercantile business on his own account. He carried on this store until 1874, when he gave up the business to go South, being in South Carolina for some time. After a lapse of eight years he became assistant to the postmaster at Trevorton, continuing as such for three years, when he reëntered business life as member of the firm of Raker & Kostetter, on Feb. 17, 1899, his associate being Isaac Kostetter. They continued to do business together until May, 1903, when Mr. Raker became sole proprietor of the store, which he still conducts.

Mr. Raker has long been associated with the public affairs of the community, having served ten years as tax collector, one term as assessor, and also as auditor, giving faithful service in all these trusts. He is a Democrat in political connection. In religion he is a Lutheran, one of the workers in his church, which he has served in an official capacity; for twelve years he was superintendent of the Sunday school.

Mr. Raker married Charlotte Malich, daughter of Jacob Malich, and they have had four children: Emma, the widow of Philip C. Breimeier, has one

son, Frederick W., a graduate of Bucknell College, class of 1910, now a teacher at State College; Katie is the wife of D. W. Rantz, of Trevorton, and has sons W. Stanley and Robert; J. Wilson lives at Trevorton; Eva A. married Fred Walt, of Trevorton, and they have children, Charlotte S. and Roger William.

JAMES H. STRAUB, president and general manager of the Croninger Packing Company, is an active and successful business man of Shamokin, where he has made his home since 1894.

The Straub family originally came from Germany. George Straub, grandfather of James H., lived in Schuylkill county, Pa., where he was engaged in farming in the Mahantango Valley, owning a farm of 260 acres of good land. He died in Deep Creek Valley, in that county, in 1858, aged fifty-three years, and was buried there. His wife, Bevie Zerba, daughter of John Zerba, died aged ninety-six years, and was buried at Williamstown, Dauphin county. They were the parents of ten children, as follows: John, who died in Schuylkill county; George, who died in Schuylkill county; Elias, who died at Shamokin; Joseph, who died at Girardville, Pa.; Daniel, living at Williamstown; Moses, who died young; Henry, who served in the Civil war and died one week after his release from Andersonville prison; Emanuel, born in the Mahantango Valley Nov. 5, 1843, who served as a private in Company D, 48th Pa. V. L., in the Civil war, and now lives in Shamokin; Harriet, who married David Crone, and died in Schuylkill county; and Tobias, living at Wiconisco, Pennsylvania.

Daniel Straub, son of George, was born in the Mahantango Valley, and followed farming in his youth. He now resides in Dauphin county, at Williamstown, where in connection with farming he has a fine teaming business. He married Lucy Derr, of Schuylkill county, and their children are: John, who is in the real estate business in Los Angeles, Cal.; James H.; Lena, who married J. N. Weidel, of Altoona, Pa.; Charles, a miner at Williamstown; and Mamie, who married Albert Skelton, an engineer at Williamstown.

James H. Straub was born near Hegins, Schuylkill county, March 25, 1866. He attended the schools of Dauphin county, and on starting out to earn his own way began as a miner, a line of work he followed until he was twenty-six years of age. In 1887 he went to Kansas, and two years later to Colorado, following mining in the latter State. On his return East he located at Williamstown, Dauphin county, and was there engaged in mining until 1894, when he came to Shamokin. Here he learned the butcher's trade with his uncle, Elias Straub, and after a short time he and his uncle formed a partnership under the name of Straub & Co., which continued for three years. The uncle retiring Mr. Straub carried the business on alone,



and made a great success of it. He was located at No. 104 South Market street, and in April, 1905, sold his business to Paul & Pensyl. In October, 1906, he had become president of the Croninger Packing Company, and in order to give his whole attention to the development of this business he was obliged to give up his private establishment. He is also general manager for the company, which is doing one of the largest businesses of the kind in this part of the State. The business is established in a large brick building at No. 429 West Walnut street, Shamokin, affording about forty thousand square feet of floor space. Mr. Straub is a man of fine executive ability, and through this and his sound business judgment has been able to bring about the best results for the company of which he is the head. His business integrity has given the company a high standing in the commercial world. He was one of the organizers and original directors of the new Dime Trust & Safe Deposit Company, of Shamokin.

Mr. Straub married Amelia Mace, daughter of Michael Mace, and they have two children, Howard and Charles. Mr. Straub is a member of Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M.; Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M.; Shamokin Commandery, No. 77, K. T.; Bloomsburg Consistory, thirty-second degree; and the Temple Club at Shamokin. The family attend the Evangelical Church.

ALFRED C. CLARK, M. D., of Sunbury, has been engaged in the practice of medicine in that borough for a period of forty years, and has long been one of the prominent physicians of his section. He has served in a number of public positions, in his professional capacity, and in every relation of life has been found a valuable citizen, conscientious in the performance of duty and in his endeavors to uphold high standards of living among the many with whom his work has brought him into association.

Dr. Clark is a grandson of Jonathan Clark, who married Elizabeth Stroh, daughter of Philip Stroh, who was from Lancaster county, Pa. Mrs. Clark was born Jan. 14, 1802, and died Aug. 22, 1884. She was the mother of: David, of Northumberland county; John, of Lower Augusta township, this county; Mary, who married a Mr. DeWitt, and is now a widow, living in Lower Augusta township; and Philip.

Philip Clark, son of Jonathan, was born in Upper Augusta township, this county, and died at Sunbury at the age of sixty-five years. He married Eliza Fry, of Upper Augusta township, and both are buried in Poughet Manor cemetery at Sunbury. Owing to his father's untimely death Philip Clark was early thrown upon his own resources, and he began life in such humble circumstances that he was obliged to go barefooted until grown. He worked as a farm laborer from boy-

hood, and received but forty days' schooling. But his was a strong nature, and he triumphed over obstacles by perseverance and application, educating himself by devotion to study at every opportunity so that in early manhood he was able to teach, beginning in Upper Augusta township. He followed that calling some years. He was successful in everything he undertook. A natural-born carpenter, he built many houses in Sunbury, making the plans as well as doing the work, and he was long engaged as a railroad and bridge contractor, in which line he was associated with different parties. He built the Port Carbon railroad, and in partnership with Adam Lenker he built several large bridges. For some time he conducted a general store at Snyderstown, Pa. Politically he was a Democrat and influential in the party, and he served from 1859 to 1862 as commissioner of Northumberland county. He was an Episcopalian in religious connection.

Alfred Craven Clark was the only son of Philip and Eliza Clark. He was named Craven after the civil engineer who laid out the Port Carbon railroad. Born Aug. 3, 1845, in Sunbury, he has passed the greater part of his life in that borough, where he received his early education in public and private schools. He obtained his professional preparation in Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1869, after which he was located at Dalmatia, this county, for a year. He has since been settled at Sunbury, having his office on Market square, and there are few men in that place better known. Dr. Clark has not only been energetic in responding to the demands of private practice, but he has taken the larger view of responsibility which brings added duties to so many of his profession. Seeing the needs of the community in their constant daily contact with its many ills, they cannot evade the call of public spirit and intelligent interest in the general welfare, and their opportunities for remedial work result in unselfish though often unappreciated efforts to help their fellow citizens. He served seven years as prison physician, was county medical inspector for the department of health of the State of Pennsylvania for the long period of twenty-three years (resigning his office in 1908), and for two years was surgeon for the Northern Central and Philadelphia & Erie railroads. Social inclinations connect him with the B. P. O. E. Ls. and the Odd Fellows, of Sunbury. He is a Democrat in political opinion and has been active in the party. In short, he is interested in all the life of the community, his energy entering through channels of usefulness, creating many directions in which his aid and sympathies find free

In 1867 Dr. Clark married Elizabeth Reess, of Philadelphia, daughter of C. B. and John Reess, of the latter born and now deceased. Reess, and she is the wife of Dr. William L. S. Clark.



of Sunbury, and has one son, Daniel W. Mrs. Clark belongs to an old family of Philadelphia, and is of Revolutionary stock, being a member of Fort Augusta Chapter, D. A. R.

JOHN N. BUFFINGTON, proprietor of the Uniontown Marble & Granite Works, was born Feb. 1, 1867, at Pillow, Pa., son of Cyrus F. Buffington. The family to which he belongs has been identified with that community for several generations.

Solomon Buffington, his great-grandfather, lived and died in the Lykens Valley, and is buried at St. John's Church there. His wife was Elizabeth Romberger and after her first husband's death she married a Sheaffer, of Snyder county, Pa. Solomon Buffington and his wife had children: Josiah, Benjamin, Solomon, Jonathan, John, Mary (who was twice married, her first husband being named Mark, the second Netzel), Susan (Mrs. Shoop) and Mrs. Burtner.

John Buffington, son of Solomon, was a native of Lykens Valley and in his earlier years moved to Uniontown (Pillow), where he followed the wheelwright business. He is buried at Uniontown, at the United Brethren Church, in the welfare of which he had long been active. To him and his wife, Catharine (France), was born a large family: Cyrus F., Sarah (married John Clinger), William, Hannah (married Solomon Leitzel), Elizabeth (married Isaac Hand), Christiana (married Isaac Graeff), Harriet (married William Drumm), Solomon (of Shamokin, expressman at the depot), Mary, and three who died young.

Cyrus F. Buffington, son of John, is the father of John N. Buffington. He was born Sept. 24, 1839, and has lived at Pillow all his life, following his trade, that of wheelwright. He was a successful man, prospering by dint of industry, and for fifty years he and his brother William were associated in business, making many wagons. They employed three or four hands and had a thriving trade. Both now lead a semi-retired life. Cyrus F. Buffington has been a justice of the peace for thirty years and has held a number of other local offices, having been an active and highly esteemed member of his community. He is identified with the United Brethren Church and one of its foremost members, having held all the church offices, in which he gave most conscientious and efficient service. Mr. Buffington married Caroline Bingaman, daughter of Nicholas Bingaman, and they have had the following children: Rev. Henry, of Coalport, Pa., a prominent minister of the United Brethren Church; Irwin, deceased; John N.; Flora, married to Charles Shettelsworth, of Williamstown; Lloyd, a blacksmith of Uniontown; and Emma, married to Isaac Boyer.

John N. Buffington spent his youth in Pillow (Uniontown), where he lived until eighteen years

old. He then went to Shamokin, in which borough he clerked in stores for twelve years, four years for J. P. Haas & Co., two years for W. H. Malick & Co., and six years for the Shamokin Hardware Company. In January, 1898, he returned to Uniontown and formed a partnership with Ed. D. Bingaman, Bingaman & Buffington taking the business of P. Sauter and continuing it for ten years. Mr. Buffington then purchased the interest of his partner and he is now sole proprietor. He employs four skilled mechanics and does a large business, mostly local. He has erected many monuments in Tower City, and in fact all over lower Northumberland county. His prosperity is well deserved, for it has been won by hard work, and he is respected for his ability and high standards by all with whom he has had dealings. He was a member of the borough council three years.

On Dec. 25, 1899, Mr. Buffington married Lizzie S. Hepler, daughter of William H. and Mary (Dunkelberger) Hepler, of Eldred township, Schuylkill county, the latter a daughter of Jacob Dunkelberger. Mr. and Mrs. Buffington have had two children, Leon Earl and Albert Franklin. The family occupy a large brick residence in Uniontown equipped with all modern conveniences. They are members of the United Brethren Church at Uniontown, and Mr. Buffington has been a regular attendant at services and an active helper in the church work; he has filled all the official positions.

George Buffington, a venerable resident of Pauls Valley, in Dauphin county, Pa., has a sixty-acre farm there which he cultivates, his son William now doing the active work. His wife, Amelia Sponsell, is well along in the seventies, but they are nevertheless active in church life, Mr. Buffington as a member of the United Brethren Church and Mrs. Buffington of the M. E. Church. They have had ten children: George W.; Sarah J., married to Elias Duncan; Laurance, who was killed in the lumber woods in Center county; Alice, who died young; Ellen, married to Gabriel Zimmerman; Adaline; Charles, who died after he was married, aged about twenty-five years, leaving one child; Annie, who married Mr. Anders, and lives in Pauls Valley; John, of Fisher's Ferry, Pa.; and William, who is at home.

George W. Buffington, son of George, is a farmer in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county. He was born in Pauls Valley, Dauphin Co., Pa., in September, 1856, and was reared to farm life. After he grew up he hired out among farmers in Dauphin and Northumberland counties and began farming for himself in Little Mahanoy township in 1884. After farming there one year he did laboring work some years, at Paxinos, and in 1891 came to Lower Augusta township, where he ran the D. H. Snyder & Co. farm for fourteen years on shares. In 1905 he

purchased his present farm, which was the William Spies place, in Lower Augusta. It comprises seventy-six acres of fertile land, and is improved with nice buildings, all substantial and in good repair. He attends markets at Sunbury. Mr. Buffington is a Republican and is a school director of his township at present. He and his family are Lutherans, and he served as deacon while living at Paxinos.

In October, 1878, Mr. Buffington was married, in Little Mahanoy township, to Hannah Reed, daughter of William Reed, of Little Mahanoy, and their family consists of two sons and three daughters: William, of Gratz, Pa.; Frances, of Rockefeller township; Lydia, unmarried, at home; Froena, married to Howard Klock, who lives with his father-in-law; and Mary Ada, at home.

W. T. SHEPPERSON, a business man of the borough of Riverside, Northumberland county, and long a leading figure in the public life of that place, where he is now serving his tenth year as burgess, is a native of England, born in 1859 in Nottinghamshire. He has lived in this country since childhood.

Thomas Shepperson, his grandfather, lived and died in Nottinghamshire, England, where he farmed and kept a tavern. He reached the advanced age of ninety-one years, while his wife lived to be ninety. They were the parents of the following children: William, who came to America about 1848, was a contractor and as such built a part of the Catawissa railroad, now part of the Reading road; he died in Danville, Pa., some years ago. Thomas came to this country with his brother William and later located in Denver, Colo., where he still lives. Andrew lived and died in Nottinghamshire, England, his death occurring in 1908; he possessed considerable property. James also lived in England, where he engaged in farming and kept a tavern. Alfred, who came to America with his brother William, was killed in a landslide which occurred during the construction of the Catawissa railroad. Edward was the father of W. T. Shepperson. There were also two daughters, Anna, who married a Mr. Walker and lived in England; and Mary, who married John Newham, an engineer, and came to America.

Edward Shepperson was born in England in 1830, and his wife, Jane, was born in that country in 1834. They were married in England and came to America in 1865, locating in Danville, Pa., and some years later moved to Riverside. Mrs. Shepperson died in Riverside in 1877. They were the parents of the following children: Two sons died young; Edward Oliver lives in Denver, Colo., whither he went in 1878, and is engaged as a railroad engineer and interested in mining; Annie died in Denver, Colo.; Lucy died in 1900 at Danville, Pa.; Jennie married David Seely, ex-

press agent at Sterling, Ill.; W. T. is a resident of Riverside; Edward was a contractor and worked in Danville, Pa., until 1878, when he went out to Denver, Colo., where he died.

W. T. Shepperson came to America with his parents in 1865, and passed his boyhood in Danville, Pa., being about fifteen years old when the family removed thence to Riverside. His education was received in the public schools, principally at Danville. Going South he located at Middleburg, Ky., where he was general manager for the S. Bailey Lumber Company until his return to Riverside. He has since made his home in that borough, where he has been prominently identified with business and public affairs, having long been engaged as an extensive dealer in lumber, and for some years he also dealt in coal in large quantities, though at present he handles that commodity only as a side line. He handles railroad ties, mine timber, prop timber and bark, and has a wide patronage, having built up a profitable trade in those lines by the exercise of his business acumen and ability, which are recognized by all who have been associated with him. The respect which he commands in his home town could be no better shown than by the fact that he has been called upon to serve so many years continuously as burgess, the present (1910) being his tenth year of service in that capacity. He is a member of the Improved Order of Heptasophs, and for many years has belonged to the Methodist church.

Mr. Shepperson married Cora M. Bent, daughter of Charles and Harriet (Francis) Bent, and sister of W. R. Bent, of Riverside. They had a family of three children: Charles E., who is employed by his father, married Jennie Cuthbert, daughter of Martin Cuthbert, and they have had two children, William T. and Irene; Mabel M. and Cora M. are at home, occupying with their father a beautiful home in the borough of Riverside. Mrs. Shepperson died in 1907.

CHARLES LINCOLN CLEAVER, publisher of the Mount Carmel *Daily News*, first saw the light of day on May 3, 1861, in Locust township, Columbia Co., Pa. He is an admixture of Scotch Irish, English Quaker, Holland Dutch and English, the first two from the paternal side, and the latter two from the maternal, and of nearly two centuries of American growth. He grew up on the farm and received his education in the public schools, the Bloomsburg State Normal school, the Wyoming Seminary at Kingston, and the Dickinson Law School at Scranton. On Sept. 1, 1881, he married Mary Jane Peck, a descendant of the Commodore, and came to Mount Carmel in August, 1881. He taught public school for sixteen years, and purchased the *Daily News* in 1899. In politics Mr. Cleaver is a Republican with independent tendencies, having served two years as chairman of



the Republican county committee and one year as chairman of the county committee of the Lincoln party. Fraternally Mr. Cleaver is a member of the P. O. S. of A., Camp No. 231; I. O. O. F., Lodge No. 630; O. of I. A., Council No. 874; Sons of Veterans, Camp No. 31; Royal Arcanum, Council No. 1130; Knights of Malta, Commandery No. 22; Princes of Bagdad, No. 11; Mount Carmel Lodge, No. 378, F. & A. M.; Williamsport Consistory, thirty-second degree; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Cleaver is an aggressive newspaper man, a fluent writer, sometimes with a vitriolic pen, and fearless of any special interests, having a reputation for hewing to the line for what he considers the paramount interests of the community he serves. Under his direction the business interests of his publication house have grown to large proportions, and it appears to be in every way a prosperous organization. Wesley Nelson Cleaver, son of the publisher, is editor and general manager of the publication business.

HARRY E. G. NEY has been a resident of Lower Augusta township for the past forty years, having settled there in 1871. He has followed farming the greater part of that time, and for over a quarter of a century carried on the store and served as postmaster at the settlement locally known as Patrickburg. The postoffice was discontinued in 1899, the store in 1904.

Mr. Ney belongs to an old family whose first ancestor in America, Valentine Ney, lived in the Tulpehocken Valley in Berks county. He died in 1790 in Tulpehocken township, Berks county, and his last will and testament, written in German, is on record in the Berks county courthouse. His wife, Anna Catharine, survived him, and his youngest son, Sylvester "Nye," was the executor of the will, which names four sons: George, Valentine, Jacob and Sylvester. One of these settled in Lebanon county, Pa., and was the father of Adam Ney, from whom Harry E. G. Ney, of Northumberland county, is descended.

Adam Ney had two sons of whom we have record, Adam and Samuel, another son whose name is not recalled, and a daughter, Mary, who became the second wife of David Hummel, of Hummelstown, Dauphin Co., Pa. David Hummel was married three times, his first wife's maiden name being Hess, and his third wife being Polly Haines. To his second marriage were born ten children, one of whom was William N. Hummel, now a resident of Herndon, this county.

Adam Ney, Jr., lived two miles to the left of Palmyra, in Lebanon county, and is buried near Palmyra. By trade he was a shoemaker. His children were: Adam, a shoemaker, who in his earlier life lived on the premises occupied by his father, later moving to Lickdale, Lebanon county, where

he followed farming as well as shoemaking (he had one son and one daughter, William and Annie); and Joseph, who lived and died near Palmyra (he had a son Joseph, who lives at Progress, Dauphin county, near Harrisburg).

Samuel Ney, son of Adam and brother of Adam, Jr., lived for some years at Palmyra, Pa., and then settled in Stony Creek Valley, in Middle Paxton township, Dauphin county, where he died at the age of seventy-seven years. He is buried in the Dauphin cemetery. He was a cooper, and followed his trade, and he owned a ten-acre property on which he had a nice home. This place was later owned by his son William, who eventually sold it and now lives east of Dauphin in the Stony Creek Valley; his postoffice address is Dauphin. Samuel Ney's children were: Joel; Samuel; William; Luzetta, who married Thomas Yautz and lived in Middle Paxton township, later moving to Halifax township, Dauphin county; Lydia, Mrs. Ritter, who moved with her husband to Oregon, where they died; and Caroline, Mrs. Caton, who lived in Middle Paxton township, Mrs. Caton moving to Matamoras after her husband's death. Joel Ney, son of Samuel, was born March 17, 1820, at Palmyra, Pa., and was a boy when he moved to Dauphin county, where he passed the remainder of his long life, dying March 21, 1900. He is buried in Middle Paxton township, Dauphin county, where he had lived on a farm for many years, having the tract of 140 acres now owned by his son-in-law, J. H. Bickel. He was a successful farmer, and also acquired the property later owned by his son Amos. He served the community as tax collector for some years, and in his earlier days was active in the work of the Presbyterian Church. In politics he was a Republican. His wife, Mary (Gayman), daughter of Jacob Gayman, was born May 6, 1821, and died Dec. 24, 1896. She is buried by her husband's side. Four sons and one daughter were born to this couple: Amos (deceased), who lived in Middle Paxton township, where he followed farming; Harry E. G.; John (deceased), who lived on one of the farms of his brother Amos; Catharine, wife of John H. Bickel; and Lewis, who lives at Pennbrook, Pa., near Harrisburg.

Harry E. G. Ney was born Dec. 25, 1848, in Middle Paxton township, Dauphin county, and was reared to farming, working for his parents until he began on his own account. In 1871 he came to Northumberland county, settled in Lower Augusta township, where he married and made a permanent home. From 1871 to 1874 he was employed as a switchman on the Northern Central railroad, at Selinsgrove, and after his marriage, which took place in 1875, he entered upon the mercantile business at Fisher's Ferry, where he was located for three years. In 1877 he opened a store at the country village locally known as Patrickburg (so called after an old-time schoolmaster named Pat-



rick), and he conducted that establishment for twenty-seven years, doing a general mercantile business. He sold out in 1904, and there has been no store at the place since. The postoffice at Patricksburg was established about 1891 and Mr. Ney became postmaster in 1894, serving until the office was discontinued, in 1899. He continues to reside at Patricksburg, owning the tract of sixteen acres upon which his home is located, as well as the seventy-two-acre farm (also in Lower Augusta township) where his son S. Nelson G. Ney lives. The property he occupies has been improved by him, and the frame dwelling now standing there was erected by him in 1877. The place formerly belonged to John Snyder. There are few men in this section of the county better known than Mr. Ney. In his various business connections he became known to a wide circle, and as township treasurer and supervisor he gave most efficient public service, proving himself a capable and trustworthy official. He is a Republican in politics.

In 1815 Mr. Ney married Malinda Coldren, and they have had three children: Mary L. married W. E. Evert and they live at Fisher's Ferry; Ellen C. died in infancy; S. Nelson G., a farmer in Lower Augusta township, married Mary Eister, daughter of Henry Eister, and they have had two children, Harry and Ethel. Mr. Ney and his family attend the Baptist Church.

Solomon Coldren, Mrs. Ney's grandfather, was born Feb. 11, 1779, came to this county from Snyder county, Pa., and died March 31, 1843; he is buried at Fisher's Ferry. He was a farmer, owning the farm now in the possession of Henry Smith. To him and his wife Elizabeth (Minnier) were born the following children: Sarah, Mary, Harriet, Jane, Lydia (who died young), Isaac, John, Jacob, Peter, Samuel, David, and James (1831-1899).

Peter Coldren, son of Solomon, was born Aug. 9, 1821, in Lower Augusta township, and there passed his entire life. He followed agricultural pursuits, owning the farm of eighty-seven acres now owned by Jefferson Lenig, who bought it from Harry E. G. Ney (Mr. Coldren's son-in-law). Mr. Coldren was a Democrat in politics, and served his township as school director. He and his wife were Baptists, their family adhering to the same denomination. Mr. Coldren died Nov. 13, 1898, and is buried in the Baptist cemetery in Lower Augusta township. His wife, Louisa (Feaster), daughter of Henry and Margaret (Cornell) Feaster, was born Nov. 14, 1828, and died May 3, 1909. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Coldren, three of whom died young, the others being: Malinda, wife of Harry E. G. Ney; S. N. G. of Millersburg, Pa., who has been a truck foreman on the railroad for twenty-four years; Ellen, wife of C. F. Dyer, of Shamokin; W. M., a brother, of Catasauqua, Pa.; E. Y. B., of Millersburg, who is

associated with his son in the mercantile business there; J. C., a carpenter, of Shamokin; and C. D., a machinist, of Philadelphia.

HENRY A. CARL, who has a fine farm, one and a half miles south of Herndon, Northumberland county, was born March 23, 1850, at Mandata, this county, son of John and Julian (Klinger) Carl.

The Carl (Corl) family is first found in Longswamp township, Berks Co., Pa., Theobald Carl, a pioneer of that township, being the first ancestor of this family in America. He died in 1800, and his will, written in German, is on record in Will Book A, page 422, in the Berks county courthouse. The document mentions his mother and provides for her, and he also makes good provision for his wife, Anna Maria. He had a deceased daughter, Elizabeth, and his son George Carl and Samuel Butz were executors of the will, which disposed of a large estate.

The Federal Census Report of 1790 gives George Carl as the head of a family in Longswamp township, Berks county, consisting of a wife, three sons under sixteen years of age, and two daughters.

The same Report records Dewalt Carl as a resident of the same township and the head of a family consisting of two sons over sixteen, a wife and three daughters. As Dewalt was used as the English form of Theobald this may refer to the ancestor's family.

The will of a John Carl, who died in Pike township, Berks county, in 1837, was made April 9, 1836, and mentions the wife Hannah but no children.

Johan Jacob Carl, grandfather of Henry A. Carl, was born April 21, 1796, and was a descendant of one of the two heads of families mentioned above. He came from Longswamp township, Berks county, to Northumberland county early in the nineteenth century, settling in Milano township, and lived on the farm now owned by Galen Bower (one George Wolf owned it earlier). He was a farmer by occupation, and is described as a slim, medium-sized man, with light hair. He died in May, 1862, aged sixty-six years, ten days, and is buried at Urban Church. His wife's maiden name was Schaffer, and their children were John, William and several daughters.

John Carl, father of Henry A. Carl, was born Feb. 18, 1818, and died Feb. 24, 1877; he was a member of the Lutheran Church, where he is buried. For some years he kept store at Mandata, later buying a store where Dunder Peffer is now located, and there he died. His wife, Julian (Klinger) Carl, born 1819, was the daughter of Frederick and moved with him out to Mandata, where he died. The age of their one son, S. N. G. Carl, March 19, 1903. She was the mother of seven

children by her second marriage, Jane, James, Alice, and one daughter that died young.

Henry A. Carl began working at an early age, finding his first employment at what was known as the Albert sawmill, on Fidler's run, in Jackson township, and there he was engaged for the long period of thirty-six years. After Christopher Albert gave up the mill he worked under Mr. Brower and later with Mr. Rickert, and during this time he made his home in Lower Mahanoy township with the exception of two and a half years during which the family resided at Herndon. About 1873 he built a house in Lower Mahanoy township which he occupied until the spring of 1896, at which time he commenced farming in the same township, on the place where he has since had his home. It is a tract of 164 acres one and one half miles south of Herndon, formerly the property of Sebastian Stepp. The land is in a good state of cultivation, and the buildings are substantial. Mr. Carl has been industrious and thrifty, and he is making a good living. He is a Democrat, has held local office, and is a member of the Lutheran congregation of the Herndon Church, with which his family also unite.

On May 29, 1870, Mr. Carl married Rebecca Kobel, daughter of George and Catharine (Snyder) Kobel, of Pitman, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and they have had a family of thirteen children: William G. E., who is now in Iowa; J. Calvin, of Carrizozo, N. M.; Charles H., of Illinois; Minnie M., who married Harry Kramer; Katie A., who married George Hoover; Monroe, who died in infancy; John W., Clarence E. and Quincy J., all of Stillwater, N. Y.; Clyde A. and James F., at home; Mary F. R., who is married to Howard Lenker, son of Adam Lenker; and Violet, who died in infancy.

The Kobel family, to which Mrs. Carl belongs, is one of the earliest settled families of Lower Northumberland county, the tax list of Mahanoy township for 1778 containing the names of Abraham, Casper, Henry and Daniel Kobel, whose relationship is uncertain. Their descendants still live in Jackson, Washington and Little Mahanoy townships. They were members of the Reformed Church, and a number of the name are buried at St. Peter's (Mahanoy) Church, in Jackson township.

Frederick, Simon and Peter Kobel were brothers, and the first named was the grandfather of Mrs. Henry A. Carl.

Frederick Kobel, born June 8, 1761, lived and died in Jackson township, where he was a farmer and land owner. His wife, Sostern (the name is not really legible on the tombstone), was born April 9, 1765, and died Dec. 14, 1848. He died May 11, 1834 (age given as seventy-two), and they are buried at St. Peter's Church before mentioned. Among their children were: Mary Tailor,

William, Rebecca Snyder, Catharine Miller, George and Henry.

George Kobel, son of Frederick, married Catharine Snyder, and they lived at Pitman, Schuylkill county, where they were farming people. They are buried at the Haas Church, at Hepler, that county. Their children were: Elias, Isaac, Frank, Sarah, Rebecca (Mrs. Carl) and Harriet.

Simon Kobel, brother of Frederick, was born in the territory now embraced in Washington township, Northumberland county, the farm where he was born, and which belonged to his father, being still pointed out as the old Kobel homestead. It is now owned by Samuel Kieffer. The place comprises 100 acres, originally taken up by a member of the Kobel family in pioneer days. Simon Kobel followed farming. His wife, Sarah (Sally) Engel, daughter of Felix Engel, was like himself a member of the Reformed congregation at St. Peter's Church. They had children as follows: John, who settled in Jefferson county, Pa.; Daniel and Joseph, mentioned later; Lena, who married Adam Drumbeller; Polly, who married John Lebo; and Elizabeth, who married Henry Latsha.

Daniel Kobel, son of Simon, was born in 1829, and was a lifelong farmer. Until 1887 he lived near the homestead, his son Elias succeeding him to its ownership in that year. He died in September, 1903, and is buried at St. Peter's Church, of which he was a Reformed member. Politically he was a Democrat. To him and his wife Elizabeth (Kerstetter, who was born Jan. 11, 1838, were born four children: Louisa, who married John Daniel; Abby, who died young; Cassie, who married Samuel Reed; and Elias K.

Elias K. Kobel, son of Daniel, was born in 1865 in Washington township, and in 1904 commenced farming for himself in that township, where he lived until 1919. In the fall of 1901 he sold his farm of eighty acres, which was formerly the Samuel Malick farm: a large stone house was built on the place in 1818. He married Sarah C. Hoffman, and they have had eight children, five of whom died young: A daughter that died in infancy, Charles, Harvey, Eva May, Carrie E., Frederick, a son that died in infancy, and William B.

Joseph Kobel, son of Simon, was born June 13, 1837 (or 1838), and died March 19, 1889. He was a prosperous farmer and miller, owning 240 acres of land, and for nine years operated the Dornsife mill, his son Henry W. succeeding him in the milling business after his death. In politics he was a Democrat, served as tax collector, and was an active member of the Reformed congregation of St. Peter's Church, which he served as deacon and elder. His wife Wilhelmina (Eister), born Oct. 2, 1834, died Nov. 15, 1903. They had five children: Sarah married Oliver Buchner; James R. is a resident of Washington township; John died when

eighteen years old; Edwin S. is of Mahanoy; Henry W., born in Washington township Aug. 25, 1867, is a farmer, owning 113 acres of land, and has been a deacon and an elder of Himmel's Church (in 1889 he married Lovina Treon, and they have had two children, Jennie and Samuel, the latter dying when three years old).

**JOHN SCHABO**, a former treasurer of Northumberland county, who was living retired at Shamokin, that county, at the time of his death, Sept. 16, 1910, was born in Germany March 26, 1841, at Eulren, in Trier, son of John Schabo and his first wife, who in maidenhood was Eva Ott.

John Schabo, the father, was a farmer in Germany. He came to America in 1853, permanently locating in Carbon county, Pa., where he purchased a farm, cultivating his lands until the time of his death, in the year 1868. He was honorable and successful; he made friends and kept them. He was twice married, his first union being with Eva Ott, who died in Germany, the mother of two children, Annie and John. His second wife was Annie Karies, and they were also married in Germany, but their children were all born in Carbon county, Pa., viz.: Peter and Paul, both deceased; Maggie, wife of Amandus S. Markle, of Shamokin, Pa.; and Katie, wife of Jonas Gerber, of Weatherly, Pennsylvania.

John Schabo, first named in this narrative, when but a lad engaged as a boatman on the Lehigh canal, and this kind of work he pursued, in all the various capacities, until he was thirty years of age. In 1871 he located at Weissport, Carbon Co., Pa., and engaged in the hotel business, and to this he gave his attention until 1875, when he went to Shamokin, Pa., and established the "Shamokin Hotel," which he successfully conducted until 1907. He then retired from business life and took possession of his pleasant home at No. 226 Walnut street, erected by him in 1890. The homestead farm, the farm of his father, comprising sixty-five acres situated in Towamensing township, Carbon Co., Pa., and about six miles from Weissport, became his property.

In politics a Democrat, Mr. Schabo was in 1884 elected to the borough council; was chief of the fire department from 1883 to 1889; and in 1890 was elected county treasurer for a term of three years. The campaign of 1890 was a memorable one, and though the contestants seemed equally reputable and well known Mr. Schabo was elected over his adversary by a majority of 429 votes.

In the year 1883 Mr. Schabo was made a director of the First National Bank of Shamokin, now the National Bank of Shamokin, and continued to be a member of the board during the rest of his life; he was also a director of the Shamokin Building and Loan Association; the Shamokin Street Railway Company; and served as treasurer

of the Shamokin Driving Park Association. Externally he was a member of Elks Lodge No. 355.

Mr. Schabo was married Feb. 12, 1862, to Eva Schweibenz (a daughter of Alyons Schweibenz), born in Wurtemberg, Germany, Feb. 14, 1838. They had two children: John W., who married Emma Ambuster, and has had two children, John Edward, who married May Hower, and Harry, deceased; and Annie E., the latter a young lady at home. His creed was that of the Roman Catholic Church, to which his family also adhere, and they worship at the St. Edward's shrine.

**C. EDWARD ALLISON**, M. D., of Elksburg, Northumberland county, has been practicing medicine at that place for over ten years, and has a large patronage, having been successful from the time of his settlement in this district. He is a native of Adams county, Pa., born May 17, 1871, at Gettysburg. The family is of Scotch-Irish extraction, James Allison, the first of this line to come to America, having emigrated from Ireland or Scotland. It is not known where he settled, but his son Francis lived in Frederick county, Md., about five miles east of Emmitsburg. Thence he moved to Adams county, Pa. His wife, Ruth Thompson, was also of Scotch-Irish descent.

Francis Allison, son of Francis, was born in June, 1794, in Adams county, Pa., and there lived and died. All his family were born and reared there. He became a landowner and farmer in Mount Joy township, Adams Co., Pa., near the Mason and Dixon line. He married Hannah Micksell, who was born near Emmitsburg, Md., and was of German descent; her mother's maiden name was Catharine Rudolph. Mr. and Mrs. Francis Allison are buried in the Mount Joy Lutheran churchyard. Their children were: Jonathan L., of Timetown, Md.; Samuel M.; Mary A., who married Amos Yeatts, and died in Carlisle, Pa.; Sarah, who married William Lightner; Catherine, who married Samuel D. Beck; and Martha, who died when twenty years old.

Samuel M. Allison, son of Francis, was born in Mount Joy township, Adams county, and followed agricultural pursuits for a number of years, living first upon the homestead and later buying a farm near Gettysburg which he occupied for some time. He now lives in the town of Gettysburg. He married Anna M. Schwartz, daughter of Jacob Schwartz, and they had the following children: C. Edward; Herbert A., who is a professor at Susquehanna College, Selinsgrove, Pa.; and Corbela.

C. Edward Allison received his literary education in the public schools and at Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, graduating from that institution in 1893, with the degree of A. B. Following his college course he spent some time in Kansas and Oklahoma, and won his return from the West



was engaged in teaching for one year. He then entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, later continuing his medical studies at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, where he was graduated in 1899. His first year of independent practice was spent at Jeddo, Luzerne Co., Pa., after which he was at Mount Carmel, Northumberland county, a short time before locating at Elysburg, in September, 1900. There he succeeded to the practice of the late Dr. Samuel F. Gilbert, who died in August, 1900, and who was a prominent physician there for twenty-five years. Dr. Allison has been popular at Elysburg throughout the period of his residence there, and though a busy man professionally he has endeavored to be a useful member of the community in other ways. He is serving as road supervisor of Ralpho township at the present time.

Dr. Allison is a thirty-second-degree Mason, belonging to Elysburg Lodge, No. 114, F. & A. M. (of which he is a past master), and to Bloomsburg Consistory (thirty-second degree). He also holds membership in the I. O. O. F., and in process and connection is a member of the Northumberland County Medical Society, etc. He is a Republican in political sentiment. His ancestors have been Lutherans and Presbyterians as far back as they have been traced.

On Sept. 5, 1907, Dr. Allison married Amy E. Gilbert, daughter of the late Dr. Samuel F. Gilbert.

**JOHN G. YOUNGMAN.** The Youngmans have been identified with Sunbury for almost a century, and throughout that period have been noted for intellectual activity. Their leadership in such matters was acknowledged during their long connection with the newspaper circles of this section, with which they were prominently associated continuously for over seventy years. They are descendants of a Moravian family that emigrated from Lusatia, Prussia, in 1740, settling at Bethlehem, Pa. John G. Youngman, the first of the Youngman name in Sunbury, was born Jan. 6, 1786, near Hummelstown, Dauphin Co., Pa., son of Jacob Youngman, a blacksmith and farmer, and son of Rev. John George Youngman, a Moravian missionary to the Indians, who died at Bethlehem in 1808, at the age of eighty-eight.

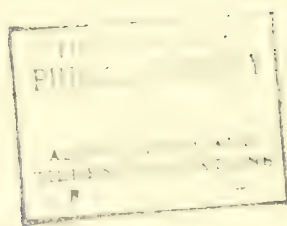
When he was eight years old John G. Youngman was adopted by his uncle, Gottlieb Youngman, a veteran of the Revolutionary war, who established the first German newspaper in Berks county, this State. It was called *The Impartial Reading Newspaper*, and was first issued Feb. 18, 1789, being published until 1816. Gottlieb Youngman died June 10, 1833, at Louisville, Ky., when seventy-six years old. His nephew had acquired a thorough knowledge of the printing business under his tutelage, so that he was needed in the mechanical

as well as the business and intellectual features of newspaper work, and he always took great delight in typesetting, at which he worked in the composing room of the *Sunbury Gazette* until within a few months of his death. In 1802, having had a misunderstanding with his uncle, Mr. Youngman left him and walked to Somerset county, where he found employment at his trade with a Mr. Ogle. Four years later he took a position on the *Hornet*, at Frederick, Md., and in 1807 he was connected with the *Times*, one of the first daily papers of Baltimore. Thence he went to Hagerstown, Md., where he found work with John Gruber, the well known almanac publisher. Returning to Reading in 1812, he obtained the necessary equipment from his uncle and came to Sunbury to establish *Der Northumberland Republikaner*, a German paper, which was the third paper published at Sunbury. The first number appeared Aug. 12, 1812, and as shown by the files in existence, from Aug. 11, 1815, to January, 1818, was a three-column folio, fourteen inches long and nine inches wide, creditable in typography and composition. In 1818 the name was changed to *Nordwestliche Post*, which supported Finckley in the gubernatorial contest of 1820 and thus lost its large number of German subscribers, who were almost unanimously in favor of Hiester. It was really as a result of this disaffection that Mr. Youngman suspended the paper, though he continued it until after July, 1827. For several years thereafter he gave his attention to the printing of books and pamphlets.

It was not long, however, until Mr. Youngman resumed newspaper work as publisher of the *Canalboat*, which was established with the idea of promoting local enterprises of a public nature, at the height of the popular agitation in favor of internal improvements then in progress. The issue of March 5, 1831, shows it to have been a folio fifteen and a half inches long and eleven inches wide, a canalboat on the headline of the first page. The paper was issued under this name until 1833. Its immediate successor was *The Workingmen's Advocate*, a four-column folio eleven by sixteen inches in dimensions, the first English newspaper published by Mr. Youngman. The first issue appeared April 29, 1833, and in it the editor announced that it would be Democratic in politics, reserving to himself, however, the right of differing from party conventions as to what platforms or candidates were really Democratic, should occasion require. It was a successful publication throughout its existence (which ended in 1838), a fact which is notable, as several rival papers at Sunbury and Northumberland suspended during that period. In 1838 Mr. Youngman established the *Sunbury Gazette*, under the imposing title of *The Sunbury Gazette and Miners' Register*, and the issue of Jan. 1, 1843, when it still bore that



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name, was a five-column folio twenty-one and a half by thirteen inches.

When Mr. Youngman established the *Republican*, in 1812, he did business in a small frame building on the north side of Market street, at what was later the site of Rippel's photograph gallery. When he purchased the property at Third and Arch streets he removed the printing office to a frame structure adjoining his residence and facing on Arch street. It was next located in a wooden building on what was subsequently the site of the Dewart block, at Market and Third streets, being there from 1817 to 1850, when it was moved to the north side of Market street, nearly opposite the "City Hotel." There the *Gazette* was published at the time of its suspension, in 1883, though it had occupied several different places in the meantime, the principal one being the second story of the Geyer block, at the northeast corner of Market square, to which it was removed in 1868.

Mr. Youngman was not only actively connected with the press in Sunbury for over fifty years, but he also took a leading part in public affairs in Northumberland county, holding several responsible offices. In 1814 he served as county treasurer, in 1818-21 as county commissioner; and on Feb. 5, 1839, he received his commission as register and recorder, being elected to succeed himself in the fall of that year; he was thus the last person elected and the first one appointed to that office in Northumberland county. He died Sept. 13, 1871, at the age of eighty-five years.

On Aug. 1, 1813, Mr. Youngman married Catherine Bright, daughter of George Bright, of Sunbury, and step-daughter of Hon. Andrew Albright, and they were the parents of George B., William, Louisa Hester, Andrew A., Jacob, Susan E. and John.

GEORGE B. YOUNGMAN learned the printing business with his father and it was principally through his efforts that the *Gazette* was founded, he having been the junior member of the firm of John G. Youngman & Son from 1838 until 1855. Upon his retirement from the paper he devoted himself to fruit and grape culture on a farm several miles east of Sunbury, continuing this business successfully until his death, April 9, 1880, at the age of sixty-six years. He served as treasurer of Northumberland county in 1850-51.

After George B. Youngman's retirement from the *Gazette* he was succeeded by his brother, A. A. Youngman, upon whom much of the responsibility in connection with the paper devolved. The style of the firm then became A. A. & John Youngman, the latter being another son of the founder, and they carried on the *Gazette* until it was consolidated with the *American*, on April 11, 1879, as the *Gazette-American*. A year later, however, the publication of the *Gazette*, alone, was resumed by A. A.

& John Youngman and continued for a few years, the last issue appearing March 16, 1883. This number gave a review of the political policy of the paper, in which it is stated that the *Gazette* was one of the four Democratic organs in Pennsylvania that came "out boldly in favor of the national administration as against the Rebel cause" in 1861, yet although it was constrained "to protest against certain tendencies and methods in the management of the Republican party" on several occasions, it could not be said "that the *Gazette* ever went back on the principles of that great political organization."

ANDREW A. YOUNGMAN, after closing his newspaper career, continued to reside in the old home at Third and Arch streets, Sunbury, until his death, which occurred on Dec. 2, 1905, at the age of eighty-four. He was a man of more than ordinary intelligence, having been of a studious disposition, making himself well versed in various branches of knowledge; but being of a retiring nature the extent of his information was known and appreciated only by those who came into intimate intercourse with him. During the years after his retirement from the printing business he was a constant reader, giving his attention largely to scientific subjects, of which meteorology was his favorite. The result of his reflections and observations on that subject is contained in a large manuscript volume which would furnish material for a printed book of ample dimensions.

JOHN YOUNGMAN, the youngest child of John G. Youngman, and the last editor of the *Gazette*, received most of his education in his father's printing office, where he learned to "set type" and made his first efforts in writing. With the object of changing his business he read law with Hon. John B. Packer and was admitted to the Northumberland county bar at the August term in 1851, but soon discovering that he was better adapted for newspaper work than law practice he dropped the latter and took charge of the *Gazette* as its editor in 1855. In this capacity he continued until the publication of that paper ceased in 1883, when he left Sunbury to engage in journalism in other localities. He did editorial work on the *Harrisburg Patriot* for two years, was engaged for five years as editorial writer for P. Gray Meek's *Bellefonte Watchman*, and then going to Philadelphia found employment on the *Times and Record* and was editor of the *Evening Herald* for four years. Having been in Philadelphia journalism for fourteen years he returned to Sunbury in 1901 at the age of seventy-four, and again did some newspaper work at his native town.

WILLIAM YOUNGMAN, the second son of John G. Youngman, learned the cabinetmaking business and was noted for his skill in that handicraft. He carried this on for some years in Sunbury, but at the close of his life was employed in the Sun-

bury shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., doing the finer woodwork needed in that establishment. He was well skilled in music and in his younger years was at the head of musical movements in his neighborhood, he having been the organizer and leader of the first instrumental band in Sunbury, and he was for a long while the leader of Sunbury's Episcopal Church choir. He was married to Henrietta, and after her demise to Susan, who were daughters of Dr. John B. Price, of Sunbury, a noted physician of that period who, besides having a thorough medical education, was a graduate of Princeton University. By his two marriages William Youngman had a numerous progeny.

LOUISA HESTER YOUNGMAN, the first daughter of John G. Youngman, was noted for her beauty as a young woman and for her excellent traits of womanly character, among which her charitable disposition, and the assistance she gave to the needy and suffering, were conspicuous. Her voice was such that if it had received more cultivation it would have made her a star singer. It was the delight of those who heard her in the choir at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church of Sunbury, in which she was the leading soprano for a number of years; she was a lifelong member of the Episcopal Church. She died unmarried in 1892.

JACOB YOUNGMAN, the fourth son of John G. Youngman, learned typesetting in his father's printing office, where he became proficient in the various branches of the printer's art. After "graduating" in that school he did journal work in Pottsville, Washington and Philadelphia, eventually returning to Sunbury, where he continued to work at printing and also engaged in other business. Application to one pursuit was all that was necessary to have made him a decided success, as he was an expert printer and a ready writer, particularly in a humorous vein, some of his productions in that line having been much admired, and he was noted as a comic versifier. He branched off from printing to engage in the foundry business, an enterprise that was entirely out of his line, and consequently was not successful; and he devised a number of ingenious inventions, some of which were patented but never pushed to profitable results. His last years were spent in working in the different Sunbury printing offices. He died in 1892, at the age of sixty-eight years.

SUSAN ELIZABETH YOUNGMAN, the second daughter of John G. Youngman, was born Jan. 20, 1828, in the old homestead at the southwest corner of Third and Arch streets, Sunbury, where she and her brother John reside, together with their niece, Miss Carrie V. Youngman. Though in her eighty-fourth year she is well preserved, as active intellectually as ever, takes great enjoyment in reading, and has been a lifelong and much interested member of the Episcopal Church, liber-

ally contributing to its support. Her first marriage was with Francis Bright, of Reading, Pa., who engaged largely and successfully in the hardware and foundry business in Tamaqua and Hazleton. He died at the latter place Aug. 28, 1865, and his remains are interred in Pomfret Manor cemetery. Her second marriage, which took place in 1881, was to Bruce Small, who was a native of Baltimore, Md., and a son of Hon. Jacob Small, a man of public note and prominence, who served at one time as mayor of Baltimore. The Smalls have long occupied a prominent position in public and social circles. The family of this name in York county, Pa., is of the same stock. Bruce Small was born in 1834, and received his literary training in various educational institutions. During the Civil war he served in the United States navy on the frigate "Potomac" and was very active. While in the service he was a comrade of Winfield Scott Schley (now rear admiral), with whom he was long on terms of personal friendship. After the war Mr. Small was for many years in the Government employ at Washington, D. C., subsequently coming to Sunbury. He died March 18, 1890, at his Sunbury residence, and rests in the family vault in St. Paul's cemetery, Baltimore.

Only three of John G. Youngman's seven children married, they being William, Susan and John, and but one of them, William, produced a progeny as future representatives of Sunbury's first printer. The children of William and his first wife, Henrietta Price, were: John P., William Edgar, Christianna Guild and Henrietta Rose, besides several who died in infancy. His children by his second marriage, to Mrs. Susan (Price) Sutton, were: Mary Isabella and Caroline Vandergrift. John, the eldest son, now deceased, became a resident of Hazleton, married Ann Bird, of that town, and was the father of two sons, one of whom died at an early age, the survivor being John Price Bird Youngman, a prominent civil and mining engineer of that region, who is the father of an interesting family. Christianna Guild, the eldest daughter of William, is the wife of Rufus Reber, who is prominent in the clerical department of the Reading Railroad Company in Philadelphia, and she is the mother of Mrs. Andrew Chidsey, wife of a leading Easton banker, and of Frank Reber of Philadelphia and Guy Reber of Savannah, Ga. William Edgar, the second son of William, who also became a resident of Hazleton, married Julia Shapley, of that place, and was the father of Barton Edgar Youngman, who is city engineer and conspicuous in the municipal affairs of Hazleton; he also has a fine family. Henrietta Rose, the youngest daughter of William by his first wife, married Clarence Hawthorne, and is the mother of an interesting daughter, Frances, this family being residents of Sunbury, where Mr.



Hawthorne is connected with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Of William Youngman's two children by his second marriage, Mary Isabella is the wife of William Coleman, a progressive and prosperous Kansas granger, and is the mother of an accomplished daughter and a stalwart son; and Caroline Vandergrift, familiarly known in Sunbury as Miss Carrie Youngman, resides with her aunt, Mrs. Small, in the old Youngman homestead, and takes a leading part in the literary and church work of Sunbury.

Great changes have taken place in Sunbury since John G. Youngman, at the beginning of the last century, began journalism in the town. There has been a great increase in its population, its business and its importance. Other newspapers have taken the place of those established by the elder Youngman, and of his descendants but few are residents of the town, but the progeny of Sunbury's veteran printer may be found in many parts of this nation's broad domain.

**THEODORE CHESTER**, now a retired resident of Sunbury, is a well known man in that borough, where he was engaged in the hotel business for a number of years, having formerly conducted the "St. Charles Hotel," which his sons now own. He was born Sept. 27, 1844, in Barry township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., only son of John Chester, who lived at Danville, Pa., where he was the first maker of cast iron plows. His plows were used extensively all over Pennsylvania. He went West about 1851. John Chester married Matilda Yarnall, who came from Schuylkill county, Pa., and was a member of a Quaker family which was earlier settled in Maiden-creek township, Berks county. Mrs. Chester is interred in a private burial ground on the homestead. Her father, Elijah Yarnall, lived in Schuylkill county.

Theodore Chester was brought up by his maternal grandfather, Elijah Yarnall, attended the public schools of the home neighborhood in Schuylkill county, and later went to school at Rushtown and in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, in the neighborhood now known as Plum Creek. In his eighteenth year he began clerking in a general store in what is now Rockefeller township, and drove a produce wagon to market in Schuylkill county, during the "reign of terror" of the Molly Maguires. He and Nathan Baker were in the butter and egg business for three years at Lewisburg, Pa. He also learned the trade of watchmaker, which he followed for fifteen years at Northumberland, this county, also traveling considerably in the rural districts all over Union county and in Philadelphia and Harrisburg, repairing grandfather clocks, in which line he was quite expert. He was a natural-born mechanic, and has always had a liking as well as talent for such work, even to this day occasionally repairing

timepieces for the pleasure the work affords. For twelve years he conducted the "St. Charles Hotel" in Sunbury, being succeeded in the ownership of that establishment by his sons Herbert C. and Nathan W. Chester, who now conduct it. Though now retired, Mr. Chester still retains some business interests, having large real estate holdings in Sunbury, and investments in certain patented automobile tires. He is a substantial citizen, and has lived to enjoy the rewards of his more active years.

On June 1, 1861, Mr. Chester married Louise Wolf, daughter of Abraham Wolf, and to them have been born nine children: Herbert C., Emma A. (deceased), Wilson, Nathan Wellington, Samuel (deceased), Ashbury, Bessie (Mrs. Herbert A. Welker), Jennie (Mrs. Jacob Bright) and Annie (unmarried). There are sixteen grandchildren. The family have occupied their pleasant home at the corner of Tenth and Market streets, Sunbury, since 1902. They are members of the Lutheran Church.

Mr. Chester is a Republican in political matters, but he has never taken any part in public affairs and has always refused to hold public position. He is a popular member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M.; Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M.; Mount Hermon Commandery, No. 85, K. T.—all of Sunbury; and Irem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Wilkes-Barre. He is treasurer of the blue lodge and chapter, a past eminent commander and past high priest, and has been active in the fraternity for many years.

During the Civil war Mr. Chester enlisted, in 1862, in Company C, 136th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, for nine months, and took part in the battles of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville.

The Yarnall (Yarnell) family, to which Mr. Chester is related on the maternal side, is of old English Quaker stock. Francis and Peter Yarnall having come from their native land with the Hugheses, Boones, Penroses, Kirbys and Lightfoots, and settled in Oley township, Berks Co., Pa. They were of the fifty or more families who had been left out when the township was erected. The people to the "south part of Oley" therefore petitioned the court of Philadelphia, in 1741, to erect that part into a township. The petition was granted. Among the sixteen signers to this petition were Francis and Peter Yarnall.

In Northumberland county a member of this same family, Richard Yarnall, was the second settler at Mount Carmel. His father, Jesse Yarnall, kept a hotel on the old Minersville road, at the crossing of Mahanoy creek, near Otto's forge, Schuylkill county, about four miles south of Mount Carmel. An Indian path which led from the vicinity of Roaring Creek township, Columbia county,



to his hotel is referred to in the early official records of Northumberland county as "Yarnall's path." He married Hannah Penrose, of Roaring Creek township, whose people, like his, came from Maiden-creek township, Berks county, and were Friends.

Richard Yarnall was born April 10, 1791, and died Oct. 14, 1847. He learned the trade of carpenter and millwright. About the time he reached manhood the Centre turnpike was constructed, resulting in a large increase in the travel between Danville and Sunbury on the north and Reading and Pottsville on the south. A favorable opportunity was presented for the erection of a hotel on this important thoroughfare at the present site of Mount Carmel, which is about equidistant from Danville and Pottsville, and, prompted by these considerations, Mr. Yarnall erected the "Mount Carmel Inn," a two-story log structure situated on the southeast side of the turnpike immediately northeast of the "Commercial Hotel." He opened a hotel there and conducted the business with fair success for several years, when, having become surety for a friend who failed to meet his obligations, the property was sold and he removed to the vicinity of Bear Gap, where he was variously employed for several years. He then located on a small cleared tract near the old Minersville road, and also resided at the Tomlinson farm, after which he engaged in hotel-keeping at the Riffert tavern, where he died. The Riffert tavern was a log structure standing on the east side of the turnpike, north of the Lehigh Valley depot. It is not known who erected it, and under the management of its early owners it bore a bad reputation, but with Mr. Yarnall as proprietor it received the confidence and patronage of the traveling public. He married Mary King, daughter of John King, of Ralpho township, and we have record of two of their sons, Jesse and John, both of whom lived at Mount Carmel. The former was born July 7, 1815, near Bear Gap.

John Yarnall, son of Richard, was born Feb. 15, 1828, at the Tomlinson farm, in Coal township, Northumberland county, and learned the carpenter's trade with his father, working at that occupation for some years. In 1859 he married Henrietta Mussina, daughter of Henry B. and Elizabeth (Winters) Mussina, of Center county, Pa., and they became the parents of eight children: Mrs. William H. Hinkel, Henry M., Newton L., Richard K., Jerusha M. (deceased), John W., William and Lizzie.

Richard K. Yarnall was born Feb. 6, 1865, at Mount Carmel, received a public school education there and learned the trade of painter and paper-hanger. After working as a journeyman five years he commenced business for himself at Mount Carmel, on March 1, 1889, and made a success of the

venture. He is a Republican in politics, and has served as constable of Mount Carmel.

Of another branch of this Yarnall family was Francis Yarnall, who had brothers Amos, Jonathan, Asa, John and Elijah. Francis Yarnall was a native of Schuylkill county, Pa., and lived in Barry township, that county, where he was not only a farmer but also one of the early merchants of the region, and conducted a sawmill. His home was near what was then the line between Northumberland and Berks counties. He was a man of affairs, of more than ordinary intelligence and usefulness, and quite prominent in his day, and lived to an advanced age, dying in 1869. He is interred in a private graveyard on the public road leading from Ashland to Gowen City. His wife died long before he did. Among their children were: Joseph; Isaac, who lived at Ashland, Pa.; William, who had a son William; and Lydia A. and Anna, who never married and remained on the homestead farm, near Taylorsville, Schuylkill county, conducting the sawmill, etc. Miss Lydia A. Yarnall gave much of the information contained in this article.

Joseph Yarnall, son of Francis, was born April 9, 1825, in the section of Schuylkill county where his father lived and died Feb. 24, 1888, in Sunbury, where he is buried, in the old south cemetery on Fourth street. He was a natural mechanic, a skillful woodworker and engineer, a sawmill worker and expert saw filer, and was in the employ of Ira T. Clement, of Sunbury, for some thirty years. Politically he was a Republican and popular locally, being elected to various offices in his district. He was active in the organization of the fire department, and helped to purchase the first engine, in 1870. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. and the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Yarnall married Mary A. (Christian), widow of Benjamin Starnes, and to them were born six children, of whom five are mentioned: William H., who died in infancy; Gaynor, who died young; Horace, who died young; Charles E., of Sunbury; and John G. The mother was born July 30, 1821, and died in June, 1897.

JOHN G. YARNALL was born Nov. 24, 1860, at Sunbury, where he has passed all his life, being now one of the prosperous business men of that borough. He received his education in the local public schools, graduating from the high school in the spring of 1877, and in 1879 entered the employ of Ira T. Clement, as clerk in the office, remaining with him until Jan. 1, 1895, and becoming a valuable employee. He has since been in business for himself. He began as a partner of T. H. Paul, in association with whom he purchased, at the time mentioned, the goodwill, stock and fixtures of C. G. Heckert, whose business was then located at No. 446 Market street, Sunbury,

being the leading furniture house of the place. The firm of Yarnall & Paul lasted four years, when, in 1899, Mr. Yarnall became sole owner, and he has since continued the business alone. In October, 1900, he located at his present place, No. 334 Market street, which building he purchased the previous August. It has a frontage of 39 feet, on Market street, and the building has a depth of 160 feet, the lot, however, being 230 feet deep. Mr. Yarnall carries a large line of furniture, rugs, etc., and enjoys an extensive trade, which he has attained and held by the most honorable methods and satisfactory goods, for which his establishment is noted.

Mr. Yarnall married Harriet D. Haas, daughter of Henry Haas, of Mahanoy City, Pa., and his first wife, whose maiden name was Smith. George Haas, Mrs. Yarnall's grandfather, lived in the Swatara Creek Valley in Dauphin county. Mr. and Mrs. Yarnall have had five children: Mary Ann died in infancy; Joseph H., electrical engineer, who has been engaged as assistant engineer of the elevated railroad of Boston, Mass., since June, 1910, is a graduate of State College and an ambitious young man; Ira T., also a graduate of State College, is now in the government employ as a forester, in New Mexico; Sarah O. is a stenographer; John W. is assisting his father in business.

Mr. Yarnall is a Republican in politics, and in 1884 he was a member of the borough council, where he proved an aggressive worker. He is a prominent member and one of the trustees of Sunbury Steam Fire Engine Company No. 1, and fraternally holds membership in the I. O. O. F. and Encampment, old Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., and the Royal Arcanum, all of Sunbury. He belongs to the Reformed Church.

**JAMES MONTGOMERY,\*** the progenitor of the Pottsgrove branch of the Montgomerys, was a member of that numerous body, the "Scotch Irish," which has done so much for the material, moral and spiritual advancement of our beloved America.

Many circumstances, and family traditions as well, show beyond a reasonable doubt that the Danville, Paradise and Pottsgrove families of this name are connected by ties of blood, but at this late day it seems wholly impossible to trace the relationship. Some day, should a complete history of the Montgomery family be written, we may know much of our ancestors of which we are now ignorant.

It seems fairly certain that the head of our branch was a descendant of Captain Montgomery, born 1666, who was an officer under William of

Orange, and who was promoted to a majority in the British army for bravery shown at the battle of the Boyne. However that may be, we do know that he was born in Ireland about 1766. As to what part of the Emerald Isle gave birth to our ancestor, I am in total ignorance, although I have gone to very great pains endeavoring to find out. Of his early life we know practically nothing, although family traditions tell us that he was a school teacher in his native country. He early determined to emigrate to the "land of the free" and did so in or about 1790. On landing in America he first located in the vicinity of West Chester, Pa., where he remained about three years. He then removed to what is now Montour county, Pa., it being at that time a part of Northumberland county. The first definite allusion to him that I have found is in the report for 1817 of County Superintendent William Henry, in which he says: "The first (schoolhouse) of which we have an authentic account was built in 1793 by James Montgomery, the father of H. R. Montgomery, Esq., and the few scattered settlers in the vicinity. The building stood near the Milton and Danville road and but a short distance from the present boundary line between Montour and Northumberland counties, on lands now owned by Romanus Mull. James Montgomery became its first teacher and he can with truth be called the pioneer school master of the county. It is supposed that Mr. Montgomery was the only teacher that taught in the building. It is known that he taught school for some time. He was a teacher who firmly believed in 'sparing not the rod.' The late Eli Wilson of Danville, bore to the end of his life a scar, the result of a violent collision with this master's ruler. In addition to teaching he for many years followed the arduous profession of civil engineering, a calling much more in demand at that early day than at present."

Captain Montgomery, as he was familiarly known, for many years held the office of justice of the peace, his first commission, bearing date Jan. 5, 1815, being given him by Gov. Simon Snyder, for District No. 2 in the township of Chillisquaque in the county of Columbia, the same being valid "so long as you do behave yourself well." His second commission, bearing the signature of Governor Shultz, was dated May 29, 1826, and was for the township of Liberty, county of Columbia.

He was a member of the Masonic craft, having in November, 1816, joined by card Lodge No. 144 at Lewisburg, Pa.; he was a member of the fraternity previously; I have been wholly unable to find out, but suppose it to have been over in Ireland.

The Pennsylvania Archives, as well as family tradition, show that he was early a member of the local military organization, at one time being captain (thence his title) of the 81st Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia, during and subsequent to 1805. That he re-

\* History of the "POTTSGROVE BRANCH" of the Montgomery family, by James R. Montgomery, M. D., 1903.



remained with the "boys" and did not desert his adopted country in time of peril is evidenced by the fact that in 1814 he and his regiment were called out, they going as far as Northumberland, where they were ordered to encamp. They remained in camp for fifteen days, when, the war being practically ended, they were sent home.

Of course it is a foregone conclusion that a descendant of one of William of Orange's soldiers could be naught but a Presbyterian and such was the fact in this case. Grandfather was during his life a consistent member and supporter of the Chillisquaque Presbyterian Church, an organization formed in 1773, a few years prior to his arrival here. A personal letter recently received from my venerable friend, Samuel McMahan, of Milton, Pa., says, "I remember your grandfather very well. He with the greater part of those families that came from the North of Ireland, were strong Presbyterians. He was one of the regular supporters of the old Chillisquaque Church."

On March 6, 1800, in consideration of the sum of three hundred pounds, he received from James Sheldon a deed for 133 acres and 6 per cent allowance of land along the Beaver run in what is now Liberty township, Montour Co., Pa., it being part of a tract of land which the Proprietors of Pennsylvania did by patent dated the 3d day of April, 1776, grant to James Sheldon. "His farm was very beautifully located, and covered with a thick growth of heavy timber, mostly white oak. I have heard it said that he chose this land because of the splendid timber on it, arguing from this that the soil must be extremely productive, while other settlers having less means were compelled to purchase the apparently poorer, hence cheaper, land, that was covered with small scrubby trees. We see his error now. His acres turned out to be a fair quality of gravel, while his poorer neighbors became the possessors of the valuable limestone farms, as fertile as any in the State, and which have made their descendants wealthy. He proceeded to clear up a farm and to erect the necessary buildings for the comfort and maintenance of himself and his family. These have long since disappeared. The house, built of logs, stood about two rods east of the location of the present dwelling. There was a splendid spring near the house and as there was at that time little or no market for his surplus grain he, like many of the pioneer settlers, built a distillery for its consumption. With tireless energy he laboriously hewed out the broad acres of the old homestead where his children were all born and which remained in the possession of himself and his descendants for nearly a century thereafter.

During the summer of 1795 he married Sarah Sheddan, who was born at "Seoiceberry Grove," the Sheddan homestead in Liberty township, Jan. 16, 1778, a daughter of James Sheddan, an Irish-

man, born Aug. 12, 1744, who with his wife, born in August, 1749, came to America in 1774. Mrs. Montgomery was a devoted wife to the end of her life, which occurred July 22, 1827. She and her husband were the parents of the following children: Samuel, born Sept. 20, 1796, died April 17, 1798; James, born 1798, died 1827; Samuel (2), born Aug. 7, 1800, died Jan. 16, 1826; Nathaniel, born Aug. 3, 1802, died Nov. 20, 1824; William, born April 16, 1805, died Aug. 14, 1826; Mary, born 1808, died 1834; Daniel W., born 1811, died 1866; Andrew, born June 24, 1814, died Aug. 3, 1838; Robert G., born 1817, died 1855; Hugh R., born 1819, died 1881; Anne, born July 9, 1822, died Jan. 23, 1829. It was a sad and remarkable coincidence that so many of the sons died in early manhood.

Soon after the death of his wife James Montgomery again assumed the matrimonial relation, being united in marriage with Mrs. Catherine Burns, nee Harvey, who bore him three children: John C., born 1828, died 1859; David H., born 1831, died 1902, and Margaret J., born 1835, died 1842. She survived him some years, finally going the way of all flesh, Aug. 18, 1856.

As indicated in the foregoing sketch our grandfather was a man of considerable importance to the community in his day and generation. Intellectually he was far above the average settler. My old friend, Samuel McMahan, tells me, "I saw him sign the temperance pledge in the center schoolhouse and he was spoken of as a man of pronounced views, who would be of much help in the reformation." Physically he was a large, finely built man, not tall but rather heavy. Like a true son of Erin, he was jovial and witty. As a husband he was thoughtful of the comfort of his partner, as a father he was kind and just, although somewhat strict as was the habit of the old colonists. As a neighbor and citizen his efforts and influence were all to the good.

He lived to the Biblical limit of three-score and ten. His death occurred suddenly and without any premonitions, he being found dead in his bed, probably from an apoplectic seizure, Dec. 6, 1836. His remains were buried by the side of his first wife in the old Chillisquaque cemetery and have long since been followed by all that was mortal of his widow and many of his children. There they quietly rest in that dreamless sleep from which they shall not awaken until the resurrection morn.

Concerning the children of James and Sarah (Sheddan) Montgomery who reached maturity.

James Montgomery was born, probably at the Sheddan homestead, Oct. 10, 1798. Very little is now known about him. On Nov. 15, 1825, he married Jane Harrison (a sister of the late Mrs. Obel Everett of Frosty Valley), who was born in Union county, Pa., June 12, 1805. During their honeymoon they visited friends near Milton and both



contracted colds which developed into illness so serious that in both cases it terminated fatally, her death occurring July 31, 1826, his following on May 10, 1827. They left no children.

Mary Montgomery was born on the old Montgomery homestead Nov. 20, 1808, and died Jan. 27, 1854. About 1830 she married John Rogers (an Irishman and school teacher), by whom she had two children, Sarah Anne and Elinor. The latter was born Nov. 20, 1834, and died without issue Feb. 22, 1857. Sarah Anne was born in Liberty township May 1, 1832, and died in Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 30, 1891. On Sept. 9, 1858, she was married in Morrow county, Ohio, to Samuel Burns (born in Liberty township Oct. 12, 1832, died in Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 24, 1906), and they were the parents of five children: Ella, John, Anna, Amos and Robert, all of whom died during childhood, and thus terminated this branch of the family.

Dr. Daniel W. Montgomery was born on the old homestead in what was then Turbot township, Northumberland county, May 7, 1811. He left home at an early age, probably about fifteen, and matriculated as a student at an institution of much note at the time, the old Milton Academy, the leading spirit of which was the eccentric but learned minister David Kirkpatrick, familiarly known as "Old Kirk." Among his classmates were James Pollock, who afterward served as governor of Pennsylvania, and Andrew G. Curtin, who later became the famous "War Governor" of our Commonwealth, as well as others who achieved considerable success in the various walks of life. After graduation he was retained at the academy as teacher for several years. Being poor but ambitious he, as many before and since have done, resorted to the schoolmaster's desk in order to obtain funds with which to secure a medical education. He taught at Danville, Moundsdale, Sodom, the "Marsh," and probably at other schools in the forks of the Susquehanna. It is worthy of note that the lady who afterward became his wife was at one time one of his pupils. He now entered the office of Dr. William H. Magill, a noted physician of Danville, as a student of medicine, and in due time matriculated at Jefferson Medical College. After a faithful attendance at its courses of lectures he was granted the coveted degree in 1835. He immediately located at Orangeville, where by energy and industry he soon built up a large but exceedingly laborious practice, his field being a very extensive one, embracing territory which now supports over a dozen physicians. But he never faltered until failing health compelled him to desist, retaining the confidence and support of his patrons to the end. His premature death, which occurred Nov. 16, 1866, was like that of thousands of his brother physicians—unhonored and unsung, yet heroes none the less—directly due to the wear

and tear and exposure incident to the life of the busy physician whose creed and practice always is "others before yourself." Physically Dr. Montgomery was not a robust man, being slight in build and not tall, but he had a clear eye, a firm, resolute chin and a thoughtful, faith-inspiring face. In early life he had some trouble with one of his ankles, which caused a permanent lameness.

On April 13, 1839, he purchased the lot on corner of Main and Mount Pleasant streets, in the village of Orangeville, on which he built the house which was his home to the end of his life, in which his children were all born, and which still remains in the possession of his son. Some years later he purchased a fine farm in Orange township.

The Doctor was one of a small body of medical men who on the 31st day of July, 1858, founded the Columbia County Medical Society, an association which has endured to the present day and which embraces in its membership the leading practitioners of the county. Although in no sense a politician he, like all our family, was a life-long Democrat. My father once told me that had it not been deemed impossible to dispense with his services as a physician, he would have been thrust in the staling vaults of Fort Mifflin along with the other poor victims of that horrid creation of malignity and falsehood, the so called "Fishing crock Confederacy." Yet it is but the simple truth that no purer-minded, more patriotic American ever lived than was he. A contemporary newspaper, *The Star of the North*, says of him: "His long residence in the place, in connection with his great success in the practice of medicine, his unwavering principles of morality and integrity, his zeal for the cause of education, his ardor and energy for the public welfare, leave a community to mourn his loss as irreparable. As a physician he ranked among the highest. His calm and deliberate judgment, with his long experience, rendered him one of more than ordinary skill. The profession has lost a valuable member and the physicians throughout this and adjoining counties who have frequently sought his counsel will sadly deplore the loss of one whose life has been so valuable to the profession and community. But alas! He is no more. Death has claimed him and his quiet, tranquil death assures us that his spirit rests in peace." His mortal remains now rest in that dreamless sleep that knows no waking in this vale of tears, by the side of her he loved in 1866, in beautiful Orangeville cemetery.

On Nov. 16, 1847, at the home of her parents, he was joined in wedlock to Margaret, daughter of William and Jane (Mason) Curry, and granddaughter of Robert Curry, a native of Ireland, who was one of the earliest settlers of what is now Montour county and who was killed by the Indians in 1780. Mrs. Montgomery was born on the old Curry homestead in Valley township, Columbia

(now Montour) county, Jan. 20, 1815, and after a faithful performance of the many and varied duties that confronted her as wife, mother and grandparent departed this life in Orangeville, in the house where all of a congenial and happy married life had been spent, Jan. 6, 1888. Both Doctor and Mrs. Montgomery were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. They were the parents of the following children: Clara J. C., born May 17, 1843, who died Sept. 10, 1853; Zelma Agnes, born Jan. 19, 1847; and James B., born July 6, 1849.

Robert G. Montgomery was born on the old Montgomery homestead, Jan. 5, 1817, and lived on it during the whole of his life, following the humble but very honorable and useful occupation of tiller of the soil. He was an excellent farmer and liked nothing better than to "make two blades of grass grow where one grew before." He became the owner of his farm sometime during the forties and improved it by the erection of a fine brick house and a large bank barn. He was a man of quiet tastes, one who thoroughly despised vulgar ostentations. He was honest and God-fearing, and while his fame was merely local, who can say how far reaching is the influence of that well lived life! I shall never forget a remark made by a neighbor which I overheard at his funeral, "There lies a perfectly honest man, one who never had an enemy." On Dec. 4, 1857, he married Susan, daughter of Fleming and Anna (Randolph) Nesbit, who was born at Carlisle, Pa., Jan. 22, 1827, and died at the home of her daughter May, in Orangeville, Nov. 29, 1890. They were the parents of the following children: James F., born Jan. 26, 1862; Ida May, born Feb. 8, 1864; John C., born Dec. 19, 1867; and three others who died in infancy. Mr. Montgomery's death, which was sudden and unexpected, occurred Dec. 31, 1875, from an attack of pneumonia. He was buried in the new Chillisquaque cemetery. His widow was buried at Orangeville. Both he and his wife were consistent members of the old Chillisquaque Presbyterian Church.

Hugh R. Montgomery, the youngest son of James and Sarah Montgomery, was born May 26, 1819, on the old Montgomery homestead, where he lived until he arrived at manhood's estate. Although never physically robust, yet like most of our ancestors of a century ago he early became accustomed to hard work. He helped clear up and till his father's farm, while during the long winters he taught the district school. The latter occupation he followed for many years, the former during his lifetime. The lady who afterward became his wife was for some time a pupil of his. In 1842 he bought a tract of land to which he moved to which he subsequently made additions (this is now known as the "Lindrew" farm), and improved by building a substantial brick house and large

bank barn. Here he lived till 1865, when he sold it and moved to the "Auten" farm, where he lived one year, when he bought and moved on the "Morgan" farm in the Village of Mexico. Here he lived for three years, when he sold the place and purchased a large tract of land along the banks of the Chillisquaque, near Pottsgrove. This was known as the "Bennage" farm and was the same tract originally known as "The True Point," which in consideration of the sum of twelve pounds, two shillings, sixpence sterling was granted, released and confirmed unto John Morrow (a progenitor of our present Murray family) on the sixteenth day of June in the year of our Lord 1774, and the fourteenth year of the reign of King George the Third over Great Britain, etc., by Thomas Penn and John Penn, Esq's., etc., etc. He moved on this farm during the month of April, 1869, and soon improved it by the erection of an excellent brick house, which he occupied until his death, which occurred after a lingering illness, July 28, 1881. He was a man of sterling honor and integrity and a person of much more than ordinary intelligence. Although naturally rather backward and unassuming, his life was an active and useful one. He was first commissioned justice of the peace by Governor Johnston in 1850, an office he continuously held until his removal from the county, in 1869. He was executor or administrator of a great many estates. He took much interest in educational matters, was a member of the school board for many years and was one of the founders of the Pottsgrove Academy. He was for many years a member of and an elder in the old Chillisquaque Presbyterian church. By his death his wife lost a kind, thoughtful husband, his children a loving father, the church an excellent counselor, the community an upright, conscientious, God-fearing member. His mortal remains rest in the family plot in the upper cemetery at Milton, Pa.

On June 25, 1857, at Danville, Pa., Rev. I. W. Yeomans united him in the bonds of holy matrimony with Sarah S. Moll, who proved a true helpmate during the quarter century of their married life. She bore him the following children: James R., born May 15, 1858; John S., born Aug. 21, 1859; Mary E., born Nov. 20, 1860; Sarah A., born Sept. 20, 1863; Daniel M., born Sept. 27, 1865; William A., born Sept. 2, 1867; Hugh B., born Aug. 27, 1868; Clara B., born Nov. 29, 1870 (died July 23, 1900); Alice J., born Dec. 17, 1873.

Sarah S. Moll was born in Berks county, Pa., March 30, 1837, daughter of Daniel F. and Mary (Seidel) Moll, granddaughter of John and Mary Elizabeth (Foust) Moll, and great-granddaughter of Henry Moll. Of the original Molls (or Mulls as they spelled it) but little is known, but it is supposed they came from Germany.

John C. Montgomery, son of James and Catherine (Burns) Montgomery, was born on the old



homestead Oct. 31, 1828. He was a man of considerable promise, being bright, energetic and industrious. Physically he was a splendid specimen of manhood. He had a decided military build and was a member of the local militia. He bought the "Bond" farm, a tract of land adjoining his father's farm on the west, and this he proceeded to improve by the erection of a large brick house and bank barn. He was engaged at the former when he was stricken by an attack of erysipelas which resulted fatally, Sept. 11, 1859. He had never married.

Dr. David H. Montgomery, son of James and Catherine (Burns) Montgomery, was born on the old homestead Dec. 4, 1831. After the completion of his literary education he taught school, at the same time reading medicine with his brother, Dr. Daniel. After attendance on the usual lectures and clinics, he received his diploma from the Philadelphia College of Medicine—an institution of repute at the time, but which has long since ceased to exist—March 10, 1852. He then engaged in practice with his preceptor at Orangeville, which he continued till 1856, when he located in Millinville. Here by close attention to his professional duties he soon built up a large and lucrative practice, which he held to the day of his death, which occurred suddenly, though to himself not unexpectedly, Nov. 21, 1902, it being due to a severe attack of angina pectoris, a disease to which he had long been subject. In 1862 he bought a lot in the village on which he erected a fine residence in which he lived the remainder of his life. He was quite a man in the financial world, being one of the original promoters and stockholders of the North and West Branch railroad, a stockholder in the Farmers' National Bank, etc. Dr. Montgomery was man of many excellent traits. Physically he was a splendid specimen of manhood. He was very genial and intuitively inspired everyone with trust in his ability and honesty. In his tastes he was thoroughly domestic. He was a great lover of home. No man's family relations could have been pleasanter. His pastor said of him: "His work has been magnificent and every stroke has been in the interest of right. He read the world in its various phases and it a strong brain and a magnetic presence are evidences of the good he has derived from following out his own notions of life's best plan, indeed his is a receipt worthy to be followed by all who wish to attain the same results."

In 1854 he was united in wedlock with Amelia, daughter of Jacob and Mary Ann (Hess) Kline, and granddaughter of Abram Kline, who prior to the Revolution emigrated to America from Germany and settled in what is now Orange township. She was born near Orangeville, and after a happy married life survived her husband but a few months, dying suddenly from a ruptured aneurism, July 14, 1903. Both sleep in Berwick cemetery. They are the parents of three children.

Margaret J. Montgomery, daughter of James and Catherine (Burns) Montgomery, was born March 23, 1835, and died May 14, 1842.

Dr. James R. Montgomery, son of Hugh R. and Sarah S. (Moll) Montgomery, was born on the "Harvey" farm in Liberty township, Montour Co., Pa., May 15, 1858. He worked with his father on the farm till he was seventeen, attending the common schools during the winter months and completing his literary education at Millersville Normal School. He then taught two terms of school at Oak Grove, in his native township, at the same time reading medicine with his preceptor, Dr. Charles H. Dougal, of Milton, Pa. He matriculated at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated "with honorable mention" of his thesis, March 13, 1880. He practiced his profession for upward of a year in Philadelphia, when his father desiring him nearer home during his illness he located in Clarkstown, from which place he, on Jan. 16, 1882, removed to Buckhorn, where he still resides and where he has built up a large practice. In 1889 he purchased the property where he now lives and which he improved the same year by the erection of a large store building. He is an active member of the Columbia County Medical Society, State Medical Society and American Medical Association, in the various duties of which he takes an active part. He is member of Huntington Lodge, No. 265, F. & A. M.

On Oct. 26, 1887, by Rev. F. H. Tubbs, the Doctor was united in marriage with Daisy May Harris. They are the parents of two children, James R., Jr., born Sept. 22, 1889, and Maud, born March 1, 1894.

Daisy May Harris was born in Buckhorn, in the house in which she now lives, Oct. 7, 1866, only daughter of Jacob and Sarah A. (Shoemaker) Harris, granddaughter of James and Mary (Sheep) Harris, great-granddaughter of William Harris and great-great-granddaughter of James Harris, who was born in or near Bristol, England, about 1700, and emigrated to America about 1725, settling in Sussex county, N. J., where he married Miss Boleyn. On the maternal side she is a granddaughter of Abram and Rebecca (Girton) Shoemaker and a great-granddaughter of Abram Shoemaker, who was born in New Jersey. He was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, at the close of which he married Margaret M'leck and came to what is now Columbia county, Pa., where he died about 1845, at a great age. He was buried with military honors in the old Presbyterian cemetery in Bloomsburg.

Joan S. Montgomery, son of Hugh R. and Sarah S. (Moll) Montgomery, formerly senior member of the firm of J. S. Montgomery & Co., Pottsgrove, Pa., was born on the "Harvey" farm, Aug. 21, 1859. After his school days were over he followed the profession of the carpenter for a number of years,



being employed by the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company from 1883 to 1888. In August, 1888, he purchased a store in Pottsgrove which he conducted alone for a time, but in the fall of 1889 he took in as a partner his brother Daniel M. This partnership was continued till 1901, when Daniel withdrew and William A. entered the firm, which continued to do a large retail mercantile business in the prosperous community in which they were located. In 1894 they purchased a lot on which they erected a large and substantial store building and residence. John S. Montgomery sold his interest in this store in 1905. He is an enterprising man, taking an active part in all that pertains to the welfare of his town. He is a member of the Pottsgrove Lodge, I. O. O. F.

On March 14, 1902, he took unto himself a better half in the person of Jane S. McWilliams, Rev. A. B. Herr officiating. Jane S. McWilliams was born near Pottsgrove, April 5, 1871, daughter of John C. and Susan (Rissel) McWilliams.

Mary E. (Montgomery) Marsh, daughter of Hugh R. and Sarah S. (Moll) Montgomery, was born on the "Harvey" farm Nov. 20, 1860. She received her education at the Pottsgrove schools. On March 27, 1879, she was joined in marriage, by Rev. H. Graham Finney, to Charles N. Marsh. They tilled his father's farm in Turbut township for several years, when they purchased a tract of land along the banks of the Chillisquaque creek. They lived on this for some years, improving it by the erection of a fine brick house and a substantial bank barn. In 1898 Mr. Marsh accepted a position with the First National Bank of Milton, and leaving the farm, which they still own, they purchased and moved to the property at No. 128 Centre street where they still reside. They are the parents of one child, Hugh M., who was born in Turbut township, Northumberland county, June 13, 1880. All are members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Marsh was elected an elder of their church in 1901.

Charles Newton Marsh was born in Turbut township, Northumberland Co., Pa., June 25, 1858. He received his education in the common schools, Limestoneville Academy and Millersville Normal School, taught school for some years, and also followed surveying. He still devotes his spare time to the latter occupation and to fire insurance. He was elected justice of the peace in 1889 and held the office until his removal from this township, in 1898. He is the only son of Minner Gulick and Margaret (Follmer) Marsh, grandson of Isaac and Sarah (Gulick) Marsh and great-grandson of Isaac and Elinor (Griggs) Marsh, whose ancestors fled from Scotland during a rebellion and settled near Flemington, N. J. Elinor Griggs was a native of Flemington, N. J. Sarah Gulick was a daughter of Minner Gulick, a captain in the Revolutionary war, whose ancestors came to this country from

Julick, Germany, about 1653. Margaret Follmer is a daughter of Simon Follmer, he a descendant of Michael Follmer, one of three brothers (then called Vollmer) who came from Bavaria and settled on what is now the Reuben Hoffa farm, near Follmer's Church, about 1772 or 1773.

Sarah A. (Montgomery) Eckman, daughter of Hugh R. and Sarah S. (Moll) Montgomery, was born on the "Lindner" farm Sept. 20, 1863. She received her education in the common schools and at Pottsgrove Academy. On March 1, 1888, she was united in the bonds of matrimony with William H. Eckman, by Rev. J. O. George. They purchased a property in Sunbury, Pa., where they lived for some years, Mr. Eckman being connected with the Pondrot Manor Cemetery Company. In June, 1891, they bought the "Baker" farm, a beautiful tract of land lying near Pottsgrove, to which they removed in 1893, and on which they still reside. They have since built a handsome and comfortable dwelling on it and have made it a model farm. Both are members of the Presbyterian Church. They are the parents of two children: Clara A., who was born in Sunbury, Pa., Aug. 14, 1891, and Mae Montgomery, born at Pottsgrove, Feb. 9, 1901.

William H. Eckman was born in Upper Augusta township, Northumberland county, Aug. 7, 1855. He is a son of Peter Eckman, who was born near Klines Grove, Pa., May 10, 1831. He was a farmer nearly all his life, but for about fifteen years was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. He was a lifelong member of the M. E. Church. He died July 31, 1906, and was buried at Sunbury. In 1849 he married Angelina Simpe, a daughter of Michael and Judith (Hubert), who was born in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, March 13, 1833. His grandfather, Jacob Eckman, was born Sept. 22, 1805, and died April 19, 1876, was a native of Bloomsbury, N. J. On July 26, 1826, he married Emma Gulick, born Dec. 6, 1802, died April 7, 1883, whose paternal ancestors were English. On the maternal side she was descended from a Huguenot family named Gauo, who fled from France to America during a religious persecution in the eighteenth century. His great-grandfather, Charles Eckman, was born near Bloomsbury, N. J., in 1779, married Margaret DeWitt in 1800, and lived on a farm near his birthplace till 1807, when he bought a farm near Snyderstown, Pa., on which they lived till 1813, when they exchanged it for a farm near Klines Grove, Pa., now known as the old Eckman homestead. They were the parents of eight sons and three daughters. His great-great-grandfather Eckman was an old settler of Warren county, N. J.; he was the father of three sons and four daughters.

Daniel M. Montgomery, son of Hugh R. and Sarah S. (Moll) Montgomery, was born on the

"Auten" farm Sept. 21, 1865. At the death of his father he left the old home and after taking a commercial course at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., accepted employment from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as telegrapher. This vocation he followed for some years, occupying various locations, mostly on the main line between Harrisburg and Pittsburg. He very nearly lost his life in the famous "Johnstown flood" of 1889. He was in the Conemaugh tower at the time, but fortunately he saw the huge wall of water approaching, and quickly deserting the doomed locality he safely reached the hills. A minute after tower and all were destroyed. The same year, 1889, he formed a partnership with his brother, John S., in the mercantile business at Pottsgrove, which continued until 1901. He then withdrew from the firm and removed to Hazleton, Pa., where he opened a store. During the year he bought a lot at No. 237 West Broad Street on which he built a large three-story store and dwelling into which he moved the following spring, and which he still occupies.

On April 4, 1893, he married Mary L., a daughter of John and Clara (Buss) Koons, who was born in Lyscoming county Jan. 15, 1873. She bore him two children, Florence and Mildred May, both of whom died during infancy. Unfortunately his wife went into a decline which developed into that scourge of our race, consumption, and terminated fatally June 30, 1896. She is buried in the family plot in the upper cemetery at Milton.

On April 12, 1899, he again assumed the marital relation by uniting in marriage with Annie L. Levan, Rev. H. P. Corser officiating. They have one child, Elwood Watson, who was born at Pottsgrove April 4, 1900. Both are members of the Presbyterian Church.

Annie Louisa Levan was born at Ottawa, Pa., Jan. 10, 1877. She received her education in the common schools and at Bloomsburg Normal School, graduating from the latter institution. She is a daughter of Charles D. and Sarah C. (Watson) Levan, and a granddaughter of Charles and Mary A. (Follmer) Levan, the former of whom was born in southern France in 1809, and when a young man came to America, where he died in 1881.

William A. Montgomery, son of Hugh R. and Sarah S. (Moll) Montgomery, was born on the "Morgan" farm in Liberty township Sept. 2, 1867. He received his education in the Pottsgrove schools. After the death of his father, in 1881, he took charge of the old home and farmed the place, thus making a home for his mother and his younger brother and sisters. In 1895 he bought the farm and occupied it for some years. Unfortunately he sustained a severe sunstroke, the results of which compelled him to forego the hard work and exposure to the heat of the sun incident

to the life of the agriculturist. He rented the farm and removed to Pottsgrove, where he led a retired life until 1901, when he joined his brother, John S., in the mercantile business from which he retired in 1906. He is a Presbyterian and a member of the Odd Fellows. He is unmarried.

H. Bryson Montgomery, son of Hugh R. and Sarah S. (Moll) Montgomery, was born on the "Morgan" farm August 27, 1868. After his school days were over he entered into a four years' apprenticeship with McKillip Brothers, photographers, of Bloomsburg, Pa. At the completion of this term he built and located a gallery at Williamstown, Pa. He continued here till 1895, when he bought a lot at No. 143 South Front street, Milton, Pa., on which he erected a splendid brick residence and gallery, which he occupied for a number of years, and where he did probably the largest photographic business in the county. He was an expert photographer and in addition an extensive dealer in cameras, frames and other accessories. He has sold out his studio and is now extensively interested in the sand business.

On March 20, 1895, he was united in marriage, by Rev. J. A. Adams, to Sarah A. Billmeyer, who was born in Liberty township, near Oak Grove, Oct. 12, 1879. She is a daughter of Henry and Hannah (Floree) Billmeyer, and great-granddaughter of Martin Billmeyer, who with his father, Martin Billmeyer, came to what is now Madison county, and took up more than a century ago a large amount of land in the vicinity of Liberty, his dam which still remains in the possession of their descendants. Both are members of the Lutheran Church.

Clara B. Montgomery, daughter of Hugh R. and Sarah S. (Moll) Montgomery, was born at the old home in Chillispaque township, Nov. 29, 1879. After completing her education at the public schools and at Pottsgrove Academy she chose the profession of photography, which she learned with her brother Bryson at Williamstown, but her health proving delicate she never followed it except as an amateur. She made her home with her mother at Pottsgrove. During a visit to Atlantic City in the summer of 1899 she contracted a cold which finally terminated in that dread disease, consumption. After a lingering illness, which she bore with Christian fortitude, her poor young life was cut short on the great river July 23, 1900. During her whole short but life-long and busy career, earnest and sincere member of the Presbyterian Church. All that remained of our dear sister, the first of our family circle to pass to the great beyond, now rests in the family plot at Milton.

Alice Jane (Montgomery) Suddan, daughter of Hugh R. and Sarah S. (Moll) Montgomery, was born on the old farm along the banks of the Chillispaque Dec. 17, 1877. She completed her education in the common schools of her native town



ship and at Pottsgrove Academy. In addition she took a number of courses in music, an art in which she became an adept. On August 12, 1896, she was joined in the bonds of wedlock to Rev. William B. Sheddan. They are the parents of two children, Ralph Montgomery, born at McEwensville, Pa., June 24, 1897, and Boyd Robert, born at Little Oxford, Warren Co., N. J., Sept. 8, 1902.

William Boyd Sheddan was born at the old Sheddan homestead, which has been in the possession of the family since 1774, April 8, 1867. He is the only child of John K. and Marietta J. (Wilson) Sheddan, and the great-grandson of James Sheddan, who was born in Ireland in 1744, and who came to America thirty years later, settling on what is now the Sheddan homestead. His grandfather, William Sheddan, and his wife's grandmother, Sarah Sheddan Montgomery, were brother and sister. At the age of nineteen he first taught school at Balls Mills, followed by a year each at Chestnut Grove and Limestoneville. He then matriculated at Bucknell University, from which he graduated in 1895, with the degree of Ph. B. Then for three years he taught at Pottsgrove, McEwensville and Milton. He became a student in Princeton Theological Seminary and completed the course in 1900. During this time he supplied several churches. On Aug. 18, 1900, he received a call to the First Presbyterian Church of Oxford, N. J., and was ordained and installed pastor of the same, Jan. 30, 1901, and which charge he served till the summer of 1904, when he accepted the position of Librarian at Princeton Theological Seminary, removing to the latter place in August of that year. His address is No. 5 Linden Lane, Princeton, New Jersey.

Concerning the children of Robert G. and Susan (Nesbit) Montgomery,

James F. Montgomery was born in Liberty township, on the old Montgomery homestead, Jan. 26, 1862. He lived at home until the death of his father. Shortly after this event he removed to Orangeville, where he worked at carpentering. In 1883 he purchased a farm in Orange township. He lived on this until 1903, when he rented it and moved to the Daniel McHenry farm at Stillwater, where he remained one year and then returned to his own farm. On June 27, 1885, he married Jennie R. Sharpless, who has borne him the following children: Robert S., born Dec. 26, 1886; Laura May, born Oct. 13, 1888 (died March 27, 1891); Clement D., born Oct. 28, 1890; Maud A., born Sept. 1, 1892; Wallace W., born May 6, 1894 (died Aug. 15, 1895); William C., born Feb. 2, 1896; Clara C., born Nov. 27, 1898. Jennie R. Sharpless was born in Orangeville, Pa., Oct. 15, 1865, daughter of Samuel A. and Mary (Everitt) Sharpless.

Ida May (Montgomery) Swank was born on the old Montgomery homestead, Feb. 8, 1864. She

staid with her mother for some years after her father's death, but finally left home and learned dressmaking. She also lived for several years with the family of Henry H. Grotz, in Bloomsburg. On April 28, 1887, she was united in marriage to Clement V. Delong, of Orangeville, but the period of her wedded life was very brief, as he died Sept. 1, 1887. On April 26, 1900, she again entered the matrimonial ranks, taking for her life partner Dill L. Swank. They at once moved into their own house in Fernville, near Bloomsburg, where they lived until 1901, when they rented it and moved to Hazleton, where Mr. Swank had accepted a situation as foreman in a large woodworking plant. Their child, George Nesbit, born March 4, 1902, they were unfortunate enough to lose by death, from cholera infantum, July 3, 1902.

Dill L. Swank was born at Hetlerville, Pa., March 16, 1865, son of Obadiah and Elizabeth (Kirkendall) Swank, grandson of George and Elizabeth (Hutchins) Swank and great-grandson of John and Catherine (Hover) Swank.

John C. Montgomery was born in Liberty township, Dec. 19, 1867. After the death of his father he lived for a number of years with William Curry at Mausdale. Being of an economical and saving disposition, he accumulated quite a sum of money, with which, with his patrimony, he purchased a large tract of land known as the "Beaver" farm, located in Pine township, Columbia Co., Pa. Here he lived for some time following farming and lumbering. But owing either to mismanagement or the dishonesty of others, or both, he was so unfortunate as to lose all his property. Thinking he might succeed better elsewhere, he located at Claymount, Ill., where he still resides. He is a farmer, and so far as is known he is unmarried.

Zelma Agnes (Montgomery) Smith, daughter of Dr. Daniel W. and Margaret (Curry) Montgomery, was born in Orangeville, Pa., Jan. 19, 1847.

James B. Montgomery, son of Dr. Daniel W. and Margaret (Curry) Montgomery, was born in Orangeville July 6, 1849. He received his education at Orangeville Academy, Bloomsburg Institute, Dickinson Seminary and Poughkeepsie Business College. For many years he has followed the honorable calling of tiller of the soil, although he does the directing rather than the actual labor, and owns and manages several of the handsomest farms in the county, of which he is justly proud. He lives in Orangeville, in the house built by his father a half century or more ago. He is no politician, but takes an active part in all that pertains to the welfare of his native town: is a member of the council of Orangeville borough. In 1871 he was united in marriage with Mary E. Lee, who has borne him three children: Mary Grace, born Feb. 18, 1872; Cora Agnes, born Nov. 25, 1875; and



James Curry, born Oct. 17, 1877. All are members of the Presbyterian church.

Mary Elizabeth Lee was born in Scott township, Columbia Co., Pa., in October, 1851, daughter of Charles and Mary E. (Lilyer) Lee and granddaughter of David and Susanna Lee.

S. PIERCE BOYER, farmer, of Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, lives on part of the old homestead of his grandfather, Peter Boyer, who moved to this county in 1831 with his family. The Boyers are from Berks county, Pa., where the name has long been a representative one.

The emigrant ancestor of the Boyer family was John Philip Boyer, who came from the Palatinate to Philadelphia in 1731, with a number of children. He settled in Frederick township, Montgomery Co., Pa., but later lived in Amity township, in the lower end of Berks county, where he died in the spring of 1753, at a ripe old age. He belonged to the Swamp Lutheran Church, and was buried by the pastor, Rev. Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, who reports the matter fully in the "Halle'schen Nachrichten." His will is on record at the Philadelphia courthouse, and in it some of his children are named. Among his sons were Jacob, the ancestor of the Boyertown branch of the family; and Johann Heinrich.

Johann Heinrich Boyer was born in 1714, in the Pfalz, Germany, and died May 2, 1814, in the one hundredth year of his age. In 1743 he was married to Magdalena Kirchner, and among his children—six sons and one daughter—were Philip and Heinrich.

Philip Boyer, born Dec. 14, 1754, died July 31, 1832. His wife, Christiana, who was born in 1751, also died in 1832, and both were buried in the old graveyard at Amityville. Philip Boyer made a will the year before his death, while a resident of Amity township, and in it he mentions the following children: Michael; Jacob, who had a son Philip; John; Peter; Mary, married to George Koch; and Daniel, born in 1792, who died in 1825.

Peter Boyer, son of Philip, was born in Amity township, Berks county, and in 1831 came to Northumberland county with his wife and family, which then consisted of twelve children, the youngest two having been born in Lower Mahanoy township, where they settled. His 170-acre farm in that township is now owned by one Frank Phillips. Later he moved to Dauphin county, where he owned a valuable farm and mill property for which he paid \$12,000, and he died in that county about 1850-51, at the age of sixty-five years. He is buried at Hoffman's Church, in Lykens township, Dauphin county. Though a stonemason by trade, he was engaged principally in farming, in which he was very successful and prosperous. He was a strong man, noted for his courageous disposition, and was known locally as "Wammas" Boyer. His

wife, Catharine Herb, also of Berks county, lived to the age of eighty-four. They were the parents of fourteen children, as follows: Benjamin, Sally, Elias, Isaac, Rachel, Mary, Hettie, Gabriel, Abraham, Catharine, Josiah and Benneville (twins), John and Leah, the two last named born in Northumberland county.

John Boyer, probably an uncle of Peter Boyer, above, served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

Abraham Boyer, son of Peter, was born in Amity township, Berks county, and came with the family to Lower Mahanoy township, where he passed the remainder of his active and successful life with the exception of the years he was at Millerstown, Perry county. Like the Boyers generally, he was noted for his industry and thrift, and he became one of the most extensive farmers in Lower Mahanoy township, owning about 500 acres of land. He died in Lower Mahanoy township Sept. 28, 1894. Abraham Boyer married Catharine Anderson, daughter of John and Mary (Harrold) Anderson, and to them were born six children, namely: S. Pierce; Amelia, who married Henry Kieffer, of Dauphin county, Pa.; John, deceased; Elias D., of Limestone, Upper Augusta township, this county; Hannah, married to John Lahr, of Pillow, Pa.; and Peter, of Pillow.

S. Pierce Boyer was born Jan. 12, 1853, in Millerstown, Perry Co., Pa., and was but four weeks old when the family returned to Northumberland county, where he was reared to farm life. He worked for his parents until he was thirty years old, when he left home and began farming on his own account in Jordan township, as a tenant. Some years later he and his brother Elias bought a tract of seventy-one acres near Mandata, Pa., in partnership, and S. Pierce Boyer farmed this tract for twelve years, until he settled on his present place in Lower Mahanoy township in 1894. He has a tract of 169 acres near Mandata which was at one time part of the old homestead of his grandfather, Peter Boyer, and which has been in the family name for many years. The barn on this place was built by his father, Abraham Boyer, and the present owner has remodeled the house, which is a comfortable dwelling. The place is well kept up and Mr. Boyer is a typical member of his family, enterprising and energetic in all he undertakes and prosperous in his farming operations. He has taken some part in local affairs, having served three years as school director of the township and also as tax collector. He is a Democrat in politics. Mr. Boyer has been quite prominent in church affairs, he being a member of the Reformed congregation at Zion's Stone Valley Church, which he has served as member of the council for ten years.

In March, 1883, Mr. Boyer married Susan Mitchell, daughter of Jacob and Catharine (Robb)

Michael, of Lower Mahanoy township, who had a family of six children, namely: John, William, Mary (Mrs. George Philips), Susan, Isaac and Sarah. Mrs. Boyer died April 14, 1893, at the age of forty-two years, the mother of two children: Katie, unmarried, who lives in Sunbury, Pa.; and Carrie, who is living with her parents. Mr. Boyer married for his second wife Ella Drumbheller, daughter of Nicholas Drumbheller, and to this union there was one child, born dead.

PETER BOYER, youngest son of Abraham Boyer, was born April 15, 1867, in Lower Mahanoy township, and worked for his parents until he reached the age of twenty-two years. He subsequently farmed some seven years as a tenant on the John Haas farm, three miles east of Milton, Pa. In 1902 he settled in Jordan township on the valuable farm of 286 acres, near Hobe, which he has since occupied and cultivated. Besides this place he owns other land, having in all 321 acres, of which 209 acres are under cultivation. In addition to farming he is engaged to some extent in lumbering, and he has also been interested in building, having put up five houses in Sunbury during 1907-08.

Mr. Boyer married Catharine Troutman, and they have five children: (1) William R., born July 30, 1882, in Lower Mahanoy township, took a course at Keller's business college, at Lewisburg, Pa., taught public school for five terms, and has since held his present position, being rural letter carrier No. 1, of Pillow, Pa. He married Minnie Strohecker, and they have three children, Hazel, Helen and Vivian. They live a half mile west of Pillow. (2) John C., born Aug. 13, 1884, was engaged in farming for a while and then turned to the raising of fancy poultry and lumbering. He lives on his place at Klingerstown, Pa. He married Jennie S. Wiest, and they have three children, Mildred, Margaret and Evelyn. (3) Silas N., born Dec. 15, 1886, lives at home with his parents. He is a prominent young farmer and raiser of swine. (4) Chauncey E., born Dec. 26, 1889, lives with his parents, and devotes most of his time to cattle and horse raising; he is also assistant rural carrier at Pillow. (5) Ramsey E., born May 31, 1894, living with his parents, is particularly interested in machinery.

Benjamin Boyer, son of Peter, was born Aug. 8, 1813, in Amity township, Berks county, and came with his parents to Northumberland county, locating with them in Lower Mahanoy township. He was reared to farming, which was always his principal vocation, though during his early manhood he taught school for a time. When twenty-five years old he married and began farming on his father's place, which he purchased some time later, this farm comprising about one hundred acres, in addition to which he owned two

other farms. He prospered greatly in his work, and continued farming until eight years before his death, which occurred Dec. 10, 1887, when he was seventy-four years old. His wife, Catharine Stein, born Aug. 14, 1814, died Sept. 27, 1887. They were members of the Stone Valley Union Church in which he held various offices. Mr. and Mrs. Boyer were the parents of ten children, three of whom died in infancy, the others being: Elias, of Dalmatia, Pa.; John, deceased, who was a resident of Lykens valley, in Dauphin county; Hannah; Mrs. William Seiler; Emeline, Mrs. Emanuel Lark; Caroline, Mrs. Jeremiah Lenker; Benjamin Adam; and Daniel, deceased, who lived in Jordan township.

BENJAMIN ADAM BOYER, son of Benjamin, was born March 17, 1853, in Lower Mahanoy township, where he now lives, engaged in farming. He is a typical dark "complected" Boyer, and a representative member of a family noted for enterprise and progressive industry. In his early boyhood he attended both subscription and free schools, and later was a pupil at the Freeburg Academy, in Snyder county, profiting so well by his advantages that when sixteen he began teaching at McKee's school in Lower Mahanoy township. In 1874 he began farming on the place in Lower Mahanoy where he has since resided, a tract of 150 acres made up of two farms, the part on which he lives having formerly been his father's place, the other, which comprises sixty-six acres, having become his by purchase. The former part was originally a Leffler homestead, was next acquired by the Bowman family, and then came into the possession of Benjamin Boyer, father of the present owner, who built a new residence thereon in 1894. It replaced the old log house which had stood for a little over a hundred years, having been erected by the Lefflers, the pioneer settlers on this land. Mr. Boyer was formerly somewhat extensively engaged in the burning of lime, as much as 24,000 bushels per annum. He gave employment to as many as four men, and has throughout his active career proved himself a competent business man. He has been supervisor of his township since 1905. Mr. Boyer and his children are members of the Reformed Church. Mrs. Boyer uniting with the Lutheran Church. He is a Democrat in politics.

In 1873 Mr. Boyer married Lizzie Coleman, daughter of John and Catharine (Artz) Coleman, granddaughter of John Coleman and great-granddaughter of Charles Coleman. Two children have been born to them: Charles I. is a graduate of the State Normal school at Bloomsburg and of Bucknell University, and for a time was engaged in teaching public school and in a business college at Baltimore, but he is now following his profession of civil engineer, being a member of an engineer corps at Altoona, Pa.; John Benjamin is a



graduate of the Bloomsburg State Normal school and of Bucknell University, and is a highly successful teacher, being at present principal of the high school at Milroy, Mifflin Co., Pennsylvania.

**JOHN B. LARK, M. D.**, physician of Trevorton, has practiced at that location for the past five years, having settled there in 1906. He has built up a large patronage in the town and surrounding territory, where he has become well and favorably known for his skill and devotion to his work. Dr. Lark was born Dec. 18, 1876, in Dauphin county, Pa., near Millersburg, but has passed the greater part of his life in Northumberland county.

The Lark family is of Swiss origin. George Lark, the Doctor's great-grandfather, was born in Mifflin township, Dauphin county, and became a farmer there. He died at the age of twenty-nine years, and is buried at Buffington Church in his native township. He married Elizabeth Enterline, who married (second) Captain Snyder, of Lakens township, Dauphin county. After the death of her second husband she made her home with her son George, and died there aged seventy-five years. To George and Elizabeth Lark were born four children: Amos and Elizabeth died young; John is mentioned below; George settled at Berrysburg, as a merchant, and was the father of Leon, Elizabeth, Edward, William B., Mamie, Annie and Clara.

John Lark, son of George, was born on the old homestead in Mifflin township, Feb. 7, 1826. He learned the stonemason's trade when a young man, but never followed it. He devoted his time to farming, and died in Salina, Saline Co., Kans., aged seventy-two years, and is buried there. He married Leah Shoop, daughter of Jacob Shoop, and they had two children, George, who died in infancy, and Emanuel S.

Emanuel S. Lark, son of John, was born in Mifflin township, on the same farm on which both his father and grandfather were born, Feb. 8, 1853. He attended the local schools, Freeburg Academy, in Snyder county, Berrysburg Seminary and Millersburg Academy. He taught ten terms of school in Dauphin and Northumberland counties, and was very successful as an instructor. Turning his attention to farming on the old homestead, he remained there for three years, after which he farmed for one year in Jackson township, Northumberland county, and then lived two years in Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county. In 1880 he came to Shamokin, and found employment in the mines, where he remained about six years. The next five years he passed in a general hauling business, and the succeeding five years as conductor on a freight train for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company. On Oct. 1, 1903, he assumed the duties of his present position, that of superintendent of the Shamokin cemetery,

and his efficiency is well attested by the carefully kept condition of that beautiful city of the dead. His residence is at 53 Marshall street. He is a member of St. John's Reformed Church.

Mr. Lark has been twice married. In 1873 he married Emeline Boyer, daughter of Benjamin and Catharine (Stine) Boyer, the former of whom was born in Berks county, Pa., of French Huguenot ancestry, later settling in Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county. Mrs. Lark was born Oct. 21, 1847, and died April 9, 1895, and was buried in Shamokin cemetery. The following children were born of this union: Charles C., now a practicing attorney, of Shamokin; Carrie C., who died aged eighteen years; John B.; Leah B., born in Lower Mahanoy township, living with her father; H. Wilson and Thomas F., overall manufacturers at Shamokin, trading under the firm name of Lark & Lark; Edward H., a salesman for Lark & Lark. Emanuel S. Lark married (second) Nov. 12, 1908, Mrs. Margaret Unpleby, daughter of William and Susan Weitzel.

John B. Lark was a young child when his parents moved to Shamokin, where he received his literary education in the public schools, graduating from the high school in 1895. He then taught school for six terms, five in Cameron township, this county, and one in the borough of Shamokin, after which he entered upon his medical course, at the Medico-Chirurgical College of Philadelphia. Graduating from that institution in the year 1905, he first located at Shamokin, where he practiced only about eight months, coming to Trevorton in 1906. He has found a large field of work at his present location, and has been most successful in retaining the confidence of his patients. He is a member of the Northumberland County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He holds fraternal association with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, is a member of the Reformed Church, and on political questions supports the Republican party.

Dr. Lark was married, Feb. 19, 1907, to Harriet M. Stricker, daughter of G. H. Stricker, a well known merchant tailor of Shamokin. They have had two children: George, who died at the age of eleven months, three days; and John.

**WILLIAM KIEFFER, Jr.**, whose association with various business and financial institutions of Mount Carmel has made him well known in many lines of enterprise, has spent practically all his active years in that borough. He began humbly, with nothing but his trade to rely upon, but by intelligent and progressive management has enlarged his field of operations and acquired interests which class him among the most progressive and influential element in the place.

Mr. Kieffer was born Nov. 9, 1859, at Schuylkill



Haven, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and is a son of William Kiefer, a native of Germany, who came to America in 1850. He received his education in public school at Frackville, in his native county, and learned the butcher's trade under his father, remaining in Schuylkill county until 1878, when he settled at Mount Carmel. Here he was employed for some time by Charles K. Maurer, who established the first meat market in Mount Carmel, and on Oct. 20, 1885, he entered the same line of business on his own account. By 1889 he had prospered to such an extent that he was able to build the substantial three-story building at No. 608 South Oak street where he has since been located, his store occupying the ground floor, which has been specially equipped for the business. Five years after he began business on his own account his brother Thomas entered into partnership with him, and they have since continued together under the firm name of Kiefer Brothers. They have built up their business until they are considered the leading butchers in Mount Carmel. They run five delivery wagons, do their own killing, and conduct every branch of their work in the most progressive manner, a fact which has had much to do with the unbroken success this firm has enjoyed.

Mr. William Kiefer has become interested in so many local public utilities that his name is identified with a great variety of enterprises. He is vice president of the First National Bank of Mount Carmel; treasurer of the Shamokin & Mount Carmel Transit Company; treasurer of the Locust Gap Trolley Company; treasurer of the Mount Carmel Cement Block Company; director of the Mount Carmel Water Company, of the People's Building & Loan Association, and of the Edison Illuminating Company of Mount Carmel. Socially he is a thirty-second-degree Mason, belonging to Mount Carmel Lodge, No. 378, F. & A. M., Williamsport Consistory, and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is a Democrat but not active in politics, though he has served one term as school director.

On Dec. 15, 1887, Mr. Kiefer married Mary A. Eddy, daughter of Peter and Lydia (Wolcock) Eddy, of Shamokin, and they have had six children, three of whom, Roy, William and Grace, are deceased. The survivors are Frederick, Dorothy and Frank. The family are Lutherans in religious connection.

Peter Eddy, father of Mrs. Kiefer, was a native of England, born in 1828, and came to America when a young man. He settled at Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and followed mining for many years, later moving to Shamokin, Northumberland county, where he ended his days Aug. 13, 1896. He married Lydia Wolcock, daughter of William Wolcock, and their family consisted of eight children, namely: Peter, William, John, Mary A. (Mrs. Kiefer), Newton, Amelia, Joseph and George.

**KIMBER CLEAVER McWILLIAMS, M. D.** The McWilliams family has been located in Northumberland county, Pa., for 140 years, and those of the name have been substantial and industrious men and women who have lived upright lives, useful to the community in their respective callings. At the present time at Shamokin is found Dr. Kimber Cleaver McWilliams, a successful physician, vice president and director of the Coal Township Light, Heat & Power Company, director of the Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Company, and an official in several other important corporations.

William McWilliams came to America from County Armagh, Ireland, and settled at Bristol, Bucks Co., Pa., between 1740 and 1750. With him came his widowed mother, his sister Hannah, and brother John. William McWilliams became a pioneer settler in Turbut township, Northumberland county, settling there soon after the Indian purchase of 1768. In the Pennsylvania Archives he is mentioned as having taken out a warrant for one hundred acres of land in 1772 and again in 1774 a warrant for 306 acres. This tract was in the region known as Chillisquaque, and here he made his home until the time of his death. In the war of the Revolution, during the Indian troubles, Mr. McWilliams and his family were obliged to flee to Fort Augusta for protection, but soon returned to their farms. He supported the cause of the colonies during the war, having appeared before Robert Martin at Northumberland and taken the oath of allegiance, as shown by the following certificate, now in the possession of the family: "Northumberland County: I do hereby certify that William McWilliams hath voluntarily taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance and Fidelity as directed by an Act of General Assembly of Pennsylvania passed the 13th day of June, 1777. Witness my Hand and Seal The 12th day of November Anno Domini 1777. Robt. Martin." [L. S.]

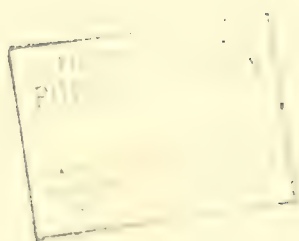
Mr. McWilliams died Jan. 11, 1819, aged eighty years. He married Sarah Johnston, who died Oct. 6, 1806, aged fifty-two years. He was a Presbyterian in religious faith. His children were: Hannah, born Oct. 3, 1771; James, Sept. 27, 1773; Thomas, Nov. 27, 1775; Mary, Oct. 3, 1777 (married A. Cruise); Eleanor, Feb. 3, 1780 (married John Scout); William, April 21, 1782 (died Nov. 21, 1853); John, June 28, 1784 (died July 30, 1849); Samuel, Aug. 13, 1786; Philip, Oct. 20, 1788; David, Jan. 19, 1791; Robert, Feb. 3, 1793; Sarah Johnson, 1795; and Joseph Watt, June 17, 1797.

David McWilliams, son of William, born Jan. 19, 1791, followed farming, as did his father, all his life. He was first located in Turbut township, but soon after his marriage he located at Elysburg, where he became quite prominent. He died July



*K. C. McWilliams M.D.*







2, 1856. He married Jane Craig, born Aug. 19, 1798, died Sept. 29, 1882, daughter of John and Margaret (Johnston) Craig. Nine children were born of this union, as follows: William Watt; Dr. John Craig, who married Esther Schindler, and has a daughter Ida (married Alfred Evans); Robert, who died aged seven years; David Nichol, who married Cecelia Levers; Sarah, who married Joseph T. John; Chittillon, who married Margaret Kase; Ellen, who married Joseph B. Craig; Aquilla, who died unmarried; and Jane, unmarried.

William Watt McWilliams, son of David, was born July 21, 1821, and died June 1, 1879. He was educated in Milton Academy, and became a civil engineer, a calling he followed all his active life. He assisted in laying out the borough of Shamokin, and was employed in making the survey of the railroad from Shamokin to Sunbury, associated with Kimber Cleaver. He surveyed many of the mines and early coal lands, and maps were made from his measurements. He was very accurate in his work, and had a wide reputation for efficiency. He took an active interest in education, and was one of the founders of the Elysburg Academy. For many years he was an elder in the Presbyterian Church, and he was always found coöperating in any measure tending toward the welfare of the community. In politics he was a Republican, but never held political office. On Oct. 13, 1853, in Danville, Montour Co., Pa., he married Catharine Caldwell, born Dec. 15, 1831, died Sept. 7, 1890, daughter of Alexander Caldwell (born May 1, 1800, died Feb. 6, 1856) and his wife Martha (born 1798, died May 7, 1845). To this union were born five children: (1) Clifton Craig, born June 20, 1855, was educated at the Elysburg Academy, and made agriculture his life work. On March 12, 1879, he married Georgiana Jefferis, and they had children: Mary C., born Feb. 3, 1880 (died in infancy); William C., born April 18, 1881; Elizabeth, born Oct. 10, 1884; Howard C., born Feb. 11, 1887; Benjamin J., born June 17, 1892 (died Oct. 2, 1910); and Ralph C., born Aug. 25, 1894. (2) Kimber Cleaver was born Oct. 7, 1857. (3) David Alexander, born Aug. 15, 1859, died at the Presbyterian Hospital, Philadelphia, Sept. 20, 1904. He graduated from Dickinson Seminary, and studied law at Minneapolis, where he practiced for several years, later entering McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, and becoming a Presbyterian minister. He was later professor of History and Sociology at Lincoln University, in Pennsylvania. He married Ada E. Guss, and had children, Craig, David B., William and Stewart. His widow resides at Mifflinburg, Pa. (4) Cora Rebecca was born Sept. 22, 1862. (5) William C., born July 25, 1867, died aged three years.

Dr. Kimber Cleaver McWilliams was born at

Elysburg Oct. 7, 1857, and attended the public schools and Elysburg Academy, where he taught school for a time. He began the study of medicine under Dr. S. F. Gilbert, at Elysburg, and later entered Jefferson Medical College, at Philadelphia, from which he graduated in 1884. He began the practice of his profession at Mainville, Columbia county, but remained there only two months. He then located at Snyderstown, Northumberland county, where he continued for two years. In 1886 he located at Shamokin, but having decided to devote himself to special diseases he went to Philadelphia in 1892 and practiced there three years, at the same time taking special lectures on diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, at Jefferson hospital. During the last year of his stay in that city he was chief assistant at the eye clinic at the Polyclinic hospital, and was superintendent of the Beacon dispensary during the three years he was there. On completing his course he returned to Shamokin, and has met with great success in his specialties.

The Doctor has been active in the business as well as in the professional world. He is a director of the Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Company; vice president and director of the Coal Township Light, Heat & Power Company, and director of the Greenough Coal & Coke Company. In 1907 he completed a fine apartment house on Independence street, Shamokin, which contains 121 rooms. The lower floor is given over to stores. This is one of the finest apartment houses in central Pennsylvania. He is looked upon as a shrewd business man, of good executive ability.

Dr. McWilliams takes an active part in the work of the Presbyterian Church, and in politics is a Republican. On Oct. 11, 1887, he was united in marriage with Elizabeth J. Chester, of Shamokin. They have three children: Holden Chester, born July 12, 1888, a student at Princeton University; Kimber Cleaver, born July 14, 1890, a student at Princeton University; and Clifton Alexander, born May 8, 1896, attending Lawrenceville School.

John Craig, great-grandfather of the Doctor, married Margaret Johnson, and had children: John, born Nov. 4, 1794; Alexander, born Jan. 7, 1796; Jane, born Aug. 19, 1798; Margaret, born Feb. 1, 1800; and James (died young).

Catharine Carmichael, great-grandmother of the Doctor, was born in 1766 and died in 1830. She married John Caldwell, and was the mother of Martha, wife of Alexander Caldwell.

ANDREW L. BUCHER, who is forming his father's old homestead at Washington town, is a grandson of Dieter Bucher, the ancestor of a prominent family. The Bucher and Schuppel were pioneers and settlers in Northumberland county. One (John) Bucher of L. Lee Mahan township.

The Bucher family has long been settled in Pennsylvania, the homes of the earlier members being in Lancaster and Montgomery counties. Dieter Bucher was a native of Limerick township, Montgomery county, whence he came to the Mahantango Valley, in Northumberland county, purchasing two farms lying along the creek, from Uniontown to the county line. He never lived there any length of time, however, dying in his native district. His son Andrew lived upon one of these farms for some years, and his son-in-law David Lenker occupied the other, in later years purchasing Andrew Bucher's place and eventually owning both properties. Dieter Bucher was twice married, his first wife being a Ziegler, his second a Miss Shutt. To the first marriage were born three children: Mary, who married Frank Markley; Catharine, who married David Lenker; and Andrew. By the second wife he had two children: Ephraim and Louisa, the latter marrying Jonathan Eisenbrown, who is still living in Philadelphia, at an advanced age. Dieter Bucher had a sister, Lydia, who was the mother of Gov. John F. Hartranft, of Pennsylvania.

Andrew Bucher, son of Dieter, was born Nov. 22, 1822. He came from the Mahantango Valley to Washington township about 1852, settling at the Mahanoy (St. Peter's) Church, where he owned the eighty-five-acre farm now the property of his son Andrew L. Bucher. He was a lifelong farmer and prospered in his work, about 1860 building what is now the west end of the dwelling on the farm, and in 1868 putting up the barn which is still in use. He was a useful and highly esteemed member of the community, serving as school director, tax collector and assessor, and he was a very active member of the Reformed congregation at St. Peter's Church, of which he was deacon, elder, trustee and treasurer. In political conviction he was a Republican. He died in April, 1894, aged seventy-four years, four months, fourteen days, and is buried with his wife at Mahanoy. Her name was Elizabeth Lenker, and she was born Dec. 7, 1827, daughter of Michael Lenker, of Lower Mahanoy township; she died in September, 1888, aged sixty years, nine months, nine days. Mr. and Mrs. Bucher had five children: Mary married Isaac O. Billman; Sallie married Jacob Smith; Amanda married I. M. Wentzel; E. Alice died aged twenty-six years; Andrew L. was the only son.

Andrew L. Bucher was born March 16, 1861, and received his education in the common schools. He was reared to farm life, and began farming for himself on the homestead in 1884, since which year he has continued to follow general agricultural pursuits, disposing of his produce at Trevorton and Shamokin; he has been huckstering for a number of years. He is also agent for fertilizers, and is a successful business man, recognized as such by all his neighbors and associates. The

homestead, which came into his possession in 1897, is nicely located, overlooking Mahanoy and Mahanoy Church, and it is equipped with substantial buildings. Mr. Bucher is a Republican, and has been school director of his township, but his principal activity outside of his private affairs is in St. Peter's Church, of which he has been a trustee many years; formerly he held the office of deacon. He has served the congregation faithfully, and takes a sincere interest in the welfare of the church.

Mr. Bucher has the old grandfather clock of his grandfather Dieter Bucher, which is still a good timepiece, though fully one hundred and fifty years old. It has a brass face, and besides marking the hours and minutes shows the date and the movements of the moon. Mr. Bucher also has a lot of red chinaware that belonged to his father.

On Oct. 23, 1881, Mr. Bucher married Sarah A. Blasser, daughter of Jacob Blasser, of Herndon. She died May 21, 1895, aged thirty-two years, three months, leaving a son, Charles E., who is now employed as a tombstone cutter at Mahanoy; he married Mary Harris and has two children, Guy and Stanley. Mr. Bucher's second marriage was to Lizzie Latsha, daughter of Adam W. and Wilhelmina (Fegley) Latsha, and they have three children: I. May, Harry F. and John J.

Jacob Billman, grandfather of Isaac O. Billman, who married Mary Bucher, daughter of Andrew Bucher and sister of Andrew L. Bucher, belonged to a family which was settled in Berks county, Pa., in an early day and was himself a pioneer of Schuylkill county. He married Maria Magdalena Weaver, and their children were: Maria (or Polly, who married Jacob Tressler), Solomon, Peter, Daniel, Jacob and David.

Solomon Billman, son of Jacob, was born Sept. 24, 1812, in the vicinity of Hegins, Schuylkill county, where his father then lived. He died near Mahanoy, Pa., at the age of seventy-eight years, and is buried at St. Peter's Church, Mahanoy. His first marriage was to Luzetta Ossman, by whom he had three children, Isaac O., Amos and Solomon. By his second wife, Salome (Michael), he had four: Aaron, Lizzie, Sarah and Mary.

Isaac O. Billman, son of Solomon, was born in 1839, and died in 1904. He married Mary Bucher, and to them were born the following children: Agnes, George, Charles, J. Calvin, Lizzie, Verna and Lester.

ALFRED CAMERON BOBB, of Paxinos, justice of the peace and surveyor, and also well and favorably known in other connections in his section of Northumberland county, was born at Paxinos June 11, 1873, son of the late Peter G. Bobb.

Michael Bobb, the first of this family to come to America, was born in Germany, and settled in Jackson township, Northumberland Co., Pa. His



son, Michael M. Bobb, was born Sept. 28, 1812, at Big Mahanoy, Northumberland Co., Pa., and grew to manhood in Lower Augusta township, this county. There he followed the tailor's trade for about nine years, in 1852 removing to Sumnerkin township, where he located at Snufftown. At that place he followed farming in addition to his trade. Selling out later he moved to near Mifflinburg in Union county, where he carried on farming, and thence removed to Rockefeller township, Northumberland county, where he passed the remainder of his life, living in retirement for some time before his death, which occurred when he was seventy-two years old. His wife, Elizabeth (Gonsar), was a daughter of Daniel Gonsar, a farmer of Jackson township, this county, who died at the age of sixty-two years. Mrs. Bobb survived her husband nine years, dying at the age of seventy-five. She and her husband were members of the Lutheran Church. They had a family of twelve children: Mary Ann (deceased) married J. A. Treats, a resident of Snufftown; Daniel operates a planing mill in Sunbury; Elizabeth (deceased) married William Biles, of Mount Carmel, Pa.; Caroline became the wife of Jacob Dundore (deceased), a cattle drover; Peter G. is mentioned below; Sarah married C. Frederick Lindig, of Lewisburg, Pa.; William W. is deceased; Michael died young; Franklin Pierce, who married Mary Bone, operates a planing mill at East Lewisburg, Pa.; Louisa, widow of James Havens, lives in Lewisburg; Lucy married Wilson Russell, of Lewisburg, Pa.; Catherine, unmarried, lives in Sunbury.

PETER G. BOBB, son of Michael M., was born Sept. 28, 1842, in Jackson township, this county, and lived at home until he reached the age of eighteen, meantime receiving public school opportunities, as did his brothers and sisters. He then taught school for two years, after which he clerked for John Nesbit, in his store at Paxinos, three years. After 1867 he embarked in the general mercantile business for himself, at Paxinos, continuing only a short time, however, when he sold out to Thomas Metz, subsequently clerking for another three years. He was appointed postmaster at Paxinos, and filled that office for twenty-three years continuously. In 1871 he was appointed ticket and freight agent at Paxinos for the Northern Central Railroad Company, holding that position until 1894, after which he started the business in which his son Alfred C. Bobb succeeded him, dealing in farm implements of all kinds, harness, whips, coal, fertilizers, etc. He also owned two farms in Ralpho township. He lived in Paxinos for over forty years, and became one of its foremost citizens, esteemed by all who knew him. He died Feb. 8, 1899, and is buried in Pine Hill cemetery, in Ralpho township. Mr. Bobb was always a staunch Republican, and in June, 1863, he enlisted in Company A, 28th Regiment, Penn-

sylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving until June 27, 1863. He never sought office or took any particularly active part in politics, but he was an influential citizen of his community for many years and one in whom his fellow citizens took pride, for he was a self-made man and one of the most creditable residents of the town. He was a worthy and active member of the Methodist Church.

In 1865 Mr. Bobb married Mary Jane Fisher, daughter of John and Hannah (Yeoman) Fisher, and she survives him, still residing in Paxinos. Four children were born to this union: Bessie married John H. Kase, formerly a farmer of Mayberry township, Montour Co., Pa., now living at Elysburg; Carrie Belle married H. M. Fetterolf and they reside in Berwick, Pa.; Alfred C. is mentioned below; Mildred P. married Charles L. Pensyl and is living at Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania.

Alfred Cameron Bobb received his early education in the local public schools, later attending the Bloomsburg State normal school, from which he was graduated in 1895. He also took a post-graduate course at that institution, finishing same in 1897. His experience as a teacher covered three years, one year at Reed's, one year at Deiblers and one year at Paxinos. He then took the management of the implement business established by his father, at Paxinos, and carried it on successfully for a number of years, selling out to N. G. Adams May 28, 1910. He is now devoting the greater part of his time to surveying in his own district. His attention is also taken up to a large extent with his musical interests. He organized the Paxinos band, which is composed of twenty-three men, and is the leader of that body, which is well known in this region and in popular demand. In 1904 Mr. Bobb was elected justice of the peace, and was reelected at the close of the term, being still in office. His political affiliations are with the Republican party. He belongs to the Methodist Church at Elysburg, and socially holds membership in Elysburg Lodge, No. 414, F. & A. M. (of which he is a past master), and in the Modern Woodmen.

In July, 1904, Mr. Bobb married Viola H. Pensyl, daughter of William and Harriet (Halla) Pensyl, of Elysburg, and they are the parents of two daughters, Winifred and Doroth.

On the paternal side Mr. Bobb is a member of the Fisher family, being a descendant of Joseph and Catherine (Mungar) Fisher, natives of Germany, the latter born in April, 1774, the latter in August, 1776. They were married June 3, 1796. They resided near the site of the old Calvary, in what is now Columbia county, Pa., some time in the nineteenth century, but eventually they had passed on land in Bradford county, where their eldest son, Henry, was born Jan. 25, 1807. He resided in Columbia county, where



he removed to Northumberland county. To Joseph Fisher and his wife were born the following children: Catharine, Mrs. Nicholas Shipman; Henry; Mary, Mrs. Samuel Mutchler; Hannah, Mrs. Caleb Farlee; Elizabeth; John; Moses; David; Jacob; and Joseph.

Henry Fisher, eldest son of Joseph, came from Columbia county to Northumberland county, locating upon the land now owned by Peter Leisenring, where he built a gristmill and tavern which he operated many years. He also owned about eighteen acres of land adjacent to the hotel and mill property. His death occurred about 1825, after which all his family except his son John left Northumberland county. He was the father of eight children: Jacob, John, Caleb, Clotworthy, Joseph, Sarah, Elizabeth and Catharine.

John Fisher, son of Henry, was born Sept. 20, 1800, in Columbia county, and learned the trade of miller. After the old mill property passed into the hands of the Leisenring family, he was engaged as miller for them until 1851, at which time he purchased the Seber mill (now known as Reed's mill) on Shamokin creek, which he operated until 1873. Meantime he also conducted his farm of eighty acres. Then he purchased two farms in Ralpho township, one of which his son Albert S. later occupied, the other passing into the possession of his daughter Mrs. Charles Paul. John Fisher died Sept. 17, 1881. He was a Republican in politics, in religion a member of the Methodist Church. His wife, Hannah (Yocum), daughter of Nicholas Yocum, died Aug. 11, 1889. They were the parents of fourteen children, two of whom, Jacob F. and James B., died young, the others being as follows: Clotworthy, of Snyder county, married Sabina Stambach; Sarah married Joseph Sanders; Nicholas Y., of Indiana, married Julia Haast; Esther is the widow of Charles Martz, of Shamokin; Charles, formerly of Columbia county, lives near Bear Gap; Catharine married Samuel Adams and (second) John McWilliams, of Kansas; Peter, who married Hannah Yocum, was killed at the battle of Fredericksburg, while serving in the Union army as a member of Company C, 131st Pennsylvania Volunteers; Albert S., born March 2, 1843, married Mary Martz and lives in Ralpho township; Harvey E., of Boston, Mass., married Savilla Repley, (second) Emma Treibley, and (third) Mollie Neely; Margaret, widow of Franklin Martz (of Columbia county), resides at Paxinos; Alice, deceased, was the wife of Charles Paul; Mary J. is the widow of Peter G. Bobb, of Paxinos.

**WILLIAM B. GOTTSBALL**, of Sunbury, member of the firm of Blank & Gottshall, leading millers in their section, was born in March, 1860, near Schwenkville, Montgomery Co., Pa., and belongs to a family which has been prominent in

that county, especially in its connection with the ministry of the Mennonite Church, from early Colonial days.

Rev. Jacob Gottshall, who came over from Holland in 1702, is said to be the direct ancestor of all of the name in Montgomery and surrounding counties. He was a minister of the Mennonite Church, well educated, energetic and self-sacrificing. He was one of the three translators, from Dutch to German, of the celebrated "Mirror of Martyrs" (1601)—a translation that was one of the important literary achievements of Colonial Pennsylvania. The date of his death and place of burial are not known. He preached many years at Skippack, and may be buried at the old Mennonite Lower Skippack church, or he may be buried at Germantown (where he first settled) in the cemetery surrounding the oldest Mennonite Church in America, built in 1779, on the site of the log church erected in 1708. Some of his children settled in Montgomery county.

Gottshall Gottschalk, great-grandfather of William B. Gottshall, settled in Frederick township, Montgomery county, in 1781, and his old homestead is now owned by M. C. Gottshall, a cousin of William B. Gottshall. He was a weaver by trade, and followed that occupation in connection with farming, doing an excellent business, and at his death in 1824 he left a fine farm of 246 acres to be divided between his two sons, Dillman and William.

William Gottshall, grandfather of William B. Gottshall, was born in 1784, and lived to a good old age, dying in his ninety-second year. He was a Mennonite and is buried at the Schwenkville meetinghouse. He inherited the farm above mentioned as belonging now to M. C. Gottshall, located one mile west of Schwenkville, in Montgomery county, and there lived and died. He married Magdalena Hunsberger, and to them were born thirteen children, eleven sons and two daughters, namely: William, who died in Montgomery county in 1901, at the age of ninety-five; Dillman, who died in Montgomery county; Andrew, who died at Collegeville, Pa.; Abraham, who died in infancy; Abraham (2); Gottshall, who died at Schwenkville; Joseph, who died in Spring City, Chester county; Adam, of Uniontown (Pillow), Northumberland county; Jacob, who died young; John, of Philadelphia; Moses H., a minister of the Mennonite Church, who died in 1888 on the old homestead in Montgomery county; Mrs. Jacob Umstead, and Mrs. Bergy (one of these daughters was named Elizabeth, the other Hannah).

Abraham Gottshall, son of William, was born at Schwenkville, Montgomery county, in 1826, and died April 1, 1901; he is buried in the Mennonite cemetery at Bally, Berks county. He lived at Niantic, Montgomery county, where he owned a farm of fifty-four acres, and followed farming, be-

ing an industrious, thrifty and respected citizen. From the age of forty, for a period of thirty-five years, he was like so many members of the family a preacher in the Mennonite Church; he was a New Mennonite. He married Maria Bauman, daughter of John and Magdalena (Bauer) Bauman, of Niantic, from Huber's Church, and they had the following children: Menno is a merchant of Boyertown, Berks county; Abraham died when six years old; Rev. John, twin of Abraham, is a well known evangelist, now located at York, Pa.; William B. is mentioned below; Milton is a resident of Boyertown; Abraham lives at Sunbury, Pa.; Frank B. is in business at Boyertown; Diana died aged fourteen years; Elizabeth, of Boyertown, died at the age of forty, unmarried; Mary (deceased) married Daniel Urfer of Schwenkville; Catharine is the wife of Harry Reigner, of Pottstown, Pennsylvania.

William B. Gottshall received his education in the public schools and learned the trade of millwright with Daniel Bowman, at Sunnyside, Montgomery county, later working for Wolf & Hamaker, of Chambersburg, Pa. He followed his trade for a period of seven years before forming his present partnership, with Charles F. Blank, in 1888. They have since done business together under the firm name of Blank & Gottshall. After running the H. M. Haas flour mill at the east end of town from 1888 until 1895, they began to operate the new mill in the spring of the latter year, its capacity being 100 barrels daily, and Blank & Gottshall have since conducted one of the leading establishments of the kind in this section. In 1900 the mill was enlarged from 100-barrel capacity, to 200-barrel on wheat flour, and they have since added a complete rye mill with 75-barrel capacity daily, and a 75-barrel buckwheat and cornmeal mill; 40 tons of feed are the daily output in that line, and the plant has a storage capacity of forty thousand bushels. At the City Roller Flouring Mills, as the plant is known, there are not only manufactured high-grade flours and all kinds of feed, but the firm also deals in grain, hay, salts and seeds, and in poultry and stock foods and remedies, and similar commodities. They do a thriving trade in the various lines into which their business has extended, and their standing in the community is of the best. Mr. Gottshall has also become interested in other fields of activity, and he is a stockholder in the Sunbury & Selinsgrove Street Car Company.

On Feb. 13, 1890, Mr. Gottshall married Flora Reinhard, daughter of Israel and Josephine Reinhard, of Allentown, Pennsylvania.

C. HULL KNAUER, shoe merchant, of Milton, Northumberland county, comes of an old family of Chester county, Pa., where he was born Nov. 19, 1859, at Knauertown, in Warwick township.

The earliest members of this family in America were John Christopher and Jacob Tobias Knauer, brothers, who came over from Germany, their native land, when young men, settling in the French Creek Valley, in Chester county, Pa., where they purchased a tract of land from the Penns. The old deed to the Penns for this land was given to John Christopher Knauer. It reads as follows:

We, Packenah, Jarekhan, Sakals, Part Quasatt, Jerys, Essepennauk, Felkhop, Hekklappeo, Wissa Pyma, Indian Kings and Sachemmakers, eight owners of all lands from Quag Quagga, called Duck creek, unto Upland, called Chester creek, all along the west side of the Delaware river and so far between said creeks and backwards so far as a man can ride in two days on a horse, for and in consideration of these following goods to us in hand paid and secured by William Penn, Proprietor and Governor of the province of Pennsylvania and territories thereof, namely: twenty guns; twenty fathoms match coat; 20 fathoms of strong water; 20 blankets; 20 kettles; 20 pounds of powder; 100 pounds of lead; 40 Tomahawks; 100 knives; 40 pairs of stockings; 1 Barrel Iron; 20 lbs. of red lead; 100 fathoms of camquint; 40 glass bottles; 30 pewter spoons; 105 blades; 300 tobacco pipes; 100 hanks of tobacco; 20 tobacco tongues; 20 steels; 300 flints; 30 pairs of scissors; 30 combs; 60 looking glasses; 200 needles; one kipple of salt; 30 lbs. of sugar; 5 gal. molasses; 20 tobacco boxes; 100 jaws; harps; 20 hoes; 30 gullets; 30 wooden screw boxes; 100 strings of beads;

Do hereby acknowledge and give under our hands etc. this 2 day of Aug. 1685.

[Signed]

His mark X PACKENAH  
His mark X JAREKHAN  
His mark X SAKALS  
His mark X PART QUASATT  
His mark X JERYS  
His mark X ESSEPEENNAUK  
His mark X FELKHOP  
His mark X HEKKLAPPEO  
His mark X WISSA PYMA

Indian Kings and Sachemmakers to William Penn.

John Christopher and Jacob Tobias Knauer divided the land by a line running due north and south, each building his cabin near the line, for company as well as protection, where Knauertown has since been located. Much of the land remains in the possession of the family to this day. John Christopher's old home is still owned by a Knauer. Here, upon their land, was erected a church, probably a Mennonite meetinghouse, as the old burying-ground still bears the name Seven Days' graveyard. In this burying ground are the remains of John Christopher and Jacob Tobias Knauer, and some of their descendants are also buried there. The names of their wives are not known. Jacob Tobias Knauer had three children: Christopher, Jr., Amos and Jacob.

John Christopher Knauer, who was the ancestor of C. Hull Knauer, was born Oct. 4, 1702, in Coburg, Germany. His children were: Samuel, David, Daniel, Jonathan, Tobias, Mary (married a Heiberger), Rebecca (married a Brunner) and John.

John Knauer, son of John Christopher Knauer,



one of the two brothers who came to America, was born in 1752, and died April 2, 1825, aged seventy-two years, ten months, seven days. He erected the first flour and saw mill at Knauertown, log structures, and he followed farming and milling all his life. There were five Knauer flour mills in Chester county. His children were as follows: John, born Dec. 12, 1778, died July 28, 1845; Daniel, born May 6, 1780, died April 7, 1859 (Daniel Knauer was his only son); Samuel, born May 3, 1784, died Aug. 14, 1856 (his sons were Samuel, Isaac, and Nathan); David, born June 10, 1786, died Aug. 14, 1856 (Thomas, Daniel and David Knauer were his sons); Jonathan (C. Hull's grandfather), born July 17, 1788, died June 2, 1848; Tobias, born Oct. 6, 1790, died Oct. 18, 1845.

Jonathan Knauer, son of John, born July 17, 1788, died June 2, 1848. Like his father he followed milling and the manufacture of lumber all his active years. He replaced the old log mills with stone structures which are still standing, owned by Morris Knauer and in operation. He married a Miss Rice, who long preceded him, and to them were born five children: Jonathan, Joshua, Hannah (married Evan Dampman), Rebecca and Maria (married Henderson Esseck).

Prior to the Revolutionary war and during that period the Knauers had much to do with the settling up of this part of Chester county and operated the Warwick Furnaces, manufacturing cannon and similar supplies for the Continental army. John Knauer (son of Christopher) owned and operated ironworks at Knauertown, and manufactured the first round iron in the United States. The British, learning of these furnaces, determined to destroy them, but the troops sent out on that mission were repulsed after proceeding as far as Fountain Inn, now a part of Phoenixville, near Valley Forge. Many of the supplies at the furnaces were hurriedly buried in plowed fields, and lost for the time being, and some of the old cannon and ordnances of war have been found within the last generation. One of the plowed-up cannon, which had been spiked and had to be set off with a fuse, was used to celebrate the Fourth of July and battalion days. At one of the battalion day meets at Knauertown the muzzle burst off and a fatal accident was barely escaped, one of the pieces coming down through the roof of a porch that was crowded with people. This old Continental cannon was later stolen, first from the Republicans and then from the Democrats, to "shoot out" of the country any Republican or Democrat moving out. As there were no wheels under it Mr. Knauer's teams and log wagon were used to haul it from place to place. Eventually, to avoid strife and conflict between the two parties, it was taken and sunk in Mr. Knauer's upper mill dam, in eighteen feet of water. But

some one "sprawled," and again the opposite party obtained Mr. Knauer's log chains and hoists from his mill, and with boats and a raft to complete the equipment raised it one night and laid it away along the race bank in the woods until it was again used to "bang" another party out of the country. It was once more captured by the other party one night and taken up on the hill near the falls of French creek, where it was dropped, muzzle down, into an old abandoned well, which was filled up with rock and stone. There it still remains, but there are few living to-day that know of its existence.

In 1907, when the Fountain Inn at Phoenixville was marked and dedicated by the Sons of the American Revolution, Mr. David Knauer furnished the marker, which was taken from his granite quarries at Knauertown. This marks the inmost point of the Colonies reached by the British during the Revolution, Sept. 21-23, 1777, was erected on the borough of Phoenixville, and dedicated by the Pennsylvania Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Sept. 21, 1907, with appropriate ceremonies, various historical societies and members of the borough and State government being among those who participated in the exercises. Hon. Samuel W. Pennypacker, former governor of the State, made an address, and the occasion was altogether an imposing one. It commemorated the movement of Lord Cornwallis which resulted in Washington being obliged to spend the winter with his army at Valley Forge. After the battle of Brandywine and the Paoli event Washington took possession of Philadelphia, intending to pass the winter of 1777-78 there, which would have compelled the British to remain outside of the city. Lord Cornwallis led Washington to believe he was going with his army to Reading, to destroy the materials of war there stored, and Washington, therefore, occupied the country north of Phoenixville. Then Cornwallis, with his left wing resting on the French creek and his right wing near Valley Forge, got his army across the Schuylkill, near Phoenixville at Gordon's Ford, and took his troops to Philadelphia, where he remained. Thus it was that Washington came to spend the memorable winter at Valley Forge.

Joshua Knauer, son of Jonathan and father of C. Hull Knauer, was born Feb. 20, 1820, at Knauertown, Chester county, and died March 31, 1886, aged sixty-six years, one month, eleven days. He succeeded his father, engaging in flour milling and the manufacture of lumber and shingles, purchasing the old mills which had been in the family for so many years and which he continued to operate for many years. He was a mechanical genius, as the numerous appliances with which his mills were equipped showed, the elevators, conveyors, snout machine and other improved machinery which he used being of his own invention. He



invented and used in his mills the first high power apple grinder and hydraulic presses, now in use all over the country. His flour mill was known as the best in that part of the country. There was ample water power, with several runs of burrs, in addition to which he had a plaster burr, in those days, before the advent of phosphate grinding and selling plaster to the farmers.

Mr. Knauer was a natural born musician and a man of considerable note in that line in his day, and was a member of the Knauertown Band, an organization composed entirely of members of the Knauer family. Here again his mechanical skill was highly useful. He made all the drums for the band, of which he was the expert tenor drummer. His brother Jonathan, also one of its members, was an expert fifer, and served as such during the Civil war, in which several members of the band enlisted. Before the Civil war, when "battalion days" were held, this band was much in demand.

Joshua Knauer married Rebecca (John) Davis, who was born Jan. 9, 1821, and died May 21, 1896. She was a descendant of Welsh Quaker stock. Griffith John, Sr., who was born in 1683 in Pembroke-shire, South Wales, landed at Philadelphia Feb. 11, 1709. He moved to the district in Chester county known as Welsh Barony and there on July 23, 1711, married Ann Williams, a daughter of Robert Williams, surnamed "the King of Goshen." Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Knauer became the parents of eleven children, of whom are mentioned: Griffith, who lives in Reading, Pa.; Dorcas, married to Benjamin P. Fout; Hannah; C. Hull; Dora; Theodosia, married to Dr. Elwood Semmer; and Ida. Six are deceased.

C. Hull Knauer received his education in the schools of his native county. When a young man he went to Phoenixville, Pa., where he acquired his early knowledge of the shoe and leather business, and in 1885 he came to Milton. Here he opened a shoe and leather store, and he has been engaged in the same line continuously to the present. In 1898, the business having outgrown the old accommodations, he purchased and remodeled the place he now occupies, a commodious and convenient building, known as the Knauer block, on Front street. He carries a large and up-to-date stock, and his store is a model of taste and neatness. His motto, "We never sleep," is typical of his enterprise and the business methods which have made him a leader in his line. His patronage is not confined to Milton and the immediate vicinity, but is drawn from all the surrounding towns, and has been increasing steadily ever since he commenced business. Mr. Knauer's jovial disposition has won him many friends among those with whom he has dealings, and his sincere desire to please his patrons and give honest values has been a factor in his success recognized by all who know him.

Although he is not a native of Milton Mr. Knauer is thoroughly identified with its various interests and devoted to its welfare, taking part in a number of movements designed to promote the prosperity of the borough. He is connected with the Methodist Church and has for some years been one of the active workers in Milton. He is a thirty-second-degree Mason, having been made a Mason in Phoenix Lodge, No. 75, at Phoenixville, May 3, 1884, and transferred to Milton Lodge, No. 256, in 1897; is a member of Williamsport Lodge of Perfection; of the Chapter, *Rose Croix*; and of Williamsport Consistory, A. A. S. R., thirty-second degree; he was made a Shriner at Trem Temple, Wilkes-Barre, May 13, 1903. Coming from a family of musicians, he is himself a born musician, has organized several quartettes, and is at present a member of the Temple choir, A. A. S. R., at Williamsport, singing first tenor.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Hull Knauer have two sons: (1) Henry graduated from the Milton high school at the age of eighteen, immediately took and passed the examinations for entrance to Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., where he graduated June 26, 1911, with the degree of B. S., *cum laude*, making the four years' course in three and one-half years; he has entered the employ of the New York Central Railroad Company and will be located at Albany, N. Y. (2) C. Hull, Jr., is at home with his parents, a student in the Milton high school. By reason of the service of their ancestors in the Revolutionary war Mrs. Knauer and her sons are eligible for membership in the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution.

SIRVETUS O. REED, of Sunbury, Northumberland county, is a teacher of long experience and high standing there and also well known in business circles as a successful insurance man, representing many of the substantial fire insurance companies. His work in both lines has made him widely accumulated all over his section of the county. He was born here, in Shamokin township, May 21, 1844, son of Farnsworth Reed, and is a great-great-grandson of Jacob Reed, whose posterity is now numerous in Northumberland county. Of this same stock is Dr. Jesse J. Reed, a prominent physician of Pillow, Pa., whose line is also given in this article; and C. Oliver Reed, of Point township, this county, is likely of the family, though his immediate ancestors were located in Union county.

Jacob Reed, the emigrant progenitor, was born in England in 1700, and married a Miss Walford, a native of Switzerland. They came to Berks county, Pa., where a son Jacob was born, and later removed to Lancaster, Pa., where a son Casper was born.

Jacob and Casper Reed, brothers, came from Berks county to Northumberland in 1774, being among the early settlers in the town of which they

settled. They took up about five hundred acres of land in what is now Shamokin and Ralpho townships, which land is still owned by their descendants. Jacob Reed was one of the foremost men of his time in the community. He was a skilled mechanic, as a worker both in iron and wood, carrying on such work in connection with farming, having a blacksmith and carpenter shop; he had natural ability as well as training for mechanical work, and was successful and enterprising in everything he undertook. Much of the progress of the valley in his day owed its initiation to him. He was a promoter, in fact the chief advocate for the organization, of St. Jacob's Lutheran Church, which was named in his honor, and he was the largest contributor toward its foundation and support, his skill as a tradesman enabling him to do much more than most of the organizers and supporters; his brother, Casper Reed, donated much of the land for the cemetery. In politics Jacob Reed was a Whig.

In Berks county Jacob Reed had married Elizabeth Dreher, and they had a family of nine children: John, Jacob, David, Matthias, Salome (married John Hursh), Catherine (married George Hower), Magdaline (married John Smith), Eva (married Daniel Haas) and Elizabeth (married William H. Muench, a noted schoolmaster of his time; he had a crippled arm).

Casper Reed, brother of Jacob, married Mary E. Bausloch. They had a son, born in 1782, who married Hannah Renn. To them was born a son Jacob, May 22, 1806, who married Maria Jones, born Aug. 4, 1808. Their children were: Mary, born Oct. 29, 1828; William, April 13, 1830; Liberty, Feb. 10, 1832; Angeline, Jan. 1, 1834; Alfred, Feb. 7, 1835; Josiah, Oct. 23, 1836; Hannah, June 13, 1838; Harriet, Oct. 13, 1841; Malissa, March 30, 1844; Jacob M., May 25, 1849; and Emma A., July 16, 1852.

John Reed, eldest son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Dreher) Reed, married Eva C. Gillinger. Their children were: Jesse, Maria (married John Lake), Jacob, Elizabeth (married Casper Scholl), Hannah (married Solomon Martz) and Eva C. (married William Zuern, of Colorado).

Of this family, Jesse Reed, born in Shamokin township March 3, 1808, died June 18, 1884. In 1834 he married Charlotte, daughter of Joshua Farley, of Hunterdon county, N. J., and six children were born to them: Harriet S. (married John Shipman), John W., Farley, Catherine, Oliver and William A.

John W. Reed, son of Jesse, born Oct. 3, 1838, married in 1876 Bethiah, daughter of Robert Davison, of Montour county, Pa. They have one daughter, Kate M.

Jacob Reed, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Dreher) Reed, was born in 1795. Like his father he

was very enterprising and had good executive ability, engaging successfully in various lines of work. He learned tanning and milling, and purchasing a tract of 250 acres in Shamokin township settled there and erected a carding and saw mill, which he operated in connection with the cultivation of farm land. He married Hannah Duttinger, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Leise) Duttinger, natives of Germany who emigrated to Alsace township, Berks county, about 1800, in 1819 moving to Northumberland county and settling where Deiblers station is now located. To Mr. and Mrs. Reed were born seven children: Daniel, Maria (married George Young), Simon P., Elizabeth (married John Nathan Deibler), Julianne (married John Rohrbach), William and John Jacob.

Simon P. Reed, son of Jacob and Hannah (Duttinger) Reed, was born in 1825, and in 1850 married Jane, daughter of Daniel Campbell. They had the following children: Daniel Jacob, Ambrose Alvernon (married Harriet A. Berger), Clara E. and Norman C.

David Reed, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Dreher) Reed, was born on the Reed homestead in Shamokin township. He was a lifelong farmer, and owned 140 acres a mile east of Reed's church; he had thirty-five acres of land on Shamokin Hill. Like many other members of the family he is buried at St. Jacob's (or Reed's) Church, at Reeds station, and he was a Lutheran member of that church. Politically he was a Republican, though the family before the war were all Jeffersonian Democrats. His wife, Catharine (Haas), was a daughter of Peter Haas, who was a Revolutionary war soldier; they had a family of fourteen children, of whom two died small and all are now deceased but Dr. Jesse J. Reed. Those who grew to maturity were as follows: Jacob, Mary (Polly), Eve, Susanna, Louisa, Daniel, Henry, Samuel, Dr. Jesse J., Malinda, Harriet and Oscar.

JESSE J. REED, M. D., of Pillow (Uniontown), Pa., was born in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, Aug. 14, 1840. He was reared on the farm and obtained his early education in the old pay school at St. Jacob's (Reed's) church, later attending Elysburg Academy, where in time he became assistant teacher to the Rev. Jacob Wampole, who was a leading educator of his day and for many years taught in Elysburg Academy, in connection with preaching, having six congregations in that section. During the Civil war Dr. Reed enlisted in Company C, 131st Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served nine months. Returning, he was home only three weeks when he again enlisted, for the existing emergency, in Company A, 28th Regiment, serving two months, when the regiment was discharged. He taught public school four winters (terms of four months). Dr. Reed took up the study of medicine at Shamokin with Dr. E. S. Robins, with whom he remained three

years, after which he attended Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, graduating in the winter of 1865-66; he had completed his course, however, some time before. Locating at Centralia, in Columbia county, he shortly afterward came to Georgetown (Dalmatia), where he remained two years. In the winter of 1868 he came to Pillow (then known only as Uniontown), which is in Dauphin county, north of the Mahantango mountains. He has had a large field, over a radius of from six to twelve miles, and is now the only physician in the borough. Dr. Reed has in his long and busy career become well and favorably known as a physician, and his kindly disposition and liberal mind have made him many warm friends whose good will he enjoys. The Doctor is a Democrat and has always stood high in the confidence of his fellow citizens, having been chosen burgess of the borough of Pillow different terms, was a member of the town council, and was on the school board many years. He was a deacon and elder of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church of Pillow, and is an all-around representative and esteemed citizen of his community. He is active for his years.

Dr. Reed's first marriage was to Catharine Leinbach, daughter of Dr. Benjamin H. Leinbach, of Pillow. She died in 1877, aged thirty-two years, the mother of five children: Elizabeth; Clara A., who married Dr. Elmer M. Hoffman (he is now deceased); Arthur Benjamin, a druggist of Philadelphia; Vinnie C., who married Charles Kessler, of Glen Union, Clinton Co., Pa.; and Jay E. On April 24, 1878, the Doctor was married (second) to Addie A. Bassler, daughter of Rev. H. S. Bassler, who was a prominent Reformed minister of Lykens Valley, Pa., preaching in Berks and Lehigh counties at old Zionsville, Lehigh county, and at Boyertown, where he was long located. Rev. Mr. Bassler married Rebecca M. Dechant, daughter of the Rev. William L. Dechant, who is buried at Oley, Pa., a foremost minister of his day and generation. Dr. and Mrs. Reed have had an only son, Dr. Henry David Reed, now a prominent practitioner at Pottstown, Pa., where he is associated with Dr. Todd.

Matthias Reed, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Dreher) Reed, was born in 1790 in Shamokin township. He married Priscilla Farnsworth, of Irish Valley, moved to Rush township, and in 1833 returned to Shamokin township, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying there in 1859. He was a farmer by occupation. Mr. Reed was a Whig in politics and in religious connection originally a Lutheran, later a Baptist, his wife also belonging to the latter denomination. For many years he served as a deacon in the Baptist Church. Mrs. Reed died in 1857, and she and her husband are buried at the Summit church. They were the

parents of seven children: William, Abigail, Elizabeth, Jacob, John (who was burned to death), Farnsworth and Sarah. The last named, now (1911) over eighty years old, is still living at Riverside, this county; she married Dr. Samuel Smith and after his death became the wife of William Depew.

Farnsworth Reed, son of Matthias, was born Dec. 17, 1824, in Rush township, and attended the public schools of Rush and Shamokin townships. After his marriage he lived in Shamokin township until 1866, when he moved to Point township, buying a farm of 200 acres on which he spent the remainder of his life, dying there Feb. 2, 1898. For a few years he conducted a sawmill at Trevorton. He was an energetic man and traveled quite extensively, having visited twenty States of the Union, journeyed as far west as Nebraska, and as far south as Florida. He was active in the affairs of his community, filling most of the township offices; was at one time a director of the Shamokin Bank; was well known in politics as a member of the Republican party and in religious matters as a faithful member of the Baptist Church, which he served for years as a deacon both at Northumberland and at Shamokin, where he joined in 1842. In 1843 he married Rosanna Miller, who was born Sept. 9, 1823, daughter of David Miller, late of Shamokin township, who was a descendant of George Miller, called "Hunter Miller." One of his sons, John Miller, settled in Shamokin about 1785, purchasing 1,300 acres of land there. Mr. and Mrs. Farnsworth Reed were the parents of nine children: Sirvetus O.; Maria Elizabeth, who married Charles P. Seasholtz, of Upper Augusta township, and they had three children, Annie A., George G. and Clara C.; Clarissa A., who married George W. Van Devender, of Northumberland county, Pa.; Jacob A., of Nebraska; Sarah L., who married Thomas J. Vandling; Laura D., who married Charles M. Park; Harriet L., who married James B. Lesner, of Nebraska; Elmer E., of Reading, Pa.; and George M., of Laurel, Nebr. At the time of his death Farnsworth Reed had twenty living grandchildren. His widow, now (1911) eighty-eight years old, makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Seasholtz. She has thirty-six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Sirvetus O. Reed, son of Farnsworth, obtained his early education in the public schools of his native township. Shortly after the outbreak of the Civil war, though only in his eighteenth year, he enlisted in the 131st Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and participated in the many engagements in which his command fought. At the battle of Peach Blossom, he was wounded in a battle in which he was killed. He was buried in a grave at the base of which he was buried. He died March 6, 1865.

After his death, Mrs. Reed remained at



tention to augmenting his early education, attending the academy at Elysburg, Northumberland county, and later Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa. For some time afterward he followed mercantile pursuits and lumbering, finally engaging in teaching, which he has followed for over thirty-six years in various graded schools (all but the primary grades). Out of school hours Mr. Reed has given his attention principally to the insurance business, in which he has built up a most substantial patronage, representing many of the leading fire insurance companies, Continental, of New York; National, of Hartford, Conn.; American, of Trenton, N. J.; and several others.

Mr. Reed married Agnes A. Beidelsbach, of Point township, Northumberland county, and they have had one daughter, Mary B., who is the wife of W. B. McCaleb, superintendent of the Philadelphia division, Pennsylvania Railroad. Mr. Reed is a member of the Baptist Church, in which he is an active worker and holds office. Mrs. Reed is a member of the Presbyterian Church. In social connection he holds membership in the Knights of Pythias, the A. O. U. W. and the G. A. R. His political opinions are those of the Republican party. He is a public-spirited citizen in everything affecting the general welfare.

The grandfather of C. Oliver Reed was a native of Berks county, Pa., thence removing to Union county, where he lived and died in White Deer township, owning land and following farming. He was a Lutheran and is buried at the White Deer church. His children were: Eve, who married Jacob Dershern and lived in White Deer township; Jacob; Valentine, a resident of White Deer township; Susan; and John, a farmer near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Jacob Reed was born at his father's home in White Deer township in 1809, and died in 1869. He was a farmer and had a tract of ninety-three acres. He was a member of White Deer Church, where he is buried. His wife Susan (Cronrath) was a daughter of Daniel Cronrath, of Union county, and died in 1871, aged sixty-six years, four months. They had eleven children, as follows: William died at Watsontown, Pa.; John died at Montgomery station, Pa.; Elizabeth died small; Harriet (deceased) married Washington Delaney; Rachel married Joseph Ramer and they live in Mifflin county, Pa.; Charles is a resident of Kelly township, Union county; Daniel lives at Milton, Pa.; Helen (deceased) married Frank Princehoff; Emma married Charles Ramsey and died in Mifflin county, Pa.; C. Oliver is mentioned later; Samuel died aged two years.

C. OLIVER REED, of Point township, Northumberland county, was born on the Reed homestead in Kelly township, Union county, Nov. 5, 1855. He was educated in the public schools and reared

to farming pursuits. His father dying when he was fifteen years old he helped his mother for nine years, after which he labored for six years among farmers in Union and Lycoming counties. At the end of that time he was married, March 16, 1885, to Emma Dieffenbach, daughter of David and Elizabeth (Truckenmiller) Dieffenbach, of Delaware township, Northumberland county, and granddaughter of Solomon Truckenmiller, a native of Berks county. They have had one child, Elsie May. After his marriage Mr. Reed went out to Ogle county, Ill., where he remained for ten years, engaged as a farmer, and then went to Appanoose county, Iowa, where he farmed for three years. Removing to the central part of the same State, into Story county, he farmed there five years, in 1902 coming back to Pennsylvania. In 1904 he purchased the George Ditzler farm, in Point township, along the North Branch of the Susquehanna, which is one of the best farms in the district, consisting of 140 acres, nicely located, with excellent buildings. Mr. Reed is a general farmer and has prospered deservedly. He owned four farms in Iowa, and made considerable in this field of speculation. For one tract of ninety-eight acres located at State College, at Ames, Story Co., Iowa, he paid \$73 an acre, and sold it for \$98 an acre after holding it one year. Mr. Reed is modern and intelligent in his methods, and on the alert always for progress in his line. He is a Republican in politics. While at Ames, Iowa, he and his family became members of the Christian Church.

GEORGE O. MARTZ, of Shamokin, secretary of the Boaring Creek Water Company, was born in that borough June 4, 1842, son of Solomon Martz and a great-grandson of David Martz. The early members of the Martz family in America came from Germany and settled in Berks county, Pa., whence David Martz moved into Northumberland.

David Martz and his brother Jacob moved from Berks county toward the close of the eighteenth century, settling on Shamokin creek, three miles south of Sunbury. He was a blacksmith, and followed his trade in connection with farming. He married Barbara Miller, and they had a family of seven children, five sons and two daughters: David, Henry, Peter, Abraham and George, all of whom but Henry moved to Dayton, Ohio, where they died; Susan, who married John Richstine, and Elizabeth, who married Abraham Arter.

Henry Martz, son of David, was born on the homestead in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, and was a farmer by occupation. He married Elizabeth Fagely, daughter of Christian and Magdalena Fagely, pioneers of Shamokin township. Mr. and Mrs. Martz both died in Shamokin and are buried in St. Peter's graveyard. They had six children: Hettie, Katie, Mary Ann, George, Solomon and Nathan, all now deceased.

but Nathan, who resides in Sunbury, Pennsylvania.

Solomon Martz, son of Henry, was born March 22, 1818, in Upper Augusta township, Northumberland county, and when seven years old went to live with his uncle, Solomon Fagely, in Shamokin township, remaining with him until he was eighteen years old. He then entered the employ of his uncles Amos, George and Nathan Fagely, who had a store at Mauch Chunk, clerking there sixteen months. Returning to Shamokin he engaged with William and Reuben Fagely in a similar capacity, continuing for a year, after which he went to Mount Carmel to work for Solomon Fagely, who kept a tavern there. He remained with him a year. At that time a stage line was started between Mount Carmel and Shamokin, and he was appointed driver and mail carrier, working as such for a few months. He then took the same position on the stage line between Pottsville and Northumberland, for one year, and he was the last survivor of those connected with this method of transportation in central Pennsylvania at that time. Returning to Shamokin, he was elected supervisor of Coal township, having charge of the roads from Mount Carmel to Trevorton, and filled that office two years. During the next seven years he was engaged in hauling coal over the railroad from Shamokin to Sunbury for William and Reuben Fagely, under contract, at the end of that time settling on the farm at Reed station where he passed the remainder of his days. He died Oct. 1, 1894, in his seventy-seventh year, and is buried at Reed's church.

Mr. Martz was always interested in the welfare of the community and the success of those enterprises that affected all its members. His generosity to those less fortunate than himself, his benevolence to all philanthropic movements, his sympathy with all who needed it, were as much the cause of the esteem he enjoyed as his industrious and successful career. He and his family attended the German Reformed Church, and when St. Jacob's (Reed's) was rebuilt, in 1870, he contributed all the brick necessary, one hundred thousand, his children giving the money to erect the steeple, \$1,200. In politics he was a staunch Republican and greatly interested in the success of the party, though he never had any political aspirations for himself. He was overseer of the poor for one year after settling in Shamokin township.

On April 6, 1841, Mr. Martz married Hannah Reed, born in 1815, died Dec. 15, 1895, aged eighty years, daughter of John and Eva (Howard) Reed, of Shamokin township, and to this union were born seven children: George O.; William F., who died young; Isabella, who died in 1875, aged thirty-one years; Sophronia, who died in 1874, at the age of thirty-three years; Reuben F., John Henry and Jesse R., all of whom live at Reed station, Jesse being on part of the old homestead.

George O. Martz received his education in the public schools of the home locality, and was ten years old when he moved with his parents on to the home place in Shamokin township. When he was seventeen years old he went to Locust Gap, where he took the position of bookkeeper with Haas & Bowen, proprietors of the Locust Gap colliery. In January, 1864, he came to Shamokin to take a similar position at the Cameron colliery, where he subsequently became outside foreman. In 1869 he became a member of the firm of Haas, Fagely & Co., who then operated that colliery, and in July, 1872, the firm of Fagely & Martz, merchants, was organized. Subsequently he became a member of the firm of Patterson, Llewellyn & Co., who operated the Big Mountain colliery, and he continued his interest in the coal business until a year before that colliery was purchased by the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company. In 1872 he commenced the lime business, about 1888 commencing the manufacture of wood-burned lime, for building purposes, burning the first made in that part of the State.

Mr. Martz has been a leader in supporting movements for the advancement and material improvement of the town, having long been a director of the Shamokin Banking Company (of which he was one of the organizers), a director and secretary of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company, a director of the Shamokin Arc Light Company, secretary and director of the Shamokin Water Company, and of the Roaring Creek, Anthracite and Bear Gap Water Companies. He is still secretary of the Roaring Creek Water Company. He is a member of the Shamokin Board of Trade, and in every way has done his share toward bringing the borough up to the standard of modern business ideals.

On Sept. 2, 1865, Mr. Martz married Emma L. Keener, of Schuylkill Haven, Pa., and they reside in their home at No. 141 East Sunbury street, Shamokin. They have had one daughter, Ada G., who married H. C. Beury and resides in Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Beury have three children, William M., Emma L. and Susanna G.

In politics Mr. Martz has always been a staunch Republican. During the Civil war he enlisted in Company A, 28th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers.

**MARTZ.** The Martz family has been settled in Northumberland county for over a century, and David P. Martz, now retired, of Ralston township, occupies part of his father's old homestead, lying along the Central turnpike. Edward H. Martz, of Shamokin, is a nephew of David P. Martz, being a son of Frank H. Martz.

David Martz, father of David P. Martz and grandfather of Edward H. Martz, was born Oct. 15, 1802, in Lower Augusta township, Northum-



berland county, and died Nov. 11, 1855. Shortly after his marriage he located at Paxinos and owned and operated a fulling-mill there, being quite successful in business. He was a respected man, and for many years was chosen to serve as justice of the peace at Paxinos. His wife, Hannah (Evert), born Oct. 6, 1804, died June 9, 1880, and they are buried at the Blue church in Ralpho township. Children: Eliza died unmarried; Henry, who was a teacher, died unmarried; Margaret married David Adams; Sarah married Emanuel Artman; Franklin is mentioned below; Mary married Albert Fisher; David is mentioned below; John, twin of David, is deceased; Hannah married Jackson Hoffman; Susan died young.

Franklin Martz, son of David, was born Dec. 12, 1835, in Northumberland county, was reared upon a farm and learned the carpenter's trade, following both farming and carpentry. He died near Paxinos in July, 1887, and is buried at the Blue church. His wife, Margaret (Fisher), a native of Northumberland county, daughter of John Fisher, still survives, residing at Paxinos. She is a member of the German Reformed Church, as was also Mr. Martz. They were the parents of ten children, five of whom are living: Edward H.; William, who lives in Shamokin; Bertha M., married to Frank Wertley; Catharine A., married to William Kriegbaum; and Clarence C., living at Paxinos.

EDWARD H. MARTZ has been engaged in the livery business at Shamokin since 1889, at present in partnership with Jacob I. McCollum. He has a large patronage and is counted among the substantial citizens of the borough, where he has been located practically throughout his business life. He was born Jan. 3, 1867, at Paxinos, Northumberland county, son of Franklin Martz, and received his education in the public schools. During his boyhood he did farm work and later was employed at the mines for three years before entering his present line. In 1889 he purchased a half interest in the livery and feed business of C. M. Adams, and subsequently admitted Andrew G. Murray to a partnership, being associated with him for seven years under the name of Martz & Murray. Mr. Murray withdrew from the firm in 1899 and the business is now conducted by Mr. Martz and his father-in-law, Jacob I. McCollum. Their stable is located at Rock and Webster streets, and they keep about thirty-five horses, having a constant and profitable trade. They are up-to-date in management and methods as well as equipment and enjoy a reputation second to none in the place. Mr. Martz has prospered, and besides his business owns a fine farm in Ralpho township, consisting of 195 acres located on the main road leading from Paxinos to Bear Gap.

Mr. Martz has been twice married. His first wife, Hannah Brocius, daughter of John H. Brocius, died in June, 1908, leaving one daughter,

Helen. By his second wife, Mamie McCollum, daughter of Jacob I. McCollum, he has had one son, John Edwin.

Fraternally Mr. Martz holds membership in the B. P. O. E., P. O. S. of A. and Knights of Malta. He is a Republican in political preference.

DAVID P. MARTZ, son of David, was born April 16, 1810, in Ralpho township, with which he has been identified throughout his long life. He was reared upon the farm and in his boyhood attended the public schools of the locality. When a young man he commenced to learn milling, but never followed it to any extent. On Sept. 10, 1861, he enlisted in Company F, 50th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served throughout the Civil war, receiving his honorable discharge Aug. 5, 1865. He was in twenty-nine battles, with the Army of the Potomac, among them the important engagements at Hilton Head, Antietam, South Mountain, Fredericksburg, Bull Run, Vicksburg, the Wilderness, Knoxville, etc. He was wounded four times, twice in the head and twice in the right leg. At the close of his army service Mr. Martz began farming for himself, settling upon his present property, a farm of 101 acres at Paxinos, lying along the old Central turnpike. It is part of the old Martz homestead. On this place Mr. Martz erected a substantial barn and outbuildings, and in 1873 he put up a sawmill on the site formerly occupied by a fulling-mill. He operated it for some time. Since 1907 he has been retired from the more active duties of the farm, enjoying the fruits of his early labors. He is a citizen of the highest worth, deserving the confidence of his fellow men, and is a much respected member of the community. He has served the township three years as school director, is a member of Progress Grange, P. of H., and is active in the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which he belongs, serving as steward and teacher in the Sunday school. He is a Republican in political sentiment.

On Dec. 12, 1869, Mr. Martz married Rebecca C. Repley, daughter of John and Rachel Repley. She died Oct. 6, 1900, and is buried at the Oak Grove church in Ralpho township. To this marriage were born children as follows: John W. is living at Norfolk, Va.; Grace is married to William C. Bower and has two children, Lois and Leona; Nora is the wife of Wilson Willow, living in Ralpho township, and has two children, Ellen and Alfred; Ruth married Harrison Erdman, living in Shamokin, and has one child, Mildred.

REV. CHARLES J. GALLIGAN, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Locust Gap, Northumberland county, who has just celebrated the twenty-first anniversary of his ordination, beloved by his flock and respected by people of all religious denominations, is a native of New York City, and



first saw the light of day in July, 1863. Graduating from Manhattan College in 1881 he assumed the study of his natural vocation and witnessed the consummation of his cherished ideal when he was elevated to the priesthood, by Bishop Curtis, of Baltimore Seminary, Feb. 7, 1890. His career since has been marked by continuous success in his chosen field of goodness. His zeal and fidelity to the different laity who have been under his spiritual care furnish an example to all laborers in Christ's Vineyard. During his career he has seen service at Harrisburg, Marietta, York, Renova, Mount Carmel and Lykens, being transferred to his present location April 27, 1908. In a constructive sense he exhibited his personal influence and business ability by paying off an indebtedness of long standing on his church at Marietta. He has made many improvements at Locust Gap, but his crowning achievement in this direction was the erection of St. Patrick's Church, at York, which is a credit to the city and will ever stand as a monument to Father Galligan's taste and industry. It is in the spiritual work, however, that Father Galligan loves to exercise his faculties. He is, therefore, beloved by his congregation, a credit to his church and to the vocation for which he has such natural fitness, and the duties of which he has so creditably discharged. He is, par excellence, an ideal priest.

**KAUFFMAN.** The Kauffmans of Northumberland county have been settled there for several generations, but the earlier representatives of this name in the United States were residents of Berks county, where many Kauffmans are to be found to this day.

On Sept. 15, 1719, one Jacob Kauffman landed in the United States, having come hither in the ship "Phoenix," with 550 other passengers from Zweibrücken, Nassau, Wurtemberg and the Palatinate. He and two brothers located in Lancaster county, Pa., but the land there was not what he wanted, so he did not remain long. He did not want to undertake the work of clearing away the forests which then covered that region, and land which could be converted into meadows, to raise hay to feed his stock, seemed to him more desirable, so with one brother he settled in Berks county, in Bern (now Upper Bern) township. He took up a large tract of land in the fertile valley at the foot of the Blue Mountain, near the present site of St. Michael's church, receiving a patent for about seven hundred acres, part of which was meadow land, with an abundant water supply. He built a log house with a cellar, particularly adapted for defense against the Indians, there being no opening which afforded an easy entrance, and an attack could be repelled by shooting from a window. The few settlers in the vicinity at that time suffered much from the treachery and depreda-

tions of the Indians, and they accordingly established a military post, the men carrying their guns when they went forth to their work in the morning and returning to the fort when their day's work was done. This state of affairs continued from 1754 to 1764, but with all their precautions about one hundred settlers were killed, a brother of Jacob Kauffman being among the number. Jacob Kauffman himself had many thrilling adventures and some narrow escapes from death, but he continued to work and prosper and in time became a well-to-do man. In later years he built a substantial stone mansion upon this farm, and this dwelling is still standing in a good state of preservation. He followed farming on his old homestead until his death in 1804, and he left a tract of a little over one hundred acres (the old homestead) to his son Yost; this is now owned by the John Kauffman Estate, the sixth generation. Jacob Kauffman was buried at St. Michael's church, of which he was one of the promoters and an active member. He reared a large family of children, and it is said that his sons became great hunters, deer in that day being very plentiful in their section. Tradition has it that a gun now owned by one of his descendants has killed as many as two hundred deer.

Philip Kauffman, son of Jacob, born Dec. 21, 1757, died Nov. 17, 1843. He was buried at St. Michael's Lutheran church, of which he was a member. He served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war. For many years he carried on farming, living on a portion of the original tract taken up by his father, where he remained until his death. He married Magdalena Seaman, daughter of Ludwig Seaman, and to them were born eleven children, seven sons and four daughters.

Jacob and Samuel Kauffman, brothers, who emigrated from Switzerland to America in 1770, have many descendants in Berks county, the former settling in the Oley Valley and the latter in Maiden creek, where he became a very prosperous farmer and stock dealer and a man well and favorably known in his vicinity. The name of his wife is not known, but it is known that their son, Samuel, married Catharine Berndt and had a large family, among whom were: John G., Samuel, Daniel, David and two daughters, one of whom married a Mr. Sell, the other David Haas. In religious belief the family were members of the Reformed denomination. The Kauffmans were Wicc up to the time of the formation of the Republican party, when many joined the latter organization.

There is a very old family of Kauffmans in Oley township, Berks county, which was founded there between 1720 and 1734 by David Kauffman, who came there from Germantown, Pa., where his

mother resided. In 1734 he obtained a warrant for land from the Penns for property located in Oley township, Philadelphia (now Berks) county. This warrant bears the date May 21, 1734, and is for one hundred acres located in the eastern part of the township, and part of this property is still in the possession of the family, being the property of Frank Y. Kaufman. Later David obtained another warrant, under date of July 1, 1740, for 54 acres, 154 perches. This tract adjoined the former one, and part of it is also owned by Frank Y. Kaufman. In addition to this property David owned 200 acres (now owned by his descendants Ephraim K. Kauffman and Frank Y.), which he obtained prior to 1734, his holdings totaling 354 acres, admitted to be among the very choicest land of the township. Upon this property he erected buildings, since replaced by those of more modern construction, but in their day considered models of convenience and elegance. He is buried in a private burying ground upon the premises and his resting place is marked by a limestone without any inscription. Five generations are buried in that little plot. His wife, Veronica, in 1763, with her other children, released the property to her son Jacob. In the release it is stated that she was the widow of David, and therefore it is evident that David died some time prior to 1763. This release is signed by the widow and her children, who were as follows: Annie Yoder, Mary Shenkle, Barbara Lasker, and John, who settled in Maiden-creek township, where his descendants still reside. It is evident that David had but two sons, Jacob and John.

Another interesting fact revealed by the records of the township is that in 1758 and 1759 Jacob Kauffman paid heavy taxes in Oley township, his assessment being thirty pounds.

David, the original ancestor of this Oley township family, had a brother Jacob who died without will, and his mother, Anna, of Philadelphia county, took out letters of administration in 1732, the letters stating that she was his mother and next of kin. Anna, mother of David and Jacob, made a will in which she bequeathed the grandfather clock to David, and the balance of her estate to all the children of her son David, except David's son John, who was left out.

Jacob Kauffman, son of David, obtained the family estate in 1763, as above stated, purchasing it from the other heirs, and he retained it until his death, residing upon the property and engaging in farming. His wife was a member of the family of Hill, and among their children were: Jacob, John, Nicholas, Peter, Samuel and David.

There is a tradition in the family that two of these sons, David and Nicholas, settled in Union county, Pa., and that Samuel settled in the State of Indiana. It is also believed that a son of the first Jacob located in the then wilds of Texas,

where a county, a town, a paper and a postoffice bear the family name.

Daniel Kauffman, son of Leonard, was born on Jan. 11, 1804, in Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland Co., Pa., and died in 1889, aged eighty-four years, in Lower Augusta township, this county. He followed farming all his life, renting until he was able to have his own property, and he purchased the farm of 150 acres in Lower Augusta now owned by H. S. Bowersox. He is buried in that township, at the St. Elias Union church. Daniel Kauffman married Mary Ressler, born Aug. 23, 1807, who died in 1885. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, she of the Reformed denomination. They had children as follows: Sallie, who married Samuel Conrad; John R., who lives at Sunbury, this county; Elizabeth, who died an infant; Eliza, who died of smallpox after reaching maturity; Daniel, also of Sunbury; Levi; Caroline, of Sunbury, widow of James Coldren; Mary, who married Hiram Savage; Levi; Melinda, widow of Isaac J. Renn; Lucy, of Buchanan, Mich., widow of Abraham Brosius (now spelled Broceus); and Rachel who married (first) Ira T. Renn and (second) James Lower.

LEVI KAUFFMAN, a substantial citizen of Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, was born Dec. 21, 1812, in Lower Augusta township, son of Daniel and Mary (Ressler) Kauffman. He lived at home until just before he attained his majority, at the age of twenty going into business with his brother John, the young men conducting a store in Lower Augusta. After two years' association Levi Kauffman went into business at Augustaville on his sole account, continuing thus for three years, after which he practically retired for a year, being ill for some time. In 1869 he came to Lower Mahanoy, where he was in the milling business for a year before he resumed merchandising, opening a general store in the southwestern part of the township, on the banks of the Susquehanna. He carried this place on successfully for about fifteen years, at the end of which time it was taken over by his son Webster. Meantime, in 1880, Mr. Kauffman had purchased the ninety-six-acre farm in Lower Mahanoy on which he now lives, and on which he built the present large residence in 1889. Many other valuable improvements have been made on the place during the thirty years of his ownership. The land is excellent, and under his management has increased steadily in value. Mr. Kauffman is a thrifty and much respected citizen of his section of the county. He has become widely known personally as well as in a business way.

Mr. Kauffman married (first) Mary Ann Wynn, whose parents, John and Elizabeth (Snyder) Wynn, of New Jersey, were English people; John Wynn had a most remarkable memory. Six



children were born to this union: Webster, who is a merchant at Bridgeport, in Lower Merion; Tamar; Warren L., of Yonkers, N. Y.; Lee, of Danville, Pa.; Daniel, a farmer, living at home; and Mary O., who married George Cowan and lives in Brooklyn, N. Y. For his second wife Mr. Kauffman married Annada Tractman, widow of Daniel Messner, and they have had two sons: James, who was accidentally killed on the railroad; and Harrison, a graduate of Pennsylvania College, at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Kauffman and his family are members of St. Luke's Lutheran and Reformed Church, of which he has been an elder for more than twenty-five years. He is a Democrat in political opinion.

**MATTHIAS TEITSWORTH**, a farmer of Ralpho township, has spent all his life in the section where he now resides, having been born upon the farm where he still makes his home. He is a great-grandson of John Teitsworth, the founder of the family in Northumberland county, who was one of the pioneer settlers here, coming from New Jersey, before the Revolutionary war. It is quite certain that his father came at the same time, and they settled on Shamokin creek, near what is now Snyderstown. He owned about five hundred acres of land. Subsequently he kept a tavern at what is known as Paxinos, on the line of Ralpho and Shamokin townships, and he died about 1800. He had two sons, William and Robert, and one daughter, who married Benjamin Campbell. The family is of Scotch-Irish extraction.

Robert Teitsworth, the younger of the two sons of John Teitsworth, was born Aug. 8, 1768, and died June 9, 1832. His first wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Taylor, was born Oct. 6, 1775, and died Oct. 17, 1815. They were married June 11, 1794, and their children were born as follows: Leah, July 29, 1795; William, Dec. 1, 1797; John, March 15, 1800; Sarah, Oct. 7, 1802; Margaret, May 14, 1805; Phebe, Oct. 10, 1807; Robert, May 25, 1811; Eliza, Aug. 5, 1814. On March 27, 1817, Mr. Teitsworth married (second) Elizabeth Andrews, who was a daughter of Philip (born Oct. 15, 1772) and Elizabeth (DeWitt) (born Jan. 26, 1778) Andrews. There were two children by this marriage, James and Perry. Robert Teitsworth and his first wife are interred in the old Presbyterian burial ground near Reed's station, in Ralpho township.

William Teitsworth, elder son of John Teitsworth, was born in Shamokin township. He served in the Revolutionary war. For many years he conducted the tavern which he inherited from his father, and was also engaged in farming, at one time owning about eight hundred acres of land where Paxinos is now located. Later he sold this tract and bought about 250 acres where his grandson Matthias now owns, building a big house and

clearing land which he continued to cultivate until his death, in March, 1856. He was long a leading citizen of his district. He was twice married, but the name of his first wife is not known, and he had no children by that union. By his second marriage, to Mary Campbell, he had five children: Isaac; John B., deceased; Elizabeth, of Ralpho township; Kate, deceased, who married Peter Yocum; and Mary, deceased, who married John Persing.

Isaac Teitsworth, son of William, was born Dec. 5, 1801, at Paxinos, Northumberland county, and in time became the owner of his father's farm, which is now in the possession of his son Matthias. He cleared this land and followed farming, in his latter years removing to Elysburg, where he lived retired and died Aug. 28, 1882. He was a prominent member of the Presbyterian Church, of which he was an elder fifty years, and he and his wife are buried in the old Presbyterian graveyard in Ralpho township, near Reed's station. He married Sarah Catharine Persing, who was born Oct. 18, 1806, daughter of John Persing, and after her husband's death resided with her son Isaac N. in Columbia county, Pa., dying Jan. 28, 1895. They were the parents of a large family: Mary A. married Jacob H. Reed and (second) William Haas; Lemuel died at Bloomsburg, Pa.; Rev. William P. is living at Oakland, Cal.; Benjamin Franklin died in Columbia county; Alfred, born Feb. 9, 1833, enlisted for service in the Civil war in the 46th Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was killed in battle near Culpeper, Va., at the engagement of Cedar Mountain, Aug. 8, 1862; Susanna married Daniel Adams and resides at Bear Gap; Isaac Newton, who lives in Columbia county, was also a soldier in the Civil war; Matthias is mentioned below; Kate died unmarried; John H. died in Michigan; Harriet, born Nov. 24, 1834, died June 6, 1853, and she and her brother and sister are interred in the same cemetery as their parents; Matilda married Theodore Clayton, formerly of Riverside, Pa., and is now living at South Danville, Pa.; Antoinette (Nettie) married Harvey B. Soult, of Elysburg, and they now live in the State of Washington.

Matthias Teitsworth was born Oct. 25, 1810. He was reared upon the farm and attended the schools of the home locality, and after his parents died he took the old homestead, where he is still living. This farm contains 107 acres, near Elysburg, and Mr. Teitsworth is still actively engaged in its cultivation and improvement. In 1894 he erected his present residence there. He owns another farm of ninety-six acres, also in the vicinity of Elysburg. Mr. Teitsworth formerly attended school at Mount Carmel, later taking his passage to Shamokin. He is a substantial and influential citizen, ready to do his share for the betterment of the moral and progress of the



of the community. He was one of the promoters of the old Elysburg Academy, built in 1865; was a charter member of Elysburg Lodge, No. 548, I. O. O. F., organized Jan. 1, 1859; was one of the organizers of the Pine Hill Cemetery Association (the cemetery being located near Elysburg, in Ralpho township), and is still a trustee; and he has served as a trustee of the Presbyterian Church, of which he and his family are active members. In politics he is a Republican. In 1862 he became a member of Company H, 172d Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia, and served for ten months, being stationed at Yorktown for seven months.

In 1865 Mr. Teitsworth married Lanah Louisa Myers, who was born March 14, 1849, daughter of John C. and Rachel (Watson) Myers, of Columbia county, Pa. Mrs. Teitsworth died Jan. 20, 1910, aged sixty years, and is buried in Pine Hill cemetery. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Teitsworth: Alfred, who lives at Sunbury, married Minnie Kulp; Harvey B., who lives in Ralpho township, married Annie Wilt; William Morris, now of Mount Carmel, married Elizabeth Unger; Angus is in the west; Maggie M. married Clark Campbell; Josiah B. married Minerva Roads; Preston, who is living in Ralpho township, married Lucy Leiser; Della L. is at home.

**LEISENRING.** The Leisenrings of Northumberland and Lehigh counties, Pa., trace their line from John Conrad Leisenrinck, who came from Saxony, Germany, as early as 1744 and first located in Baltimore. He found a permanent home in Pennsylvania, coming first to Northampton county and in 1752 settling in White Hall township, Lehigh county, where he purchased a very large estate, securing the title from the Penns. He is buried in the cemetery at Egypt, Lehigh county, and his name, spelled as above, is still to be seen on his tombstone, which was bought in Germantown and was the first marble gravestone in that cemetery. He and his family lived like the typical frontier people of their day. His wife spun yarn and sold it to customers in Philadelphia. They had a family of four sons and three daughters, namely: Conrad, Andrew, Peter, John Sebastian, Annie Maria, Elizabeth and Barbara.

Peter Leisenring, son of John Conrad, was born Feb. 28, 1779, in Lehigh county, Pa., where he passed his early and early married life. Coming to Northumberland county in 1805, he settled upon a tract of 109 acres about two miles south of Sunbury, in what is now Upper Augusta township, and on this property erected one of the first tanneries in the county; he also ran a distillery, carrying on a large business for the time. He was an enterprising man, and raised the first red clover in this section of the county. He also planted the first orchard in his district. Enterprising and

and working, he became one of the leading men of the county. He married Susan Schod, who was born in Lehigh county May 17, 1774, and they had the following children: Jacob E., Gideon, Peter, Lydia (married Christian Baldy) and Kit-to (married Martin Weaver). All are now deceased. The parents both died in Northumberland county.

Jacob E. Leisenring, eldest child of Peter, was born in Lehigh county July 14, 1794, and when a young man learned the tanning trade with his father. He was engaged in hauling the products of the tannery, distillery and farm to Philadelphia and Pittsburg, where they attended the markets, and he used to carry to Philadelphia large sums of money to purchase supplies for the farmers in the district. In the war of 1812 he enlisted under Captain Hummel and served nine months. In 1833, in company with William Cloyd, whose interest he later bought, he purchased the old Fisher property at Bear Gap, where his grandson, Jacob E., now resides, this property consisting of 105 acres of land, a gristmill and tavern, of which latter he was the landlord for a period of forty years. The house, a large stone structure, was built by Caleb Fisher about 1812, and the location being a changing point for the stagecoaches the stand was a very prosperous one. During this period the country was so wild that bears were still very plentiful. Mr. Leisenring later bought from Benjamin Tillman the adjoining land, so that he had in one tract then about six hundred acres; he also had another farm at what is now Paxinos, of two hundred acres. As the thriving condition of his affairs would indicate, he was a man of excellent judgment and a good overseer in business matters, and his opinion and counsel were often sought by his neighbors. He devoted all his time to business and was considered one of the leading men in the county, though he took no direct part in the conduct of public affairs. He was a Democrat, and interested in the success of the party, but was never active in its affairs. He found time for church work, however, being a zealous member of the Lutheran Church, in which for many years he filled the office of deacon, and few men were as highly respected.

On June 13, 1819, Mr. Leisenring married Mary Bucher, daughter of Henry, of Sunbury, Pa., and she died a few years before he did, June 11, 1873, aged seventy-three years, six months. Mr. Leisenring died May 11, 1878, and they are buried at the Blue church in Ralpho township. They were the parents of nine children, two of whom died in infancy, and Mr. Leisenring was able to give a farm or a house to each of the seven who reached maturity, namely: Charles; Henry, who is deceased; Lydia (deceased); Mrs. Benjamin Wolverton; Catharine, who married George Hughwaut, whom she survived; Frank, deceased; Mary,





*Peter Leisenring*



deceased, who married George Mifflin, of Paxinos; and Peter Shindel.

PETER SHINDEL LEISENRING, son of Jacob E., was born May 12, 1812, upon the homestead at Bear Gap, and was educated at the local schools. In his youth he was employed with his father, clearing the land and farming, and at the age of twenty-two years he engaged in the lumber business in connection with farming and grist- and saw-milling, continuing all these industries with success. His farm consisted of 285 acres of land, under profitable cultivation, and with all these interests he also conducted the hotel for some time. He was very well known, being one of the most substantial citizens of his time, and his success in all his undertakings was such as to make him one of the most valuable men in his community, where his death was regarded as a general loss. On Feb. 13, 1876, Mr. Leisenring married Mary A. Sanders, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Fisher) Sanders, of Columbia county, Pa., and they had two children, Jacob E. and Mary C. The latter is the wife of David K. Geise, and they have one son, Frank; they reside in Ralpho township.

Mr. Leisenring was a Democrat in politics and a Lutheran in religious faith, belonging to the Blue Church in Ralpho township. He died July 8, 1898, aged fifty-six years, and is buried at the Blue church. His widow resides with her son and daughter in Ralpho township.

JACOB E. LEISENRING, a well known business man of Bear Gap, Northumberland county, is the only son of Peter Shindel Leisenring. He was born Nov. 17, 1877, at the place where he still resides, and attended the local public schools and Elysburg Academy. From the time he was old enough to be useful he assisted his father, and after the latter's death he continued his business affairs for four years. He then bought the old homestead, which now consists of about 132 acres of land, and his holdings at present aggregate about 150 acres, of which a good deal is timber land. He carries on the lumber business in addition to farming, and has given every evidence that the reputation of the family for business thrift and sagacity will not suffer in his career. Well known in his business and social relations, popular personally, ambitious, honorable and trustworthy, he has gratifying prospects for a useful and prosperous future. He has served as road commissioner and auditor of his township.

Mr. Leisenring married Emma Yocum, daughter of Ezra and Joannah (Hummel) Yocum, and they have had four children: One son that died in infancy; Kathleen, who died when six years old; Charlotte, and Mary Johannah. Politically Mr. Leisenring is a Democrat, and in religion a Lutheran. He is a member of Elysburg Lodge, No. 414, F. & A. M., and of Shamokin Lodge of Elks.

Charles Leisenring, son of Jacob E., was born 1821 and received his education in the schools of the home locality. He followed farming and also kept hotel at Paxinos, this county. Mr. Leisenring died Aug. 27, 1868, at the comparatively early age of forty-seven years, his death being caused by the kick of a colt, while he was going about his work. He is buried at the Blue church. His widow, who is still living at Bloomsburg, Pa., was Maria Haas, and they were the parents of five children: Ida, Mrs. John Pensyl; Emma, who married Rev. John Adams, a Lutheran minister (both are dead); Lewis C.; James; and Clara, Mrs. John Snyder.

Lewis C. Leisenring, son of Charles, was born at Paxinos, Pa., Aug. 4, 1856, and when a boy came with his parents to a farm in Ralpho township, near Bear Gap. He followed the life of a farmer, and in 1896 took his father's homestead of 147 acres, which is located at Bear Gap and joins the farms of his cousins, Jacob E. and George K. Leisenring. Lewis C. Leisenring married Emma Teats, daughter of Jeremiah Teats, of Shamokin township, and they have had children as follows: Charles (married Blanche John), Walter, Grace and Warren. Mr. Leisenring is a Democrat and served Ralpho township as school director for five years. In religion he is a Lutheran, a member of the Blue Church.

Henry Leisenring, son of Jacob, was born at Sunbury, Pa., March 31, 1823, and died at Elysburg, Pa., Feb. 22, 1895. He is buried at the Blue church. In early life he learned milling and was engaged in the flour and feed business at Bear Gap. He was also engaged in the lumber business, which he followed some time, and then returned to the milling business at Bear Gap. He was a Lutheran in religion. His wife, Mary A. Eckroth, daughter of John, died Oct. 15, 1898, aged seventy-nine years. They had these children: (1) Anna died unmarried aged twenty-eight. (2) Herbert, who lives in Shamokin, married Catharine Lanciscus, daughter of John and Lena (Bard) Lanciscus, and they have had four children, Malcolm L., Edna L. (deceased), Lena M. (at home) and Ethel E. (deceased). (3) Estella is the wife of Clark R. Creasy, and they are living in Shamokin. Their children are Dayton, Clara and Grace. (4) Tacie, widow of Theodore Heck, of Shamokin, is the mother of Irene (wife of Dr. A. G. Shissler), Millie (wife of J. A. Shipman), and Harry (who died aged twenty-one). (5) Dayton, who lives at Elysburg, Pa., married Carrie Vought and has one son, Jean.

Frank Leisenring, son of Jacob E., was born in 1835, upon the homestead at Bear Gap, and was educated in the public schools of the vicinity. He had a fine farm of 150 acres at Bear Gap, cultivating the same until his death, which occurred at Elysburg, Jan. 19, 1902, when he was sixty-six

years, three months, four days old. In 1861 he married Angeline Keller, of Ralpho township, who is now living with her son, George K. They had three children: Savanna, deceased; George K.; and Laura, widow of William Campbell, of Ralpho township. Mr. Leisenring was a well known member of the Democratic party and filled the office of school director and other township positions. He was a Lutheran in religious faith.

GEORGE K. LEISENRING, son of Frank, was born Jan. 31, 1866, in Ralpho township, and became a farmer. He was employed with his father until he began for himself in 1890, and now owns his father's homestead, having a fine farm at Bear Gap, well appointed, with substantial and up-to-date buildings. Politically he is a Democrat, has served his community as overseer of the poor, and in religious connection, like so many others of the family, is a Lutheran and a member of the Blue Church.

Mr. Leisenring married Elizabeth Haas, daughter of Abraham Haas, and to them have been born six children: Frank (died aged six years), Ruth, Mary, Dorothy, Catherine and Marcella.

CHARLES O'CONNOR is identified with the business life of Trevorton, Northumberland county, in various associations, being owner and proprietor of the well known "Elk Hotel," proprietor of the New York clothing store, treasurer of the Trevorton Industrial Stock Company and director of the Miners' Savings & Loan Association, in which relations he has come in contact with so many of his fellow citizens that he is an unusually well known man in his community. He was born March 19, 1861, in England, son of Michael O'Connor.

Michael O'Connor was born in 1836 in the Province of Munster, Ireland, and brought his family thence to America in 1868, landing at New York City. After a brief residence in New Jersey, engaged at his trade, that of potter, he came to Shamokin (in 1868), Northumberland Co., Pa., and here found work at mining, following that occupation most of his active years. For some time before his death he was in the shoe business at Shamokin, his store being in the old Weaver building. He died in Shamokin January 16, 1894. Mr. O'Connor married Catherine Costello, a native of Ireland, whose people settled at Fall River, Mass., and she died Oct. 17, 1889. Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor are buried at Shamokin. Nine children were born to them: Michael, who lives in Shamokin; Charles; Thomas, of Shamokin; Patrick, of Shamokin; James, of Shamokin; Margaret, wife of Thomas Tamey, of Shamokin; William Francis, who died young; William P., of Shamokin; and F. Henry, who died June 15, 1870, and who was the second person buried in the Catholic cemetery at Shamokin.

Charles O'Connor was eight and a half years old when he came to America, in 1869, and he attended school at Shamokin for some years thereafter. He began work as a slate picker, and in time engaged in mining, following this occupation until Feb. 5, 1905. Meantime, however, he had acquired other interests, and he is now an active business man. On Feb. 5, 1905, he engaged in the hotel business at Trevorton, becoming proprietor of the "Elk Hotel," the best known hostelry in the town. It was built in 1851, and is now the property of Mr. O'Connor. Since October, 1909, he has also been interested in the clothing business, being proprietor of the fine, up-to-date store located opposite his hotel, conducted by what is known as the New York Clothing Company. He is connected with the Trevorton Industrial Stock Company as treasurer and member of the board of trustees, his son Michael being secretary of the company and Mr. Plummer president of the board of trustees. He is treasurer (since 1908) and member of the board of directors of the Miners' Savings & Loan Association of Trevorton (serving as vice president from 1904 to 1908, when he was elected treasurer), which was established April 20, 1904. In 1898 Mr. O'Connor became jury commissioner of Northumberland county, and succeeded himself for another term, in 1901, having the distinction of being the first man ever to succeed himself in this office since the county was organized, 1772. Politically he is a Democrat, and he has numerous social connections, being a member of Lodge No. 267, B. P. O. Elks, of Sunbury, this county (since 1898); a member of the F. O. E. Aerie at Shamokin, of which he was one of the first trustees; a member of St. Patrick's Beneficial Society, and a member of the A. O. H. In religion he is a Catholic, belonging to St. Patrick's Church at Trevorton.

Mr. O'Connor married Mary Kelliher, daughter of John and Catherine Kelliher, and they have had a large family, viz.: Thomas, who died young; Michael, who was educated at St. Vincent College, Latrobe, Pa., and Mount St. Mary's, Emmitsburg, Md., and is now clerk of the Quarter Sessions court at Sunbury; Patrick (also a student at St. Mary's College), who married Verna Kehler and has one son, George; Catherine; Charles Raymond, who died when one year, five months old; Joseph, who died at the age of thirteen years; Francis, who died when eleven months old; William Raymond, who died in infancy; Barmary, who is still attending school; Margaret; and Joseph.

ZIMMERMAN. The Zimmerman family, represented in Schuylkill county for several generations, and among the most substantial and public-spirited citizens of this region, has been settled in Pennsylvania for a hundred and eighty years, since the four brothers Abraham, Jacob, Isaac and



Sebastian Zimmerman came from Germany in 1730-31. They first settled in eastern Pennsylvania, near Kutztown, in Maxatawny township, Berks county, in which township Abraham paid sixteen pounds tax in 1759—the year the first tax was levied, Sebastian (or Bastian, as he was known in Berks county) paying twenty-three pounds tax there that year. The latter, who was the ancestor of the branch of the family in which we are here interested, the line of the present Sebastian Zimmerman, of Sunbury, an old resident of that place, served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

Abraham Zimmerman, son of Sebastian, married Bernice Werley, and they lived near Kutztown, in Maxatawny township, where they were farming people. Their children, all born in that township, were: Elizabeth, Abraham, Samuel, Jacob, Sebastian, Solomon, Carrie, Esther, Dewald, John and Isaac.

Sebastian Zimmerman, son of Abraham, was born May 7, 1796, in Berks county. He, together with three of his brothers, was a soldier in the war of 1812, and was one of the four men detailed to bury the dead in the disasters about Washington that resulted in the burning of the national capital by the British. Moving to Schuylkill county, he acquired a large farm in Upper Mahantango township, which has since been divided into two farms, one of which is owned by Felix Masser. The property originally comprised over two hundred acres. Mr. Zimmerman died in July, 1885, in the Upper Mahantango Valley, near the Northumberland county line, aged eighty-nine years, two months, one day. His wife, Elizabeth B. Klock, daughter of Jacob Klock, was born Aug. 30, 1796, and died Jan. 13, 1875. They were Lutherans, and are buried at the Salem (Herb) Church at Rough and Ready, in Schuylkill county. They were the parents of children as follows: Joseph, Catharine, Elizabeth, Salome, Esther, Lydia, Sebastian and George. The last named was killed at the battle of Petersburg, Va.; he married Eliza Herter, and they had four sons, Jonathan, Washington, Joel and Monroe.

SEBASTIAN ZIMMERMAN, son of Sebastian and Elizabeth B. (Klock) Zimmerman, was born June 2, 1830, in Cameron township, Northumberland Co., Pa. His parents moved across the line into Upper Mahantango township, Schuylkill county, when he was about a year old, and he was there reared to farming, which he continued to follow after beginning life on his own account, acquiring a farm in that locality which he cultivated until his removal to Northumberland county in 1867. At that time he settled in Lower Augusta township, the part now included in Rockefeller township, remaining there for about twenty years, until he retired from active pursuits, in 1887. Since his retirement he has made his home in Sunbury, of which place he is one of the oldest and

most respected residents. Mr. Zimmerman has never sought office, but he has served thirteen years as school director, part of the time for what is now Rockefeller township and part of the time for the borough of Sunbury. He is a Democrat in political matters. He has always been interested in the welfare of the Lutheran Church, having served as deacon while he was a resident of Upper Mahantango, and he and his wife are members of the Zion's New Lutheran Church at Sunbury. On Oct. 28, 1862, Mr. Zimmerman enlisted from Schuylkill county in Company K, 172d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. F. A. Hoffman, was promoted to second sergeant of that company, and served with the Army of the Potomac. He was discharged Aug. 1, 1863, with his regiment, at Harrisburg. Mr. Zimmerman has long been an active member of William Bruner Post, No. 335, G. A. R., in which he has held various offices.

On Feb. 23, 1851, Mr. Zimmerman married (first) Elizabeth Schlappig, who was born Nov. 25, 1832, daughter of Benjamin Schlappig, and died Dec. 8, 1872, in her forty-first year. They had a family of ten children, born as follows: Henry S., Jan. 22, 1852; Sarah, Sept. 17, 1853; Lewis, May 1, 1855 (died Nov. 22, 1907); Edwin, March 19, 1857 (died June 15, 1866); John, July 20, 1859; Sebastian, Dec. 15, 1861; Elizabeth, May 12, 1864 (died Dec. 8, 1872); William, July 11, 1866; Benjamin, July 25, 1868 (died Aug. 11, 1879); Mary Ann, May 26, 1870 (died July 15, 1871).

Mr. Zimmerman's second marriage was to Mrs. Harriet (Klock) Yoder, born Feb. 18, 1832, daughter of Jacob and Polly (Masser) Klock, and by this union there are two children: Alice, born Feb. 13, 1874, and Clara, born Dec. 13, 1875. By her first marriage, to Peter Yoder, son of Anthony Yoder, of Schuylkill county and later of Northumberland county, Mrs. Zimmerman had six children: Sarah (deceased), Lewis, Emma, Julian, Christian and Peter.

Mr. Zimmerman is much interested in incidents of the early days in this region, and he relates one story, about the manner in which the famous Conrad Weiser acquired possession of one of the islands in the Susquehanna river, which is worth repeating: The Indians had great faith in dreams, and as far as possible executed commands or heeded warnings received during sleep. Conrad Weiser, the great friend of the Indians, had a fine gun when the Indians admired as much as the owner prized it. Shikellimy, the Oneida chief, who was Weiser's staunch friend, was stationed at Sunbury at the time of this happening. He coveted the gun, and one night dreamed that Weiser gave it to him. The next time he met Weiser he told him of the dream, and Weiser, knowing that it would be necessary to buy him the gift, gave his



treasured gun to the Indian, though reluctantly. Now it was the white man's turn to dream. In the Susquehanna river, below Sunbury, is the Isle of Cue, upon which the Indians lived and which they valued highly. Weiser had often asked for it, but the Indians, though friendly, said they could not part with it. Weiser dreamed that his friend Shikellimy made him a present of the island, and when he met the Chief began by apologizing for having a dream to relate which might not please the latter. The Chief reassured him on the strength of their great friendship and Weiser, with apparent regret, told his story. Shikellimy, though evidently disturbed, was "game" and insisted that the dream must be fulfilled, but at the same time he gave his friend to understand that it was time to put an end to their dreaming. This story is related as the true version of the manner in which the island came into Weiser's possession. It is a matter of record that he did own it.

John Zimmerman, who was from Berks county, Pa., settled in Upper Augusta township, Northumberland county. His children were: Daniel, who married Catharine Hall; John, who lived in Upper Augusta township; Sarah, who married Abraham Hartman; a daughter, who married Daniel Zimmerman; George, who married Mary Hall (sister of Catharine); and Peter, who moved away from this section. Of this family, George Zimmerman lived in Augusta township, and later came to Sunbury, Pa., where he built a house, which is still standing, now occupied by his grandsons Samuel and William H. Stroh. George Zimmerman's children were: Jeremiah (a prominent man, who served as Representative in the State Legislature), Rachel, Luzy (died young), Mary, Elizabeth and Emma.

Daniel Zimmerman, grandfather of William A. Zimmerman, a resident of Rockefeller township, Northumberland county, was born in Oley township, Berks Co., Pa., Feb. 1, 1793, son of Johannes (John) Zimmerman, and died March 26, 1842, in Northumberland county, aged forty-nine years, one month, twenty-two days. This record and that of his wife are to be found in the old cemetery at Sunbury. After his marriage he came to this county and settled in what is now Rockefeller township, and he followed farming as well as his trade of blacksmith, his shop being in Brush valley, near where his grandson, William A. Zimmerman, now resides. The latter owns his grandfather's old ledger, in which he kept the accounts and records of his blacksmith business, the first account entered bearing date Aug. 20, 1816. He continued to follow his trade until his death, and prospered, owning the farm now in the possession of his grandson William A. and also an adjoining tract of eighty acres, now owned by Samuel Lantz. He was a man of more than ordinary intelligence and

well-informed for his time, and was looked up to by his neighbors for his sound judgment and common sense. His wife, Catharine (Hall), born Aug. 1, 1791, died June 30, 1858, aged sixty-six years, ten months, twenty-nine days. They are buried in the old Sunbury cemetery on South Fourth street. Two children were born to this couple, Samuel H. and Susan, the latter of whom married James Covert and lived first at Sunbury, later at Selinsgrove, this county. Mr. Zimmerman and his family were members of Zion Lutheran Church at Sunbury.

Samuel H. Zimmerman, son of Daniel, was born Aug. 23, 1824-25, in what was then Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, Northumberland county, and died Feb. 3, 1893. He succeeded his father in the ownership of the home farm, where he passed all his life engaged in agricultural pursuits. He improved the place considerably, building the present dwelling on the property in the year 1876 and the barn in 1888. Mr. Zimmerman had received a good common school education for his day, and like his father was a man of intelligence and good sense above the average, showing his character in all the relations of life. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, confirmed at Sunbury and was active in the work of the church at Plum creek, where he is buried. He served as a member of the church council. He was a Republican in politics. In 1850 Mr. Zimmerman married Mary Bartholomew, daughter of Jacob and Catharine (Bloom) Bartholomew of Rush township, and five children were born to their union: Malinda married George W. Schive and they reside at Scranton, Pa.; Angeline (deceased) married Henry Wolf; Morris A. is deceased; William A. is mentioned below; Sarah (deceased) married David Fegley.

WILLIAM A. ZIMMERMAN was born Sept. 10, 1858, on the homestead, and received his education in the common schools. Since he was eighteen he has followed the carpenter trade off and on, having learned it through his own efforts and by applying himself faithfully. He has followed the trade in Sunbury and in his home township, and still maintains a carpenter shop, though he also gives considerable attention to farming, having owned the homestead since the fall of 1893. He has ninety-three acres, under profitable cultivation. In the summer of 1910 Mr. Zimmerman built an addition to his residence for his son Domer, who had just been married, doing all the carpenter work himself. He has a high reputation as a mechanic.

On Oct. 6, 1878, Mr. Zimmerman married Susan Shipe, daughter of John H. and Esther (Garinger) Shipe and granddaughter of Samuel Garinger and his wife, whose maiden name was Conrad. Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman have had two children: Jennie, who is unmarried; and Domer E., a silk worker, who married Bertha E. Zartman.

Mr. Zimmerman is a Lutheran, belonging to the church at Plum Creek, which he has served a number of years as member of the council. His family are of the Reformed faith. In political sentiment he is a Republican, and he is at present serving as one of the township auditors. He has served three years as school director.

George Zimmerman was born March 26, 1784, son of George and Anna Maria (Moutz) Zimmerman, and died Sept. 24, 1835. He is buried in the old graveyard at Sunbury. He lived in Upper Augusta township, where he engaged in farming, owning a tract of 300 acres, his land extending along Shamokin creek from the gristmill down to the old Methodist Church, the old cemetery of which is still to be seen. A man of pious disposition, he was strictly temperate in all things and a devout member of the Lutheran Church. He was of tall figure. Mr. Zimmerman's first marriage was to a sister of Henry Yoxtheimer, and by that marriage he had four children: Rebecca, Mrs. Daniel Haas; Sarah, who died unmarried; Jeremiah, who lived at Shamokin; and Catharine, Mrs. Oyster. His second wife, Catharine (Hartzell), died March 17, 1840, aged fifty-seven years, nine months. She was the mother of four children: George, Peter, Henry and Simon.

George Zimmerman, son of George, was born in Upper Augusta, Aug. 18, 1815, and died May 13, 1887. His wife, Sarah (Fasold), was born Feb. 18, 1818, and died May 2, 1863. Mr. Zimmerman was a shoemaker and also cultivated the old homestead, owning the farm. He was an active Democrat, and served as school director, supervisor, tax collector, assessor, and overseer of the poor, being a prominent man in the public affairs of his township. He and his wife were members of the United Brethren Church, of which he was a trustee and steward. They had a large family, viz.: Mary Ann married Jacob Gass; Catharine M. owns the homestead of 100 acres in partnership with her brother Samuel and resides there; Sarah died unmarried; George V., who never married, lived in Upper Augusta; William H. died in infancy; Samuel is a resident of Upper Augusta; John died when two weeks old; Harriet F. died aged eleven years; Alice died aged eighteen years; Clara married T. H. Lippiatt, of Sunbury; Emma died of scarlet fever at the age of fourteen years, five months; Rachel A. married Jacob Deibler, of near Snyderstown.

Samuel Zimmerman, son of George and Sarah, was born on the Zimmerman homestead April 24, 1848. He was educated in the public schools and went to learn the carpenter's trade when nineteen years old, following it about eleven years, at Pottsville and throughout the oil regions of Western Pennsylvania. Returning to his native township, he worked for several seasons at his trade in Sun-

bury. About 1882 he bought his present farm of 100 acres in Upper Augusta township, formerly the Martz homestead, and there he has since carried on general farming. Mr. Zimmerman is a Democrat, and has served as tax collector since 1907; he was school director for a period of six years. He married Anna Mensch, daughter of Henry and Hannah (Reish) Mensch, who lived in Upper Augusta, and seven children have been born to this union: Ralph, who is a farmer of Upper Augusta township; Eva V., married to Dr. J. William Schultz, of Tremont, Pa.; Mabel, at home; George, of Reading; Clarence, at home; a son that died in infancy; and Carrie, at home. Mr. Zimmerman and his family are Methodists in religious connection.

Jacob Zimmerman was born March 19, 1764, in Maxatawny, Berks Co., Pa., and came thence after his marriage to Northumberland county, settling at Augustaville. He owned a farm of over three hundred acres, and being a tanner by trade operated a tannery in connection with his large farm. He married Susanna Brown, daughter of Michael Brown, of "Swabian" Creek, Washington township, Northumberland county, and to them were born three children: (1) John, who died Aug. 10, 1870, aged sixty-five years, lived on a farm adjoining that of his brother Daniel. He was a first-class mechanic; made spinning-wheels and fine guns, for which latter there was especial demand, and also made musical instruments. His wife, Molly Fetherolf, was a sister of his brother Daniel's wife. They had one son, Peter, who died in Waverly, Nebr. (2) Daniel is mentioned below. (3) Jacob, born March 30, 1794, died unmarried Oct. 5, 1817, aged twenty-three years, six months, five days. Jacob Zimmerman, the father, died March 6, 1835, aged seventy years, eleven months, seventeen days. The mother died Feb. 27, 1854, aged eighty-three years, six months, eight days. Both belonged to the Stone Church at Augustaville, he being a Lutheran, and his wife a Reformed member. They are buried there.

Daniel Zimmerman, son of Jacob, was born Oct. 5, 1808, in Augusta township, Northumberland county, on the homestead where he passed all his life. He was a tanner and farmer, owning 100 acres of land, now the property of Harry Zimmerman, of the fourth generation. He died Aug. 27, 1883, aged seventy-four years, ten months, twenty-two days. He married Hannah Fetherolf, daughter of Peter Fetherolf, of Mahantango Valley, Northumberland county, and she died Sept. 30, 1863, aged sixty years, six months, ten days. They are buried at the Stone Church. Their family consisted of twelve children, namely: Jacob, of Union county, Pa.; John F.; Henry; Mary; Christian, who married Susan M. Reaser; Daniel F.; Peter; Elias, deceased; Samuel F., of Aber-



deen, S. Dak.; William, who lived and died at Allentown, Pa. (he had children: Jennie, Annie, Mary and Eve); Jeremiah, who died when young; and Hettie, who married H. S. Koppenhafer, of Sunbury, Pennsylvania.

John F. Zimmerman, son of Daniel, was born Feb. 5, 1829, on the homestead, learned the trade of cabinet-maker and house carpenter, and has passed most of his life in Augusta. During his later years, however, he has lived at Lewisburg and Williamsport, also spending considerable time with his daughter in Georgia. He has been twice married, first, in 1851, to Magdalena Kieffer, who died at the age of twenty-seven years, Feb. 27, 1863, while her husband was serving in the Civil war. By this union there were two sons and one daughter, David A., H. Rebecca (who married T. H. Finn and lives at Way Cross, Ga.) and Aaron P. Mr. Zimmerman was married (second) in 1869 to Rebecca Campbell, who died in 1897, aged fifty-four years. To them were also born three children: Landis I., who lives at Punxsutawney, Pa., has three children, Eugene, Myron and Hilda; Ellemeta died when sixteen months old; and Ira J. lives in Detroit, Michigan. John F. Zimmerman was a Union soldier during the Civil war, serving in Company H, 174th Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia. He was mustered in at Sunbury, in November, 1862, and served nine months.

Henry Zimmerman, son of Daniel, born April 17, 1830, died March 23, 1863, while serving in the Civil war, at Yorktown, Va., of typhus fever, and is buried at the Stone Church, near his old home. He was in the same company as his brothers. He had children: Martin M., Morris, and Alice, the last named deceased.

Daniel F. Zimmerman, son of Daniel, lived and died on the old homestead, passing away Nov. 29, 1905, aged seventy years, eight months, eight days. He, too, served for nine months during the Civil war in the same company as his two brothers. He was twice married, first to Hannah Zerling, who died Sept. 23, 1863 (aged twenty-nine years, nine months, one day), and by whom he had one son, William, and second to Sallie A. Reeder, by whom he had Joseph, Elmer, Tura, Katie and Harry.

PETER ZIMMERMAN, son of Daniel, was born April 4, 1836, in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county. When twenty years old he commenced to learn the trade of carriage-builder, which he has ever since followed. He served his apprenticeship at Berrysburg, and later worked at Mifflensburg for five years. He began business for himself at Zimmermanstown (Augustaville P. O.) in what is now Rockefeller township, Northumberland county, and remained at that location for nineteen years, coming to Herndon, Pa., where he has since maintained his stand. He not only does the wood work, but also painting and trimmings, and the family

generally do cabinet-making. Mr. Zimmerman is a public-spirited citizen, and was active in helping to organize Herndon into a borough. He is a Democrat in politics.

On June 2, 1862, Mr. Zimmerman married Rachel Kebauch, of Dauphin county, Pa., who died Feb. 21, 1877, at the age of thirty-three years, seven months, fourteen days, the mother of four children: Calvin G., now of Seven Points, Pa.; Addie, who died in infancy; Laura, married to Monroe Ziegler, of Herndon; and a son that died in infancy. In 1889 Mr. Zimmerman married for his second wife Mary Auchmuty, of Millersburg, Dauphin county. They have had no children. The family are members of the United Evangelical Church at Herndon.

Samuel F. Zimmerman, son of Daniel, was born in Rockefeller township in September, 1839, and was there reared to farm life. At the age of seventeen he learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed in Rockefeller township until he went to South Dakota, in 1887. There he farmed and raised stock until his retirement, in 1903. He has his home at Aberdeen, South Dakota. Before his marriage Mr. Zimmerman spent about two years at South Bend, Ind., where he was in the employ of the Studebaker Manufacturing Company, returning East to be married. He is a Democrat; was originally a Lutheran, but since settling out West has belonged to the Presbyterian Church, there being no Lutherans in his locality. He married Lacie Ann Martz, daughter of Isaac and Polly (Emerick) Martz, of Rockefeller township, and she died May 6, 1908, aged fifty-eight years. She is buried at Aberdeen, S. Dak. To them were born seven sons, viz.: Warren H.; Reuben Clay, of Aberdeen, S. Dak.; Benjamin F., of Sunbury, Pa.; Charles M., of Ashley, N. Dak.; Orville W., who died aged four years; Freeman A., of Aberdeen, S. Dak.; and Frederick F., of Ashley, North Dakota.

Warren H. Zimmerman, of Sunbury, Pa., was born in Rockefeller township, on the homestead, May 22, 1871. He learned the blacksmith's trade in his native township following it there until the family went West, in 1887, after which he farmed for one year. Then for three seasons he conducted a grain elevator at Roscoe, S. Dak. In 1892 he returned East to Sunbury and followed his trade another year. Returning to Roscoe he worked for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company for a year, and he again returned East in 1895. After working at carpentering and painting some time he connected himself with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company being first employed as car repairman, then foreman of engine tenders, having charge of from fifteen to as many as twenty-five men. It is responsible work, and he has shown himself capable of handling it. Mr. Zimmerman has become quite a prominent citizen of Sunbury in his connection with its public affairs. In



1901 he was elected to the council from the Seventh Ward as an independent candidate, defeating the two regular party nominees, and he has twice been re-elected. He has taken an active part in the doings of that body, having served as secretary one year, treasurer one year, and member of the Finance committee two years; since 1907 he has been a member of the Supply committee. Mr. Zimmerman was instrumental in the erection of the Francis E. Drumbheller, M. D., public school building in the Seventh Ward in 1910, the most complete and up-to-date school building in Central Pennsylvania; it has eight rooms, and was erected at a cost of \$35,000. Though independent in local affairs, he is a Democrat on national issues. Socially he belongs to Maclay Lodge No. 632, F. & A. M., of Sunbury, to P. O. S. of A. Camp No. 194, also of Sunbury, to the Royal Arcanum and the Modern Woodmen of America. He and his family are members of the Lutheran Church.

Mr. Zimmerman was married to Cora J., daughter of Valentine and Amelia (Hauck) Bartholomew, who lived in Rockefeller township. They have two daughters, Hazel May and Beulah Irene.

AARON P. ZIMMERMAN, son of John F. and Magdalena (Kieffer) Zimmerman, was born Jan. 6, 1862, in Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, Northumberland county, and there attended the public schools. He remained with his grandfather until 1878, after which he went to Sunbury, Pa., where he was in the employ of Ira T. Clement for one year. In the fall of 1881 he went to Shamokin, where he engaged as a clerk with Seiler & Zimmerman, and where he remained continuously until his removal to Lebanon, Pa., in 1898. He was in the hardware business at that place for one year. In 1902 Mr. Zimmerman engaged in business as a shoe merchant at his present location in Shamokin, No. 154 East Independent street, where he has since done business, carrying a high class of goods. He formerly resided in the Sixth Ward, and served two terms as school director from that Ward, but his home is now in the Third Ward.

Mr. Zimmerman married Lizzie Zimmerman, daughter of Sebastian Zimmerman, and they have had three children, Mabel, Helen and Ruth. He is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, of the P. O. S. of A., the Royal Arcanum and the B. P. O. Elks.

David A. Zimmerman, another son of John F. Zimmerman, has four children: Edwin, of Renova, Pa.; Ella, at home; Spencer, unmarried; and Emery, who lives in Detroit, Michigan.

FRANK A. GABLE, assistant cashier of the National Bank of Shamokin, at Shamokin, Northumberland county, has been associated with that institution since 1902 and has held his present po-

sition since 1906. He has resided in Shamokin all his life, having been born in that city Oct. 18, 1869.

Mr. Gable is a representative of the fifth generation of his family in this country, his great-grandfather, John Gable, a native of Hessen-Cassel, Germany, having come to America in boyhood with his parents. They settled in Berks county, Pa. John Gable served during the Revolutionary war in the Continental army, the Pennsylvania Archives, 5th Series, Vol. VII, page 1140, showing that one John Gable was a private in Capt. Philip Baker's company, Lancaster county militia, 1782; battalion and battalion commander not stated.

John Gable, grandfather of Frank A. Gable, was born in 1794 in the upper part of Berks county, and died in 1878. He served his country during the war of 1812. He was identified principally with Schuylkill county, where his first settlement was at Orwigsburg, but he did not remain there long, going thence to Pottsville. He was a carpenter, but did not follow his trade many years, being engaged as a merchant at Pottsville, where he became quite a prominent citizen. He teamed his goods all the way from Philadelphia. Mr. Gable lived retired for several years before his death, which occurred at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Conner, at Girardville, Schuylkill county. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Hammer, died in 1855, at the age of sixty-two years. Both are buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Pottsville. They had a family of ten children, viz.: Lydia, who married Tobias Houser, died at the age of eighty-four years; Lucy married John Hower; Rebecca married John Miller; Mary married John Freehafer; Nancy married Thomas Conner; Harriet, now the only survivor of her parents' family, is the widow of George D. Bensing and resides at Mount Carmel, Northumberland county (her children are Sarah E., Clara B., married to J. L. Haas, Minnie, Maude and Henry); Henry died Aug. 1, 1860; John is mentioned below; Jacob died young; William died at Shamokin Sept. 3, 1908.

John Gable, father of Frank A. Gable, was born Sept. 16, 1825, in Schuylkill county, and there received a common school education. About 1863 he came to Shamokin, and thence went with several other men to Harrisburg, to enlist for service in the Civil war. They were not needed at that time, however, and Mr. Gable returned to Shamokin, where for a number of years he was interested in mining, becoming very well known in that connection. For several years he was superintendent for the late Thomas Baumgardner, of Lancaster, Pa., who owned the Enterprise Coal Company. Mr. Gable later operated the Colbert colliery successfully during the W. B. A. strike, and in connection with John B. Douty also operated the Gar-

field colliery, in the course of time selling his interests to Mr. Douty. From that time on he lived retired until his death, in November, 1902; he is buried in St. Edward's cemetery. He was prominently identified with other business interests besides mining after coming to Shamokin, was one of the promoters of the street railway company and of a fire insurance company which was one of the first companies of the kind in Shamokin.

Mr. Gable married Caroline Sterling, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Wingert) Sterling, and to them were born children as follows: Louise, Joseph and Cecilia all died in infancy; Amelia Ida is unmarried; William married Maria Devitt; Alfred R. married Catherine Kennedy; Frank A. is mentioned below; Charles married Emma Moyer.

Frank A. Gable received his education in the parochial and high schools of Shamokin, and began his business career as a clerk. On Jan. 13, 1902, he entered the National Bank of Shamokin as bookkeeper, in 1906 receiving promotion to the office of assistant cashier, which he has since held, George C. Graeber being cashier. Mr. Gable has given the greater part of his attention to business, the only important departure he has ever made from this rule being his two terms of service as borough treasurer. He is a Republican in political principle, but not active in party affairs. Socially he holds membership in Lodge No. 355, B. P. O. Elks, in the Knights of Columbus (of which he is district deputy) and in the Crescoe Club. He is a member of St. Edward's Catholic Church.

On June 3, 1896, Mr. Gable married Mary Brennan, only child of Edward and Anne (Walsh) Brennan, and they have had a family of eight children: Anna M., Caroline S., Margaret W., Edward B., Frank, Louise, John J., and Natalie P. Mrs. Gable's father is a prominent mine inspector and banker of Shamokin.

**HON. WILLIAM GABLE** (deceased), who had the honor of being the second Republican in the history of Northumberland county to be sent as its representative to the Legislature, was born June 26, 1837, near Pottsville, in Schuylkill county, Pa., and died Sept. 3, 1908, at Shamokin, Northumberland county. Some early history of the family is given elsewhere, in the sketch of Frank A. Gable.

Mr. Gable passed his boyhood in his native county, attending the public schools until he reached the age of sixteen. He then took up mechanical engineering, for which he showed considerable aptitude, and his success in later years showed him to be well adapted for such work. In 1860, the year he cast his first Presidential vote, he supported the Republican candidate, and from that time on to the end of his days he continued to be an ardent member of the party, in which he was a leader for many years. His father had fought for his country in

the war of 1812; his grandfather had been a member of the Continental forces in the Revolution; and when the Civil war broke out he was among the first to offer his services in the Union cause. He enlisted in 1861 in Captain Jennings's company, at St. Clair, the command being assigned to the 14th regiment; it went to Camp Curtin, at Harrisburg, and made an unimportant tour of the "sacred soil of Virginia" to Martinsburg, Bunker Hill and Harper's Ferry, whence, the term of service having expired, it was sent to Carlisle, Pa., and mustered out. Mr. Gable returned to St. Clair at the end of this three months' term. About this time Capt. William J. Palmer, who was in command of the Anderson Troop in the Southwest, received permission to recruit a cavalry regiment in Pennsylvania to act as bodyguard to General Buell. The organization was popularly known as the "Anderson Cavalry" (named in honor of Robert Anderson, the hero of Fort Sumter), but was officially the 15th Pennsylvania Cavalry. As it was to be a picked body, representative of the entire State, each county was to be allowed to furnish eight men. William Gable applied from Schuylkill county and was accepted. His company was sent to Carlisle barracks, where it was drilled by officers detailed from the regular army. When General Pope was defeated at the second battle of Bull Run the Anderson Cavalry went to Chambersburg, pressed into service a sufficient number of horses, and took part in the battle of Antietam, at the very beginning of which the Colonel was taken prisoner; he did not rejoin the regiment for more than a year. After the battle the regiment returned to Carlisle, and shortly afterward was transferred to Louisville, Ky., where it was equipped with horses and marched to Nashville, arriving in time to take part in the battle of Stone River; in that conflict it suffered the loss of seventy men, including two acting majors, Rosengarten of Philadelphia and Wara of Pittsburg. It was also in the battle of Chickamauga, after which Mr. Gable was promoted to sergeant for service on the field. The regiment then joined the Army of the Cumberland, participating in its principal engagements under General Thomas. In 1864 Mr. Gable went before the examining board at Nashville, Tenn., and received a commission as first lieutenant, being assigned to the 101st United States Colored Infantry and sent to Gallatin, Tenn., to recruit a company. Then he joined the regiment at Clarksville, was ordered to Nashville and remained there, doing guard duty, until the regiment was mustered out, in 1866.

After the war Mr. Gable engaged in cotton raising in Arkansas for a time, but the surroundings were not congenial and after a six months' trial he gave it up and went to Washington, D. C., to appear before the examining board as a candidate for the regular army. He called on Grant, who received him cordially, and gave him the benefit of



his influence to secure a position which would prepare him for the examination. But in the meantime Congress passed an act reducing the army, and that put an end to his ambitions in the military line.

In November, 1869, Mr. Gable came to Shamokin and engaged with his brother in the operation of the Lancaster colliery, and later, when the Mineral Railroad and Mining Company was organized, he was made outside superintendent at the Luke Fidler colliery, holding that position until 1874, when he became general manager for the Enterprise Coal Company. He continued thus until 1884, passing safely through all the troublous days of the "Molly Maguire" terror.

In the early eighties he was nominated by the Republicans of Northumberland county to represent the district in the State Assembly, and although the county was Democratic by a normal majority of one thousand he was elected, and took a very active part in the work of that body. He was chairman of the committee on Pensions and Gratitudes and under the rules which apply to the second member was secretary of the committees on Mines and Mining and on Geological Surveys. He had charge of the Geological Survey Bill, succeeding only by the most untiring efforts in securing its enactment into a law. Other special results may be credited to his activity. Hall's Island, in the Susquehanna, opposite Georgetown, although a very valuable property, had until then enjoyed immunity from certain taxes by reason of its being an independent school district. Through Mr. Gable's exertions the law so exempting it was repealed. Among other things, he succeeded in securing the passage of a bill, which he seconded, creating an additional law judge for Northumberland county, but the same was vetoed by the governor. Mr. Gable was one of the committee of fifteen Republicans of the Legislature appointed by the party caucus to draft an Apportionment Bill and was earnest in his opposition to the measure which was finally passed, but which was vetoed by Governor Pattison. Mr. Gable was a delegate to the State convention which nominated James A. Beaver for governor the first time.

At the end of his service as representative Mr. Gable became proprietor and manager of the "National Hotel" at Shamokin, conducting that establishment until Oct. 31, 1889, when he was appointed to the position of deputy United States internal revenue collector. In 1889 he was again the choice of his party, receiving the nomination for the Legislature, but owing to the complication rising from the presence of a ticket placed in the field by the Knights of Labor the support was divided, and he was defeated.

Mr. Gable was a member of Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M., of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, of the Grand Army of the Republic

(Post No. 140) and of the Union Veterans' Association. He was captain and commissary of the 7th Regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania, from its organization until it was mustered out. He died at Shamokin Sept. 3, 1908, and is buried there.

In 1859 Mr. Gable married Mary J. Bloom, of Pottsville.

CHARLES W. MANTZ, senior member of the firm of Mantz Brothers, who conduct the largest planing mill at Sunbury, has been a valuable citizen of that borough for many years, successful in business, an interested worker in its public and religious circles, and highly respected for his useful, industrious career. He was born May 16, 1854, in Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and belongs to a family which has long been settled in this State. The name is also found spelled Mountz and Moutz.

The only records of the arrival in this country of any Mountzes or Mountzes are as follows: George Mountz, ship "Charming Nancy," of London, Charles Stedman, master, from Rotterdam, Oct. 8, 1737; Peter Moutz, ship "Molly," Thomas Olliver, master, from Rotterdam, Oct. 11, 1741; Peter Mautz, ship "Sandwich," Captain Hazleman, from Rotterdam, Nov. 30, 1750. A Samuel Mantz, son of George, went to Holland for a fortune. It is not known definitely from which of these emigrants the Northumberland county family with which this article is concerned descends, but it is likely that George was the ancestor. There was a Mountz family early in Berks county, one Joseph Mountz having been a taxable in Heidelberg township, that county, as early as 1759, when he was assessed as a single man. He had a brother George, who died in 1800, the year his will was entered on record in the courthouse (a son, John G., was executor of the estate).

One Nicholas Moutz (also Mautz), born about 1754, died in Berks county in 1810, aged fifty-six years. He was a private soldier in the war of the Revolution [see Pennsylvania Archives, 2d Series, Vol. XIII, page 138] and received depreciation pay from the State of Pennsylvania; and Mary Mautz, his widow, was granted a gratuity of forty dollars and an annuity of forty dollars by special act of the Pennsylvania Legislature, Jan. 1, 1829 [Smith Laws, Vol. X, page 273]. Nicholas Moutz married Mary Herman, who was born in 1756 and died in 1839, aged eighty-three years. They had a son Samuel, born July 31, 1797, who died Sept. 22, 1827, aged thirty years; he married Susanna Dirst, born Nov. 26, 1798, daughter of Jacob Dirst, died Dec. 4, 1864, aged sixty-six years.

There is a tradition that Nicholas Mautz came to this country bringing with him a sister, who married a Zimmerman or a Rothmehl.

The Orphans' court docket of Northumberland



county, Book III, page 118, states that letters of administration were granted to Adam Heilman and George Martin (the widow Mary and son George having sent in their renunciation) upon the estate of Nicholas Moutz, late of borough of Sunbury, deceased 28 Feb., 1810; the widow's name, Mary, and children George, John and William only, are mentioned. Some of the thirteen children of Nicholas "Mountz" were: George, born March 26, 1776; Jacob, born Jan. 4, 1781, in Greenwich township, Berks county, who died Dec. 19, 1858, and is buried in the lower cemetery at Sunbury (he married Elizabeth Cressinger, and his daughter Katie was Mrs. Cheny); Sallie, wife of Benjamin Underwood, of Harrisburg, Pa.; Betsy, wife of Henry Bucher, of Sunbury; and Polly, wife of Benjamin Deal, of Sunbury.

The line of the Northumberland county Mantz family comes from this source, but is not definitely traced. We give the following fragmentary records from the Orphans' court of Berks county: Vol. I, page 86, recites that John Mauntz, aged nineteen and upwards (13th Nov., 1761), son of Jacob Mautz, late of Heidelberg township, Berks county, deceased, and who died intestate, petitioned for a guardian. Court appointed John Eckert, blacksmith, of same township.

Page 87, same date, Mary Catharine, widow of above named, petitioned court to appoint guardians for her children, Lacarus, aged thirteen years, and Michael, aged eleven years. Court appointed Lazarus Winger and Henry Fiedler.

Page 101, same date, Jacob Moutz, aged sixteen years, son of Jacob, deceased, states that his father left considerable estate and that the widow was appointed administratrix, that she had lately intermarried with John Fister, and petitioned the court to appoint as his guardian his uncle George Loucks. — Granted.

Page 102, Feb. 12, 1762, George Mountz, in his petition to court states that his father died seven (7) years ago, leaving a widow and seven children and prays that the father's estate be valued. Commission appointed and it appraised the land at £600 and that George, the son of Jacob Mountz, late of Heidelberg township, Berks county, shall have the land upon paying the widow her dowry and the children their respective shares.

The records of Little Tulpelocken Church, Bernville, Berks county, state that they were communicant members in the years 1761, 1762 and 1763.

John A. Mantz, father of Charles W. Mantz, of Sunbury, was born May 11, 1827, in Sunbury, Northumberland Co., Pa., where he died Dec. 7, 1891. He was a carpenter and planing mill man by occupation. Removing to Pottsville during his young manhood, he was married there to Harriet Sevilla Smith, who was born in Berks county, Pa.,

May 5, 1831, daughter of John Smith, and died Nov. 23, 1863, at Ashland, where they then resided; she is buried there. She was the mother of four children, born as follows: Reynold D., March 17, 1851; Charles W., May 16, 1854; William D., April 23, 1858; and Elmer E., Dec. 12, 1862. They came with their father to Sunbury after the mother's death. John A. Mantz subsequently married (second) Adaline Good, daughter of George Good, of Sunbury, and to this union were born six children, namely: George Edward, born July 4, 1869; Oliver S., Feb. 18, 1871; Susan J., Feb. 3, 1873; John T., Dec. 21, 1874 (died Aug. 15, 1878); Clinton A., Feb. 10, 1877; and J. Barton, March 27, 1879 (died April 23, 1881).

Charles W. Mantz received his education in the public schools of Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa. Coming to Sunbury in 1865, he here learned the planing mill business in the employ of Ira T. Clement, with whom he remained for the long period of twenty-five years, in the planing mill for ten years of that time and the other fifteen years as manager of the table works. In 1904 he began business on his own account, he and his three brothers, William D., Reynold D. and Elmer E., forming a partnership that year under the firm name of Mantz Brothers, and they have since been associated, having now the largest planing mill establishment in Sunbury. Charles W. Mantz is manager of this concern. The firm employs sixteen men, and all kinds of planing mill work are turned out. They also handle and deal in all kinds of lumber, and in both lines have built up a large business, which has shown a steady increase from the beginning. Mr. Mantz's long experience fits him well for the management of this plant and he has shown business ability as well as practical knowledge in the conduct of the establishment, much of the success of which has been due to his efficient oversight.

On Nov. 21, 1871, Mr. Mantz married Kate Rogers, of Pottsville, Schuylkill county, who died July 27, 1894, at the age of forty-one years. She was buried in the lower cemetery at Sunbury. Nine children were born to this union, all the survivors living in Sunbury except Katie, viz.: Alice, who married Arthur E. Kelly; W. Harry; Sarah I., who married E. E. Jacoby; Margaret, unmarried; Katie M., who married Medus Huff and lives in Philadelphia; Guy H. and Charles E., twins, who died in infancy; Benjamin Wert, married to Nellie Markell; and Raymond L., who died when four years old.

Mr. Mantz has long been an active member of Zion's Lutheran Church at Sunbury, having led the choir—which has from twelve to sixteen excellent voices—for forty years, and he was chorister of the Sunday school for many years, having charge of the singing; he is still a teacher in the

Sunday school. In politics Mr. Mantz is an independent Republican, and interested in good local government. He represented the old Second ward in town council for two terms. Socially he belongs to the Protective Home Circle, which has a membership of six hundred in Sunbury.

WILLIAM D. MANTZ, another member of the firm of Mantz Brothers, of Sunbury, was born April 23, 1858, in the Catawissa Valley, in Columbia county, Pa. His education was obtained principally in the public schools of Sunbury, to which place he came with his father in childhood, in 1867. All his active years have been spent in the line of work in which he is still interested. In his youth he learned sash and door making at Sunbury, having followed this trade in all for about thirty-eight years. In 1904, when the firm of Mantz Brothers was organized, he became a member of the concern, in the success of which his long experience in sash and door manufacturing has proved a valuable asset. He has borne his share in the upbuilding of the business and has worked faithfully to establish it upon a substantial and permanent basis. Mr. Mantz is a member of the Pennsylvania Relief Association, and of the Knights and Ladies of Honor, the latter a fraternal insurance organization. In political matters he is identified with the Republican party.

In January, 1882, Mr. Mantz married Clara E. Rockefeller, daughter of Solomon and Catharine (Unger) Rockefeller, of the same family as Judge Rockefeller, of Sunbury, and they reside in their own home at No. 257 South Third street, Sunbury. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Mantz, John S. and Lillie Adora. The son, an employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, lives at Sunbury, and is married to Emma Dietz; they have a daughter, Clara E., born Dec. 28, 1909. Mr. Mantz and his family are members of Zion's Lutheran Church of Sunbury.

WILLIAM J. GASS, a prominent farmer of Shamokin township, is a native of that township, born Aug. 29, 1845, and is the only son of Martin Gass, one of the leading citizens of this district in his day.

The Gass family is of German origin. William Gass, grandfather of William J. Gass, was an early settler in what is now Shamokin township, Northumberland county, and also lived in Lower Augusta township. He was a miller by trade, and ran the old mill now owned and conducted by W. A. Reed, at Paxinos. He hauled goods as far as Reading, Pa. William Gass died upon his farm in Shamokin township, near Paxinos, and is buried at St. Jacob's (Reed's) Church. He was well known in the locality in his time. His wife, Mary (Kershner), died at the age of one hundred years, and is buried near Pottsville, Pa. They had

children: Jacob, Reiley, Martin and Kate (Mrs. Zerbe).

Martin Gass, son of William, was born in 1824 in Shamokin township, and died Dec. 1, 1909, at the age of eighty-six. He followed farming principally, but also engaged in boating on the canal. He was well known in Shamokin township, being a leading member of the Democratic party, and a faithful official of the township, which he served as justice of the peace and school director. He married Elizabeth Persing, daughter of William and Mary Persing, the former of whom was born Nov. 18, 1792, and died June 18, 1881, aged eighty-eight years; his wife, Mary, born Aug. 22, 1795, died June 4, 1873. Mr. and Mrs. Martin Gass are buried at the Blue church. They had two children, Eliza (who married J. J. Hogland) and William J.

William J. Gass was reared upon the farm, and remained with his father until he reached the age of twenty. He then resolved to try his fortune in the West, where he remained three years, spending two years of that time in the Rocky Mountain region. His experiences were varied and interesting, but he returned to his native home and has since remained in Northumberland county. After coming back home he was with his father for a time, until he took the farm in the Irish Valley, in Shamokin township, where he still makes his home. It was the old homestead of Solomon Himmel, one of the pioneers in this region, and here he has since worked and prospered, becoming one of the most substantial men of his community. For about fifteen years Mr. Gass also followed the butcher business in connection with farming, eventually selling his interests in that line to his sons. He has been active in local affairs, particularly in the welfare of the public schools, having served fifteen years as school director, which office he still holds; he has served twice as president of the school board. He has also been auditor of his township. The high standing he enjoys among his fellow citizens could be shown in no better way than by his long continuance in positions of responsibility, and his influence has always been considered a factor in local enterprises of every sort. He was made a Mason in 1872, is a member and past master of Elysburg Lodge No. 414, F. & A. M., and is a member of the Grange at Paxinos. Politically he is a Democrat. His religious connections with the U. B. Church.

Mr. Gass married Clara Moyer, daughter of David Moyer and granddaughter of Jacob Moyer. They have had the following children: Oswald P., who lives at Reed's station, this county; Harry S., who lives in Sunbury; Sidney W., of Shamokin, this county, who is in the butcher business; Loren C. D., who is associated with his brother Sidney; Helen L., at home; Ursula, wife of William



Moody; Bertha, wife of J. Wesley Richie; and Annie.

**NATHAN G. ADAMS**, of Paxinos, Northumberland county, has established a substantial business as a dealer in agricultural implements and a manufacturer of wagons. His trade has grown steadily from the beginning. The stand is an old one. Mr. Adams is a comparatively recent comer to Paxinos, and previous to his removal hither was located at Bear Gap, in Ralpho township, where he carried on a general mercantile business.

Mr. Adams is a native of the county, born Feb. 1, 1866, in Ralpho township, near what is now the Blue church, and he is a great-grandson of Casper Adams, the first of the family in this country. Casper Adams was born April 25, 1755, at Langendiebach, Offenburg, Germany. Little is known of his early life. On coming to this country he lived in Berks county, Pa., before coming to Northumberland county, where he was one of the earliest pioneers in Ralpho township, owning several hundred acres of land there. He cleared some of his land and followed farming. He died Jan. 26, 1832, and is buried at St. Peter's (the Blue) church in Ralpho township. Casper Adams married, in Berks county, Elizabeth Hinkle, of that county, and they had a large family, six sons and six daughters, namely: Frederick (1792-1853), John, Samuel, Casper, Leonard, Peter, Nellie (married George Startzel), Susanna (married Samuel Startzel), Elizabeth (married Gilbert Liby), Polly (married Peter Strauss), Maria (married Jacob Kreher) and Catharine (married Samuel Anspach).

Casper Adams, fourth son of Casper and Elizabeth (Hinkle) Adams, was born April 10, 1796, on the homestead farm in Ralpho township, and was there reared to farm life. When he became of age his father deeded 100 acres of land in Ralpho township to him, this being the farm afterward occupied by his son George C., near the Blue church. Mr. Adams was a man of active mind, one who interested himself in the general welfare as well as in the promotion of his own interests, and he was one of the foremost men of his locality for many years, well known as a staunch Democrat and as one of the most liberal supporters of the Blue Church, with which he was identified all his life: he served as elder of that church and was one of the most generous contributors toward the erection of the church edifice. He married Susanna Startzel (daughter of John), who was born March 14, 1800, and died Jan. 22, 1873: Mr. Adams died Jan. 28, 1882, and is buried at the Blue church. Their children were: Benjamin, who died in 1895, at the age of seventy-four years, (Edward, William F. and Lucinda were his children); Daniel H.; Casper, deceased; George C.,

born Aug. 17, 1826; David, born in 1830; Jacob, born in 1833, who died in 1895; Samuel, deceased; William; Elizabeth (deceased), who married William Smith; Susanna (deceased), who married William Klase; Polly, Mrs. Fry, deceased; Angelina, who married William Smith; and Harriet, deceased.

Daniel H. Adams, son of Casper and Susanna (Startzel) Adams, was born in 1822 on the old homestead near Elysburg, in Ralpho township. He followed farming all his life, owning a tract of about fifty acres near the Blue church, and in connection with his agricultural work engaged in line farming. He died June 20, 1892. Mr. Adams married Sarah A. Pensyl, who was born in 1829, daughter of Leonard Pensyl, and died Jan. 4, 1908. They are buried at the Blue church. Twelve children were born to their union, viz.: Francis is a resident of Shamokin; John is deceased; Henry N. lives near Bear Gap, in Columbia county; D. Alonzo is on the old homestead in Ralpho township; Leonard M. is a resident of Shamokin; Nathan G. is located at Paxinos; Allison C. is living in Ralpho township; Marietta (deceased) was the wife of Frank Erdman, commissioner of Northumberland county; Emma married George Erdman; Elizabeth married Philip Richard and they live at Elysburg, Northumberland county; Lydia married Thomas Boughner, of Ralpho; Casper died young.

Nathan G. Adams attended the Kaseman school in Ralpho township. He was reared to farm life, remaining at home with his father for some time after his school days were over. His first employment away from home was with the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, in whose employ he remained about twelve years, being engaged as track foreman and having charge of the Weigh Scales division. Establishing himself as a general merchant at Bear Gap, in Ralpho township, he continued business there for seven years, at the end of that time selling out to J. W. Marks and removing to Paxinos, in Shamokin township, where he bought out A. C. Bobb. Here he has since been engaged as a dealer in implements, also manufacturing wagons, finding a steady demand in both lines in this community. His square methods and satisfactory transactions have won him a growing patronage. He has been quite active in the community since taking up his residence there, and is considered a substantial citizen. He has business interests also in Bear Gap, being president of the Bear Gap & Numidia Telephone Company.

Mr. Adams married Daisy Yocum, daughter of Obadiah Yocum, of Cleveland township, Columbia Co., Pa., and they have had a family of six children: Grace, Malcolm, Frederick, Earl (who died March 14, 1911), Sarah and Lewis.

Socially Mr. Adams holds membership in Elys-



burg Lodge, No. 414, F. & A. M., and in the P. O. S. of A., Camp No. 189. In religion he adheres to the Reformed faith, being a member of the Blue Church (St. Peter's). He is a Democrat in politics, and while in Ralpho township served as constable and auditor.

**DIETRICH.** The branch of the Dietrich family to which Samuel and Levi Dietrich, prominent citizens in their respective communities, belong, is descended from one of eight brothers of that name who came from Germany about 1740 and settled at Philadelphia.

John Michael Dietrich, son of one of these eight brothers, was born in Philadelphia before the beginning of the Revolutionary war. When the battle of Brandywine was fought, in 1777, the Dietrich family lived near that now famous battlefield, and his mother took him and other small children into an underground cellar for safety. John Michael Dietrich served as a soldier under Maj. "Mad Anthony" Wayne, in 1794, in the Indian wars; and later he served in the war of 1812, receiving for his services four grants of land in Schuylkill county. It is probable one or two of these grants were located below Sunbury, in Northumberland county. After living for some time in Schuylkill county (where he was among the first settlers at what is now the site of Pottsville) he moved to a place below Sunbury, in what is now Lower Augusta township, and he farmed one of the islands of the Susquehanna river, all of which are embraced in Lower Augusta township. At this place he remained some years, and some of his children were married while the family resided there. Later he returned to Schuylkill county, locating in the Deep Creek Valley, in Barry township. There he died at an advanced age. He was a pensioned soldier at the time of his death. He was a cooper by trade. After leaving Philadelphia he had lived in Longswamp township, Berks Co., for a time, and there he was married to a Miss Seasholtz. Thence they moved to Schuylkill county. He was tall, raw-boned and of dauntless courage, and possessed a roving and adventurous disposition, taking part in several wars. His ten children, five sons and five daughters, were: Conrad never married; Jacob never married; Philip was killed in the coal mines at Mount Carmel, Pa.; John was married and some of his family now live at Mount Carmel; George is mentioned later; Polly married George St. Clair; Betsy married Daniel St. Clair, brother of George; Hannah married Adam Snyder; Susan; Sally married Jacob Derr.

George Dietrich, son of John Michael, was born in 1809, at Pottsville, Schuylkill county. In 1871 he moved to Mount Carmel, Northumberland county, where he died Nov. 3, 1895. He was a laborer, and for a number of years was employed in a brick-

yard, continuing to be active until late in life. His wife was Hannah Oyster, and their union was blessed with the following eleven children: Eliza was burned to death when twenty years old, at Newcastle, Schuylkill county; Harriet married Lance Parker, and they live at Shenandoah, Pa.; Mary never married; Kate married Abraham Fry; Hannah never married; Elizabeth married Peter Kauffman; Sarah married Thomas Moser; George died aged four years; John died aged twenty-two years; Samuel is mentioned later; Levi is mentioned later.

**SAMUEL DIETRICH**, former sheriff of Northumberland county, and at present warden of the county jail at Sunbury, was born in Schuylkill county June 21, 1854, son of George Dietrich. He began working in early youth in the coal mines, and followed the mining business until 1884, after which he conducted a hotel at Mount Carmel for five years. In 1894 he was appointed warden of the Northumberland county prison and served as such six years. In 1901 he was elected to the office of sheriff, in which he served in 1902-03-04. In 1909 he again received the appointment of jail warden, in which office he has since served. Mr. Dietrich has been active in Republican party affairs since 1880, and has served frequently as delegate to county convention, being a power in county political circles. He is financially interested in various business enterprises, and is a man of substance and prominence, occupying an honorable position in the community he has served so ably as a public official. He is a large man, six feet, two inches in height, and weighing 240 pounds.

In 1876 Mr. Dietrich married Margaret Jane Manney, daughter of Dennis Manney, and to them have been born six children: Mary married Claude Savage, and they live at Northumberland; Della is a school teacher at Mount Carmel; Maud married John Neadbecker and they live in Sunbury; Dr. George A. graduated from Mount Carmel high school and from Pennsylvania College, at Gettysburg, later attending four years and graduating from the University of Pennsylvania (1910); Ada died in infancy; Margaret is at home.

**LEVI DIETRICH** (DIETRICH), justice of the peace and prominent citizen of Mount Carmel, Northumberland county, was born at Ellwood, Schuylkill Co., Pa., in 1857. He began work at the coal mines as a slate picker when a mere boy, and followed the occupation of mining many years. In 1874 he came with his parents to Mount Carmel, where he has since made his home. Mr. Dietrich is a Republican and has been active in promoting the welfare of his party. In 1894 he was elected constable of the borough of Mount Carmel, serving in this office five years, until, in the spring of 1900, he was elected justice of the peace, which office he now fills with merit. Mr. Dietrich was

also overseer of the poor of his district for some years.

Mr. Deitrich is popular socially. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., the P. O. S. of A. and the Improved Order of Red Men. In 1882, when the Anthracite Fire Company of Mount Carmel borough was organized, Mr. Deitrich was a charter member, and for many years was its efficient treasurer; for twenty-one consecutive years he rang the fire bell.

In May, 1878, Mr. Deitrich was united in marriage with Susan Stutzman, daughter of Adam and Susan C. Stutzman. To this union were born seven children, as follows: Elmer, George W., Clarence, Levi, Jr., John, William, and Annie (who died when three and a half years old). Mrs. Deitrich died May 7, 1899, aged forty-four years, six months, twelve days.

JOHN R. KAUFFMAN, of Sunbury, is a man of large financial affairs and real estate interests, principally active at present in the latter connection. His property holdings in the borough and, in fact, all over Northumberland county, are extensive and valuable, and their management now occupies the greater part of his time. For forty years Mr. Kauffman was engaged in mercantile business at Asherton, Lower Augusta township, his establishment being the business center of that locality for years. He was the first postmaster at that point, serving until his removal to Sunbury in 1889, and there was no better known citizen in that section. Since he settled in Sunbury, upon his retirement from the mercantile business, he has continued to give his numerous interests his personal attention, although he is now in his eighty-third year; his zeal and ability, however, are unabated and his intellect as keen as ever.

Mr. Kauffman was born Oct. 19, 1828, in Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, son of Daniel and Mary (Ressler) Kauffman. His education was begun in the old German subscription school held in Upper Mahanoy, which he attended until 1838, when his parents moved into Lower Augusta township. He there continued his studies in the English language, attending school, though not regularly, until he was about twenty years of age. Meantime he had worked on his father's farm, and was thus engaged until the age of twenty-two years, at which time, in 1850, he embarked in the mercantile business at what is now Asherton, in Lower Augusta township. He remained there until 1889, with the exception of six years during which he had a mercantile establishment at what is now Meiserville, in Snyder county, at the end of that period moving back to Lower Augusta township. In 1889 he removed to Sunbury. Prospering in everything he undertook, as his interests expanded he found himself extensively engaged in farming and the real estate business

in addition to his original line. He became postmaster at Asherton in 1886, when the office was established, and continued to serve as such until he came to Sunbury. One of the oldest business men in his section, he enjoyed a large patronage throughout his location there, and his place was long a business center, his full line of merchandise attracting the custom of a wide territory, and his accommodating methods holding customers from year to year. As his business thrived he acquired other interests and accumulated considerable real estate, still owning about three hundred acres in Lower Augusta township. Since he settled in Sunbury he has been one of the shrewdest investors in that borough, and by his foresight and sagacity has made a place for himself in the front rank of its intelligent business men. He is a director of the Sunbury Trust & Safe Deposit Company, and has been such since the organization of that concern, which he is also serving as a member of the finance committee. He is a director of the Pennsburg Manufacturing Company, of Pennsburg, Pa., and was connected with the Kauffman & Sons Planing Mill Company of Sunbury until the plant was removed to Pennsburg. For some years he was connected as director with the Blue Wing Copper Company of North Carolina, with the Sunbury Nail, Bar and Guide Iron Manufacturing Company and with the Buffalo Lumber Company of West Virginia. During his earlier years Mr. Kauffman was quite active in the local Democratic organization, was auditor of Lower Augusta township for a number of years, and also served as assessor. In 1861 he was drafted for the Civil war, and paid \$300 for a substitute, being unable to give personal service on account of home responsibilities.

On March 28, 1852, Mr. Kauffman married Boann Shaffer, daughter of John Shaffer, of Berwick, Pa., and they celebrated their golden wedding March 28, 1902. Mrs. Kauffman died April 15, 1907, aged seventy-five years, seven months, thirteen days. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kauffman, as follows: Abia died April 27, 1873, aged twenty years, eight months, fifteen days; Dora A., who is unmarried, lives with her father; Frank S., born in 1857, now of Newton, N. J., who has for many years been secretary and treasurer of the Hart & Iliff Coal, Lumber & Supply Company, married Minnie Smink, daughter of Isaac Smink, of Shamokin, Pa., and they have two children, Elizabeth and John; Daniel S., who was a merchant at Millheim, Center Co., Pa., died April 26, 1903, aged forty-two years, one month, twelve days, unmarried; Alfretta married E. H. Long, of Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, and died Aug. 11, 1892, aged thirty-four years, twenty days (she was the mother of three children, Elroy and Stanley, both deceased, and Flossie V., who has made her home with her



grandfather from childhood, and who graduated in 1904 from the Woman's College, Frederick, Md.); Clara died unmarried March 11, 1889, aged twenty-six years, seven months, eleven days; John R., Jr., who has been highly educated, having graduated from Selinsgrove Academy and from Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster, Pa., later having a year's study in Leipsic, Germany, was admitted to practice before the Northumberland county bar Sept. 2, 1889, when but twenty-two years old, was formerly secretary of the Buffalo Lumber Company, of Bayard, W. Va., and is now proprietor of the planing mill at Pennsylvania, Pa. (he is married, and has one daughter, Ruth); Annie died Sept. 15, 1894, aged twenty-two years, eleven months, thirteen days.

Mr. Kauffman and his family occupy a fine residence at No. 1103 Market street, Sunbury. He is a member of the Reformed Church, and during his residence in Lower Augusta township was a very active worker in St. Elias Church, which he served many years as elder and member of the council; he was also superintendent of the Sunday school for many years. In 1880, when the present brick building of the St. Elias Lutheran and Reformed Church was erected, he served as chairman of the building committee, giving most efficient service in that capacity. His wife was a member of the Lutheran congregation of that church.

HIRAM DREISBACH was born in Buffalo Valley, Union Co., Pa., Aug. 9, 1831. His original progenitor in America, Martin Dreisbach, emigrated from Wuzenstein, Germany, arriving at Philadelphia Oct. 4, 1751, in the ship "Queen of Denmark," and located in Cocalico township, Lancaster Co., Pa. In 1773 he bought from Dr. William Plunkett a large tract of land in Buffalo Valley, in what is now Union county, Pa. This was on the frontier of the Province, and during the Revolutionary war, which followed soon after his removal thither, the family endured great hardships and dangers.

The subject of this sketch was one of a family of six sons and one daughter, born to the marriage of Martin Dreisbach, one of the early judges of Union county, and Elizabeth Kleckner, both of Buffalo Valley. The history of both families is closely interwoven with the early development of the country, the Dreisbach family being especially active in early religious work, as attested by the history of the Dreisbach Church, which forms so conspicuous a part in the religious annals of the community. Mr. Dreisbach received his early education in an old log schoolhouse under private tutelage, this training being accompanied with all the hardships and inconveniences common to the early days. Later he attended the Union College at New Berlin, Pa., completing his education with

a business course at Crittenden Business College, Philadelphia. He came to Sunbury shortly after the flood of 1865, and in company with his brother Solomon engaged in the grocery and queensware business, which they successfully conducted until the year 1892. This business, however, did not occupy all his attention, as he found time to carry on the retail lumber business, and later formed a partnership with the late William Whitmer, under the firm name of the Sunbury Lumber Company; they engaged in a general lumber business, operating both sawmills and planing mills for a number of years. Mr. Whitmer later retiring from the business, Mr. Dreisbach conducted it alone until the year 1904, when he sold it to the Mantz Brothers by whom it is still conducted. From that time until within a few months of his demise, which occurred Feb. 19, 1910, he gave his attention to the interests he had acquired during his more active years, retaining his business acumen to the last. His operations in the lumber business were carried on at a time when the lumber traffic on the Susquehanna was at its height, and he accumulated an excellent competence in that line alone, increasing his means by good investments and judicious management until he was accounted one of Sunbury's most substantial citizens. At the time of his death, he was one of the oldest business men of the community, and had the unlimited respect of all who knew him.

On July 28, 1864, Mr. Dreisbach married Rebecca Houghton, who was born Dec. 19, 1844, at Lewisburg, Pa., daughter of James and Margaret Houghton, formerly Margaret Bowman, of Halifax, Dauphin Co., Pa. She died Feb. 22, 1881.

Three children of this union survive: Frank M., a lumber merchant, of East Oakland, Cal.; and Nellie M., wife of Charles L. Benson, and Edith M., both of Sunbury.

MICHAEL J. HAILE, of Shamokin, senior member of the firm of M. J. Haile & Bros., merchants, began business on a small scale there in 1887 and has built up a trade which is a credit to his good management and honesty. He and his two brothers have an establishment at No. 110 North Hunter street so well stocked and patronized that they are justly classed among the most enterprising dealers of the borough.

Mr. Haile's father, Lawrence Haile, was born Aug. 19, 1839, in Wurtemberg, Germany, son of Matthias Haile, who lived and died in Wurtemberg. Lawrence Haile came to America in 1854, landing at New York City, whence he proceeded to Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and from that time until his retirement, in 1897, a period of forty-three years, he was in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company. He was section boss for some time, and baggage master at Shamokin, to which borough he moved in 1874—



many years, and in the structure of thirty-five years last but not less a day, at an amount of sickness. Some kind of industry is not often equalled. Mr. Haile took a trip to Germany in 1861 to visit his sisters.

On Sept. 20, 1877, Mr. Haile married Catharine Maringer, who was born Dec. 17, 1833, daughter of Peter Maringer, a native of Prussia, Germany. She died at his home and he was a violinmaker by trade, and had the reputation of being a skilled workman. Mrs. Haile came to America in 1857 and was married shortly afterward. Mr. and Mrs. Haile celebrated the golden anniversary of their wedding Sept. 30, 1907. Though both have reached advanced years they enjoy good health, and their long and industrious lives are rewarded with the peace due in old age. They had a family of seven children: Peter, a native of Shamokin, married Mary Gribbins; Michael J. is mentioned more fully below; Lawrence, a boss carpenter at Shamokin, Pa., married Anna Bismarck; Francis J., a member of the firm of M. J. Haile & Bros., married Mary Burk, of Locust Gap, Pa.; Joseph T. resides with his parents; Katie is the widow of Joseph McLaughlin; Charles A., member of the firm of M. J. Haile & Bros., married Elizabeth Callaghan, of Locust Gap. The family home is at Shamokin and Haverhill streets.

Michael J. Haile was born Oct. 12, 1862, in Schuylkill county, Pa., eight miles northwest of Pottsville, and there received what little schooling he was allowed, attending for ten months. When he was eight years old he began picking coal at the mines, and at that time he could speak only German. He continued at this work about eight years, doing outside duty at the mines, where he remained until eighteen years old. He then took up the butcher's trade, with Nicholas Timmes, and carried on business for some time. In 1887 he engaged in business on his own and then, in 1891, his later formed a partnership with his brother Francis J., under the name of M. J. Haile & Bros. In 1906 their younger brother, Charles A., became a member of the firm, which has since been known as M. J. Haile & Bros. Meantime various lines have been added to the original one, the store now dealing in meats, groceries, dry goods and notions, hardware, etc., the all-around kind of a trade store, in demand. The business has been a slow but sure growth, and it has expanded until the attention of all three brothers is well taken up with its conduct and management. Michael J. Haile is a director of the Shamokin and Coal Township Building and Loan Association, which incorporated on Jan. 1, 1902. He was one of the organizers and is a member of the original board of directors of the Dime Trust & Safe Deposit Company of Shamokin.

On Jan. 6, 1890, Mr. Haile married Elizabeth Reck, daughter of Clemens and Genevieve (Reiber)

Reck, and a native of Wurtemberg, Germany. Five children have been born to this union: Cecelia E., Elizabeth, Clement, Michael, Jr., and Edward. All this family are members of St. Edward's Catholic Church and Mr. Haile is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

**CRONE.** The Crone family has been represented in Northumberland county from the time of Gottlieb C. Crone, a native of Westphalia, Germany, who brought his family here in the middle of the last century. He came to the United States in 1848, and first located at Reading, Pa., subsequently removing to Luzerne county, where he was engaged in the mining of slates, and was soon after settling at Mansfield, Schuylkill county. In 1857 he located at Trevorton, Northumberland county, where he died in 1868. He was a mine boss in Germany. In that country he married J. W. L. Stiller, and died while they were living in Mansfield, and they were the parents of the following named children: Carl died in Germany; Henry Julius is mentioned below; Franklin, who died at Trevorton, was the father of Herman, Christian, Lena and Emma; Herman T. is mentioned below; George E. is mentioned below.

Though a resident of Trevorton for only a few years, comparatively, Gottlieb C. Crone was recognized as an intelligent and valuable citizen, and he was elected to the offices of supervisor, tax collector and director of the poor. He took an active part in politics as a supporter of the Democratic party, and in church work as a member of the Lutheran church, which he served many years as pastor and also as superintendent of the Sunday school.

His son, Julius Crone, son of Gottlieb C., was born in Germany April 13, 1830, and came with his parents to America. He followed mining, acting for many years as boss for Dietz & Beyer, partner of Shamokin. He served a term in the Union army during the Civil war, joining Oct. 17, 1862, in Company D, 172d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and receiving his discharge Aug. 1, 1864, at Harrisburg. Mr. Crone married Mary M. Kopp, who was born March 8, 1831, and who survives him, making her home at Shamokin. Mr. Crone died Jan. 1, 1890, and was buried at Shamokin. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Crone: (1) Francis G., born Nov. 20, 1854, married Hannah Hepler, and they have had children: Henry, Mamie, Millie, Ida, Cyrus, Dora, Clara, Alma, Ethel, Victor and Francis. (2) Mary M. was born Feb. 23, 1856. (3) Theodore H., born May 9, 1857, and at Shamokin he married Emma Schweitzer and they had three children, Maude, Minnie and Bessie. (4) Gottlieb C. is mentioned below. (5) Christiana Frederika, born Aug. 28, 1860, married Joseph Knechtel, and they have had children: Alvin, Lena, Della, Samuel, Agnes,

Edward, M. M. H. Joseph and Herbert. (10) Lewis is mentioned below. (11) Mary Sophia, born Jan. 31, 1864, married Samuel Crist, and they live at Shamokin; their children are Hazel, Violet, Malcolma, Esie and Elmer. (12) Lewis H., born May 1, 1866, married Maudie R. Lee, and their children are Grace, Lena, Retta, Leah and John. (13) John Jacob, born Oct. 26, 1867, married Mary Romberger and has one daughter, Emma. (14) Henry John, born July 24, 1871, died young.

**GOTTHILF C. CRONE**, fourth child in the family of Henry Julius Crone, was born Nov. 2, 1878, at Trevorton, Northumberland county. He followed mining until he was twenty-nine years old, meantime, in 1884, moving to Shamokin, where he was employed in the mines for about two months. He then engaged in the bootmaking business with his brothers Francis and James, but carrying on business on his own account. He now does an extensive business at Second and Chestnut streets. Mr. Crone is a member of Lodge No. 664, I. O. O. F., and of the S. O. U. A. M. In religious connection he is a member of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church.

On Nov. 4, 1878, Mr. Crone married Diana Long, and ten children have blessed this union: Theodore H. married Kate Treon, of Shamokin; George E. is mentioned below; Clara is the wife of Joseph W. Mause and they have one daughter, Josephine; Charles married Ida Mattern and they have three children, Herbert, Elline and Florence; Frances, a graduate of the Shamokin high school, taught three years in Cameron township and two years in Shamokin before her marriage to Grover Shipman, and they reside at Danville, Pa. (They have a daughter, Marion E.); Oscar married May Swift and (second) Helen Bell and two have one child, Maude Helen; Arthur married Pearl Bell and has one child, Harriet F.; Grover is at home, assisting his father; Madeline and Dorothy M. are still in school.

George Long, grandfather of Mrs. Gotthilf C. Crone, was a farmer and the largest landowner in Cameron township, Northumberland county, and served upon the first school board of that township. He was twice married, and by his first wife, whose name was Leah Bracher, had the following children: Samuel, Daniel, John, Peter, Jacob, William, Kate and Harriet. By his second wife, Elizabeth (Schubert), he has had a large family, viz: Elias, Ellen, Kate, Polly, Elijah, Joseph, Jessie and Sallie.

Elias Long, eldest son of George, by his second marriage, was the father of Mrs. Crone. He was a lifelong farmer in Cameron township, and the family have a burial plot there, at the Union church, at Gowen City. He married Angeline Houpt, and their children were: William, Benneville, Diana (Mrs. Crone), Jack, Alva, Herman, who married Lydia A. Fritts, and Rosa. (10) deceased.

Thomas E. Crone, son of Gotthilf C., was born Aug. 27, 1870, in Danville, Northumberland county, and learned the butchering business with his father at Shamokin, where he began business on his own account March 21, 1897. His business is at No. 127 South Market street, and he has established a profitable trade. His good business methods and honest standing have won a typical representation of the name he bears.

On Dec. 10, 1897, Mr. Crone married Nettie A. Goodling, daughter of Isaac Goodling and granddaughter of Charles Goodling, who was born near York, Pa., and later moved to Strasburg, where he followed farming near Meiserville. He married Lucy Diehl, of York county, and their children were Isaac, George, Lewis, Henry, Jonathan, and Lucy (deceased).

Isaac Goodling, father of Mrs. Crone, is a farmer near Fawcett, Snyder county. He married Catherine Goodling, daughter of George Goodling, and their children were born in York; John W., who died Dec. 28, 1899, in the Philippines, while serving in the United States army; William, and Nettie A., Mrs. George E. Crone. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Crone.

**LEWIS CRONE**, sixth child in the family of Henry Julius Crone, was born April 6, 1862, at Trevorton, Northumberland county, and received his education in the public schools. When but nine years old he commenced work as a shoe maker at Brady, this county, and he was employed at the mines for about fourteen years, as engineer and machinist. For two years after that he was in the same business at Hellertown, Pa., returning there to Shamokin, where he was engaged as an engineer for some time and also followed the hotel business for eight years. He has since been in the cigar manufacturing business, which he started May 1, 1895, having factory No. 206, on the 14th street, at Nos. 150-158 North Third street. Mr. Crone disposes of the greater part of his product in Northumberland county, where his favorite brands are "Robert Smith," "Gladstone," "Horse Head," "American Landmark," "John Trenchard" and "American Boy," and his "William Wadsworth" ten-cent brand, are well and favorably known, being popular because of their general excellence. He gives employment to six men, and by carrying out orders of high grade has established a constant demand for the output of his factory.

Mr. Crone is very well known beyond the limits of his home town, having many friends among the friends with whom he has long and intimate contact with his fellow citizens. He also in the Our Boys is a member of the local Fire Company, and holds membership in the Knights of Pythias, the 34th Encampment, Teller, No. 125, I. O. O. F. No. 1, and in Shamokin Lodge No. 664, I. O. O. F. His religious connection is with Grace Lutheran Church, Treverton, a member of a singing



Republican ward he has been assessor of the Tenth ward since 1893.

On June 11, 1881, Mr. Crone married Christiana Koons, daughter of Michael Koons, and to them have been born children as follows: Robert A., a musician, who plays with Our Band and Zenda Orchestra (he is a cigarmaker by trade); William H., who is also a musician (member of Our Band and the Zenda Orchestra) and who assists his father in the cigar manufacturing business; Raymond L., at school; Charles L. and Francis W., both at school.

GEORGE FRANCIS CRONE, son of Gotthilf C. and J. W. L. (Stollen) Crone, was born in 1832 in Westphalia, Prussia, and came to this country with his parents. He was employed for many years in the slate and coal mines of this region, in 1865 being appointed superintendent of the mines at Trevorton. Later he was engaged in the same capacity at Mahanoy Valley and Shamokin, continuing at this work until 1885, when he opened a restaurant at Shamokin. He has conducted the establishment ever since, making a success of that business as he has of his other ventures. He was associated with his brother, H. T. Crone, in the manufacture of powder, the works being at Trevorton, where, as at Shamokin, he has many friends. While living there he was honored with choice to the offices of election judge and constable. He is a Democrat in politics and a member of the Lutheran Church, socially belonging to Shamokin Lodge, F. & A. M., and Lincoln Post, G. A. R. He is entitled to membership in the latter organization by reason of his service in the Civil war, having enlisted in 1862 in Company D, 172d Pennsylvania Volunteers, with which command he served nine months.

In 1857 Mr. Crone married Charlotte Creamer, and they have had eight children, the survivors being: Lena (wife of Isaac P. Treon), Christian, Herman T. and Sarah A.

HERMAN T. CRONE, brother of George F. and son of Gotthilf C. and J. W. L. (Stollen) Crone, was born in Westphalia, Prussia, in 1834. He came to this country with his parents, and like most of the family engaged in mining during his early years, which he also followed after moving with his father to Trevorton. In 1862 he enlisted in Company D, 172d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, in which he served nine months. In 1869 he engaged in the butchering business at Trevorton, continuing it until his death, and in 1882 he also engaged in the powder business, becoming a member of the firm of Gillespie, Crone & Co., who founded the Shamokin Powder Company. Subsequently selling his interest in that concern, he formed a partnership with his brother George F. Crone, and they erected the works at Trevorton, manufacturing powder under the firm name of H.

T. Crone & Brother. He died at Trevorton. Mr. Crone was long regarded as one of the most substantial and progressive citizens of that place, taking great interest in public matters, encouraging the establishment of various public utilities, and serving as school director and tax collector. He was a Democrat in politics and in religion a member of the Lutheran Church. Socially he held membership in the Knights of Pythias and the I. O. O. F.

In 1861 Mr. Crone married Fredrica Knapp, who died in 1862, leaving one child, who died young. His second marriage was to Mary S. Yuengling, of Trevorton, and six of the children born to this union reached maturity: Emma C., Louisa P., Francis G., Henry J., Bertha C. and William.

SAMUEL H. MCKINNEY, present chief burgess of the borough of Sunbury, has been engaged in business there from early manhood, conducting the only established general transfer business at that point. He is a native of Herndon, Northumberland county, born Feb. 20, 1868.

The McKinney family is of Scotch-Irish origin. David McKinney, the great-great-grandfather of Samuel H. McKinney, lived in New Jersey and Virginia before he came to Sunbury, Northumberland Co., Pa., where he located in the spring of 1772. He was a miller by trade, but he established one of the first distilleries at Sunbury and carried on the business some years. Late in life he removed to a farm on the West Branch, near the Great Island, and there died at an advanced age. He had a family of nine children, Abraham, Mary, John, Isaac, Sarah, Jacob, James, Elizabeth and Rachel. Of these, Isaac removed to Center county, Pa., where he became a prominent citizen, establishing an iron furnace and serving as associate judge.

Abraham McKinney, son of David, was born Nov. 12, 1762, and came to Northumberland county from New Jersey. He first lived at what is now the site of Herndon, being one of the earliest settlers thereabout, and later moved to Sunbury, where he followed his trade of stonemason and built many of the stone houses in that section, some of his work still standing. He built and operated the first mill on Mahanoy creek, in Jackson township. He died at Sunbury Sept. 13, 1835, and was the first person buried in the lower cemetery at Sunbury. Among his children were Jacob, John and James, of whom Jacob served as sheriff of Northumberland county (1830-33) and was a prominent man in various ways; he subsequently went West, where he died.

James McKinney, son of Abraham, was born in 1805 at Mahanoy, Northumberland county. He learned milling, and followed that trade for many years. Obtaining a position as foreman on



the Philadelphia & Reading railroad he located in Schuylkill county, and followed that line of work throughout his active years. He died at Cressona, that county, at the age of seventy-seven years, and is buried there. He married Lydia Sheriff, a native of Northumberland county, who also died at Cressona, Schuylkill county. They were the parents of seven children: Hiram, who died young; Abraham, who died young; Abigail, who died young; David, who died at Cressona, Schuylkill county; Lovina, wife of Michael Thomas; Sarah J., Mrs. Lynch; and Samuel.

Samuel McKinney, father of Samuel H. McKinney, was born May 2, 1826, six miles east of Sunbury. He learned the trade of stonemason, which he followed all his active life, being in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Company for the long period of forty-one years, engaged on the construction of bridges, locks and canal repairs. In 1849 he settled at Herndon, where he has since maintained a home, being now the oldest living resident of the place. He has always been an intelligent citizen, and is well informed on local matters. He retired in the year 1899. Mr. McKinney is a Democrat in political conviction, but has never been active in public or political affairs.

Mr. McKinney married Mary A. Ziegler, daughter of Andrew and Catharine (Wise) Ziegler. She died July 25, 1900, aged sixty-six years, five months, eleven days, and is buried at Herndon. Five children were born to this union: James Monroe married Hettie Heim and they have children, Archie B., Erma, Charles E., Guy, Samuel W., Daniel H. and Wilbur; Andrew J. married Catharine Ruth and they have had four children, Ethel, Dorothy, Gerald and Harold; Samuel H. is mentioned below; Sarah died young; Catharine died aged twenty-three years.

Samuel H. McKinney received his education in the schools of his home locality at Herndon. His first work was upon a sawmill, where he was engaged for a short time, after which he did farm work at Herndon for a while. In 1885 he first came to Sunbury, finding employment with Ira T. Clement, with whom he remained four months, after which he was engaged at the "Neff House." In 1888, while still employed at that hotel, he began the draying business which he has ever since continued. In 1894 he added a general hack and transfer business to his original line, which he has extended until he now has the best trade of the kind in his section. He runs three hacks and three drays, and he makes his headquarters at the "City Hotel." Mr. McKinney owes his prosperity to his earnest attempts to please his patrons in every branch of his business, his accommodating disposition and excellent management enabling him to accomplish many things which have won him friends and customers all over this section.

For several years Mr. McKinney has taken an

active part in the local civil administration. He was elected to represent the Second ward of Sunbury twice in the borough council, and in 1908 was elected chief burgess, receiving a majority of 315 votes—a very large majority for a Democrat in his community. Socially he holds membership in Lodge No. 267, B. P. O. Elks, of Sunbury, Pa., and in No. 1 Fire Company.

PENSYL. The Pensyl family has been represented in Northumberland county for one hundred and thirty-five years, ever since the advent in America of Jacob Pensyl, or, as the name was originally spelled, Bentzel. He was a native of Germany, and coming to this country made his home in Northumberland county, Pa., taking up fifty acres of land at the present site of the borough of Shamokin. His location was where the "Eagle Hotel" now stands. Later he abandoned this place and took up a 200-acre tract in Ralpho township (where his great-grandson, David R. Pensyl, later resided) to which he moved. He had one son, John.

John Pensyl, son of Jacob, was born in 1767, and was nine years old when his father settled at what is now Shamokin. He was a member of the German Reformed Church, one of the organizers and original members of the old Blue Church in Ralpho township, and donated an acre of ground for church purposes, the edifice of that congregation being located thereon to this day. He died upon the homestead in Ralpho township in April, 1849, at the age of eighty-two. John Pensyl married Barbara Hinkle, and to them were born five children: Kate, who married Frederick Lebie; Leah, who married John Fisher; John, who was twice married; George, born Aug. 1, 1799; and Leonard.

John Pensyl, eldest son of John and Barbara (Hinkle) Pensyl, was born on the old homestead in Ralpho township. When a young man he went to Sunbury and learned the trade of shoemaker. Later he purchased a farm of two hundred acres at Union Corners, in Rush township, where he lived for a number of years, afterward purchasing and removing to the adjoining farm, where he died in 1873. By his first marriage, to Lydia Kaseman, he had six children: George, born May 14, 1818, died July 7, 1880; John, shoemaker and farmer of Rush township, lived retired before his death; Daniel lives at Danville, Pa.; Barbara, deceased, was the wife of Henry Hill, of Shamokin township; Hannah, who died at Manayunk, Philadelphia, was twice married, her first husband being Charles Dimick, her second John Hiney; Catharine married James Matter, of Scranton, Pa. For his second wife Mr. Pensyl married Mary Arter, daughter of John and Mary (Holler) Arter, of Elysburg, and she died Nov. 18, 1890, at the home of her son Adam, in Rush township, at the

advanced age of eighty-seven years. Seven children were born to this marriage: Jacob died in 1861, when twenty-six years old; William is mentioned below; Samuel, who was a retired farmer of Rush township, died in 1897; Margaret died when twenty years old; Adam is mentioned below; Henry A. died at the age of twenty years; and Francis lives at Jersey Shore, Pa. (he was a merchant, miller, postmaster and farmer at Pensyl, Columbia county, for some years).

WILLIAM PENSYL, son of John and Mary (Arter) Pensyl, is probably the best known man in his section of Northumberland county. He was born Sept. 29, 1835, on the Pensyl homestead in Rush township, and was educated in the local schools. When a boy he went to learn tanning with Charles Hull, with whom he worked for several years, at the tannery near Elysburg which is now his own property. He manifested considerable aptitude for the work and became an expert, and in 1857 he was made a partner in the business with William Hull, in Ralpho township, this association lasting until 1867. Mr. Pensyl then took his brother Francis into partnership, meantime purchasing and enlarging the tannery property, raising the capacity to two hundred hides a week. The brothers carried on the business together until 1880, in which year William Pensyl became sole owner. He has one of the oldest and best known tanning establishments in central Pennsylvania, and his output has always been in steady demand. This place has been burned out twice, with considerable loss, the first time in May, 1859, and again on Feb. 3, 1901; Mr. Pensyl rebuilt at once. Though he was successful in the tanning business he did not devote all his time to that one line, becoming quite extensively interested in the shipping of horses, which he found profitable, and in connection with his tannery he has three hundred acres of valuable land at Elysburg, the old Rothermel and Hull farms. On this property he has erected all new buildings, and has everything in up-to-date condition. Mr. Pensyl was one of the first directors of the First National Bank of Danville, Pa., and of the Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Company of Shamokin, but he has resigned from both boards. He is director and president of the Shamokin Township Fire Insurance Company. He was president of the board of supervisors of Ralpho township, has served many years as school director (being also president of the board), and in other useful associations has proved his public spirit and real interest in the general welfare. His extensive business enterprises have afforded employment for a number of men, and all in all he has been as thoroughly identified with the best interests of the community as any other one citizen. He is a Republican in politics and a Baptist in religion, and formerly served as trustee of his church. Socially he is a prom-

inent member of Elysburg Lodge, No. 414, F. & A. M., of which he is a past master, and he has been treasurer of that body for the past twenty years.

On June 28, 1860, Mr. Pensyl married Harriet C. Hull, daughter of Isaac and Catharine (Ritter) Hull, of Ralpho township. She died Aug. 10, 1899, and is buried at the Rush Baptist church. The following children were born to this marriage: M. Laura married William Reed, a prominent miller at Shamrock, Pa.; Estella V. is the wife of Dr. Amos Persing; Annie M. married Preston Vought, an attorney of Mount Carmel; Viola married A. C. Bobb, of Paxinos; Carrie B. married Willard Mittler, who is engaged in farming for his father-in-law.

ADAM PENSYL, son of John and Mary (Arter) Pensyl, is now living retired at Elysburg, a respected citizen, who has led an industrious and useful life. He was born Jan. 18, 1842, at Union Corners, in Rush township, Northumberland county, and there attended the public schools. He was reared upon the farm, where he remained until his enlistment, in 1864, in Company C, 16th Pennsylvania Cavalry, with which he served to the close of the Civil war, thereafter doing guard duty until discharged. His service included the battle at Petersburg and the eight days' fight. Upon his return from the army he went to Sunbury, where he drove a mill team for some time, after which he went back home and farmed his father's land until the latter's death. He then bought the homestead place, consisting of 150 acres, some of which has been cleared by him. He has made many improvements on the property, including an entire set of new buildings, and made his home there from 1866 until his retirement, in 1900. That year he removed to Elysburg, where he has since resided. During his army service Mr. Pensyl contracted rheumatism, from which he has suffered ever since. While in Rush township he served as overseer of the poor, and he is a well known member of the community, commanding the esteem of all with whom he associates.

Mr. Pensyl married Henrietta Vought, daughter of E. Howell and Louise (Crowl) Vought, and they have had four children: Edward, who died when twenty-one months old; Ambrose; Addie, who is at home; and Lena, who died when five years old. The son Ambrose is now engaged in farming the homestead, being the third generation of his family to cultivate that place. He married Sadie Klingman, and their children are Leon, Chester, Lawrence, Myrlan and Henrietta. The family are Lutherans in religious connection. Politically Mr. Pensyl is a Democrat.

EMANUEL S. RADLE, of Dalmatia, now living retired, has had a successful and useful career, and he is well known in Lower Mahanoy



township and that section of the county, having held official positions and engaged in business there for a number of years. He was born Jan. 16, 1845, in Upper Paxton township, Dauphin Co., Pa., on the farm of his father, Daniel Radel.

According to family tradition and the statements of the older residents of this region the Radel family descends from one of the Hessian soldiers who came to this country to fight in King George's army during the Revolution and remained here after the close of the war. It is in part confirmed by record that Daniel and John Radel were brothers who came to America as Hessian soldiers. John Radel lived near Berrysburg, Dauphin Co., Pa., later moving across the Susquehanna river to Snyder or Juniata county. He was twice married, and by his first wife, whose maiden name was Schroyer, had these children: Hannah, Catharine, Julia, Elizabeth, Polly, Susan, Sallie, Philip and John. His second wife, whose maiden name was Minnich, was the mother of: George, Thomas, Simon, Jonas and Daniel.

There is record of the will of one Michael Roedel, of Mifflin township, Dauphin county, made Feb. 1, 1828, probated Jan. 26, 1829. The executors were his oldest son-in-law, Christophel Yeager, and Joseph Roedel; witnesses, John Happel, John N. Happel and Samuel Koppenhaffer. He left a farm in Mifflin township to his oldest sons, Joseph and Michael (\$2,000); a farm in Mifflin to his son Daniel (\$1,100); Joseph "shall have \$471 for his hereditament"; Elizabeth, \$351; Annamaria, \$221; Marktha, \$200; Catharine, \$271; Anna, \$271; Hana, \$231; Susanna, \$251. There was another clause: "Because my housewife left me 15 months ago without cause, and contrary to agreement as made Aug. 4, 1824, that had she remained until after my death she would have been paid \$60 in money and been given free place of residence in my house and land."

There is also on record the will of Elizabeth Radel, dated June 9, 1811; executor, Benjamin Koppenhaffer.

The grandfather of Emanuel S. Radle had a family of three sons and several daughters, three of whom are mentioned, namely: Daniel; Michael; Joseph; Margaret, Mrs. Jacob Hoch; Elizabeth, Mrs. Christophel Yeager; and Mrs. Mittle. This would indicate that he was the Michael Roedel whose will is given above. Of the sons, Daniel and Michael are mentioned below; Joseph settled across the Susquehanna river in Perry county, owned land and was a farmer; he is buried at Liverpool, along the Susquehanna. His wife, whose maiden name was Weaver, bore him three children: George, Rebecca, and another daughter.

Daniel Radel, son of Michael, was born about 1805 in Lykens Valley, Dauphin county, and owned a farm of 162 acres in Upper Paxton township (now owned by Henry Lark) which formerly

belonged to his father. He died in March, 1857, aged fifty-one years, six months, of typhoid fever. He is buried in the cemetery of Killingers Lutheran Church. He was an enterprising man and successful in his work. His wife, Mary Magdalena (Spotts), daughter of Adam Spotts, was born in Tulpehocken township, Berks Co., Pa., and died in her eightieth year; she is buried at the Stone Valley Church, in Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county. They had children as follows: Benjamin lived in Pauls Valley, Dauphin county; Lydia married Alexander Schuman; Polly (Mary Magdalena) died unmarried; Daniel lives in Lower Mahanoy township; John died unmarried; Kate married William Allman; Emanuel S. is mentioned below; Rebecca married Levi Bohner, and died in young womanhood.

Emanuel S. Radle was reared to farm life and followed that kind of work until he enlisted, during the Civil war, for service in the Union army. In August, 1864, he became a member of Company F, 201st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, volunteering for a year, and saw active service in Virginia; he was detailed as dispatch carrier for a signal corps. After the war he located in Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, where he entered into a partnership with his father-in-law, Philip Messner, under the firm name of Messner & Radle, conducting a general store at Mahantango, in the extreme southwestern part of the township. This firm existed for four years, at the end of which time Mr. Radle commenced railroading on the Northern Central road, on which he was engaged for ten years, being watchman on Section No. 25, between Mahantango and Georgetown. After that he followed lumbering in the lower end of the county for twelve years, employing on an average six men. For the next four years his operations were transferred to Harrisburg, where he ran a mill, having purchased a section of stray logs. He sawed fully four million feet during those four years, and had as many as twenty-five men in his employ at a time. Most of his lumber was disposed of in Harrisburg, Gettysburg, Carlisle, and in the central part of the State. His next business venture was as proprietor of a drug and hardware store at Georgetown (Dalmatia), and in 1902 he assumed personal charge of the establishment, having had a clerk there for fully a year. This store he conducted until the fall of 1909, when he sold out and retired. He prospered steadily during his active years, and besides two dwellings in Dalmatia, where he makes his home, he has several properties in Tower City, Schuylkill county. He has taken considerable part in the work of the Democratic party in his locality, having been township committeeman for four years and delegate to a number of county conventions. He served his district as school director for five years,



and was justice of the peace of Lower Mahanoy township.

In August, 1866, Mr. Radle married Sarah Messner, daughter of Philip and Mary (Dockey) Messner. Mrs. Radle died May 12, 1894, aged forty-four years, one month, seven days, and is buried at the Union Church at Dalmatia. Seven children were born to this union: (1) A daughter lived only twenty-four hours. (2) Philip E. graduated from the Mount Joy Soldiers' Orphans school, in Lancaster Co., Pa., and received a gold medal of honor; he also graduated from the Millersville State Normal school in 1898, and taught school in Philadelphia. Afterward he took a course in the Dickinson School of Law, was graduated, and was admitted to practice in Cumberland, Northumberland and Snyder counties, Pa. He was accidentally killed Feb. 22, 1909, on the railroad, near Paradise, in Monroe county, Pa. By his first marriage, to Mamie Ziegler, he had one daughter, Mamie I. Mrs. Mamie Radle dying not long after her marriage, he married (second) Edna Paige, by whom he had three sons, Lawrence, Philip Rex and William M. (3) Lettie died aged seven years. (4) Howard died when thirteen years old. (5) Irene graduated from the Mount Joy Soldiers' Orphans school, and attended the Shippensburg State Normal school. In 1894, in her senior year, owing to her mother's illness, she was obliged to return home and she tended and cared for her until her death. She was most successful as a teacher, having taught when she was but sixteen years of age. She married George W. Dilling, and they reside in Philadelphia. She has two children, Carl Emerson, aged sixteen, and Bissie, aged seven. (6) Julia graduated from the Mount Joy Soldiers' Orphans school. She also attended the Shippensburg State Normal school, finishing the course there. Like her sister Irene she was a most successful teacher. She taught the high school at Dalmatia for two years, and also taught high school at Uwehland, Chester Co., Pa., for a time. She was a graduate from the Shoemaker Elocution College, Philadelphia, and later on from the Dickinson School of Law at Carlisle, Pa., being the first lady lawyer upon whom that school conferred the degree. She married Daniel A. Kline, now serving his second term as superintendent of schools of Perry county, Pa., where they reside, at New Bloomfield. Mr. Kline is a graduate of the State Normal school, having later taken a course at Lafayette College, at Easton, Pa., where he graduated with honors. Mr. and Mrs. Kline have three children, all daughters, namely, Sarah V., aged six years, Margaret, four years and Carolyn, two years. (7) Daniel W., who is unmarried and resides with his father at Dalmatia, served during the Spanish-American war in Cuba and the Philippine Islands.

Mr. Radle and his family are members of the Reformed congregation of the Georgetown Lutheran and Reformed Church. He has served as elder for twenty years, from 1891 to the present time.

Michael Radel, son of the Michael Roedel mentioned above, was a resident of Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, living and farming near Radel's schoolhouse. He owned four large farms (one of them the place now belonging to Daniel Heckert) and a half interest in Wert's gristmill which was located along the Mahantango creek in Lower Mahanoy township. He was a man of affairs, and wielded considerable influence in his district. His death occurred March 25, 1864, when he was aged fifty-six years, eight months, three days, and his wife, Catharine, whose maiden name was Bonawitz, subsequently married for her second husband Jacob Witmer. She died May 25, 1892, aged 80 years, 6 months, 6 days, and they are buried at Zion's Church, of which Mr. Radel was an active Lutheran member, holding various church offices. The children of Michael and Catharine Radel were as follows: Solomon, Isaac, Henry, John, Elias, Elizabeth (married Elias Byerly), Catharine (married Alexander Bingaman), Lovina (married Emanuel Klinger), Polly (married Harry Lentz), Emma, Mrs. Andrew Riegel and Mary (married Hiram Hoch).

Isaac Radel, son of Michael, was born in Lower Mahanoy township, became a farmer, and lived and died on the farm of 100 acres near Stone Valley Church which he owned. He also owned a tract of thirty-five acres in Mahantango Valley, Lower Mahanoy township, and was a substantial, respected citizen, a successful farmer and a useful member of his community. His homestead is now owned by Morris Bohner. He died June 28, 1897, aged sixty-four years, eight months, two days, and his wife, Mary Ann (Lenker), daughter of George and Catharine (Snyder) Lenker and granddaughter of Johan Adam Snyder, died Nov. 11, 1895, aged sixty years, nine months, ten days. They are buried at the Stone Valley Church. Mr. Radel was an active member of the Lutheran congregation of that church, and held the offices of deacon, elder, treasurer and trustee. Mr. and Mrs. Radel had these children: George, Benjamin, Emma (married Adam Seaman), Malinda, Michael, Marietta (married Harry Spotts), Elmer I., Jeremiah and Frank.

ELMER I. RADEL, a farmer of Lower Mahanoy township, near Hickory Corners, was born in that township Sept. 3, 1869. He worked for his parents until he attained his majority, gaining a thorough knowledge of farm work, and afterward for ten years engaged in threshing, sawmilling and coal digging, owning a coal digging apparatus.

He was engaged in his own and other counties, having spent about five years, in all, in Montour county. In 1900 he purchased the William Schaffer homestead, a tract of 131 acres (some of which is woodland) near Hickory Corners, upon which he has since made his home. He is successfully engaged in dairying as well as general farming, having a fine dairy herd, including some registered Holstein cattle, and takes milk daily to Dalmatia and Hickory Corners. He has been road commissioner of his township since 1908.

On June 18, 1892, Mr. Radel married Lizzie Spotts, daughter of Aaron and Sarah J. (Schaffer) Spotts, and they have had children as follows: Charles (deceased), Nevin (deceased), George R. (deceased), a son that died in infancy, Maud H., Clarence E., Margaret E. and Mabel Pauline. In politics Mr. Radel is a Republican, and in religion he is a Lutheran, holding membership in the Stone Valley (Zion's) Church, of which his wife is a Reformed member. He is giving his second period of service as treasurer, and has also been deacon and elder. He has also been active in the work of the Sunday school, in which he was a teacher for about fifteen years.

**DANIEL W. KEHLER**, member of the firm of Kehler Brothers, attorneys at law, and who also conduct a real estate and fire insurance business, at Mount Carmel, is a member of a family of German origin which has been long established in this State. He was admitted to the bar Dec. 22, 1902.

Charles Kehler, grandfather of Daniel W., followed farming in Eldred township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he died. His son, Charles Z. Kehler, was a butcher, and followed his trade for some time. He located in Mount Carmel in 1882, and was here engaged at day labor until his death, which occurred Jan. 25, 1898. He is buried in the Union Cemetery, in Eldred township, Schuylkill county. His widow, Sarah (Wetzel), daughter of Henry and Catharine (Hoffman) Wetzel, still makes her home in Mount Carmel. They had a family of seven children, namely: Emma is the wife of S. H. Geist, a merchant of Mount Carmel; Thomas died when nineteen years old; Daniel W. is mentioned below; R. W. is employed as car inspector on the Lehigh Valley railroad; Charles H. is a boss in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company; Kate is the wife of H. H. Otto and is living at Tremont, Pa.; James G. was graduated from the Mount Carmel high school, the Bloomsburg State normal school and the University of Pennsylvania and is now practicing law in partnership with his brother.

Daniel W. Kehler was born in 1868 in Schuylkill county, came to Mount Carmel in the spring of 1882 with his parents, and graduated from

the high school in 1888. He then entered Schuylkill Seminary (now Albright College), at Myers-town, Lebanon Co., Pa., and subsequently studied law in the office of J. E. Bastress at Mount Carmel. He was admitted to the bar of Northumberland county Dec. 22, 1902, and to practice in the Supreme court in January, 1903. In 1909 he formed his present partnership with his younger brother, James G. Kehler. Their offices are at No. 18½ North Oak street and in addition to a general law business of growing proportions they deal in real estate and fire insurance. Mr. Daniel W. Kehler has, in his several years of practice, attained considerable reputation and gained the confidence of his fellow citizens of Mount Carmel, and he is at present serving them as borough solicitor. He has filled other public trusts, having been borough auditor three years and is at present a member of the school board from the Fourth ward. He is a member of the Anthracite Fire Company and was one of the trustees of same for some time.

When a boy, shortly after the family removed to Mount Carmel, Mr. Kehler met with an unfortunate accident while engaged in picking slate at one of the collieries, losing his right arm Sept. 12, 1882. He has, however, completely overcome any disability on this account.

Socially Mr. Kehler holds membership in the P. O. S. of A., Washington Camp No. 231; in the I. O. O. F., John Stine Lodge, No. 1150; in the Modern Woodmen of America, and the Red Men. He is a leading member of St. Paul's United Evangelical Church, in the work of which congregation he takes an active part, and he has been an official many years. In politics he is identified with the Republican party.

On Oct. 16, 1904, Mr. Kehler married Carrie Ayers, daughter of Alfred Ayers, of Mount Carmel, and they reside at No. 32 South Maple street, Mount Carmel. They have had two children, a son that died in infancy and Anna Evelyn.

**ALFRED AYERS**, father of Mrs. Daniel W. Kehler, is one of the oldest residents of Mount Carmel. He was born July 25, 1841, at York Tunnel, Schuylkill Co., Pa., son of Abram and Anna (Russell) Ayers, the former of whom was a miner in Schuylkill and Northumberland counties, at one time a mine foreman; he also operated a mine on his own account. He moved to Mount Carmel in 1853 and there resided until his death, in 1883. He married Anna Russell, like himself a native of England, whose father, James Russell, was a pioneer miner of Schuylkill county, where he lived and died. To Mr. and Mrs. Abram Ayers were born the following children: Mary A., Mrs. Frank Beshing; Alfred; Caroline; Etta; Mrs. John Bell; Clara; Mrs. John Shaw; and Sarah, Mrs. Frank Shoener.

Alfred Ayers came to Mount Carmel with his



father in 1853. He began mine work on a breaker, was afterward employed as a loader, and finally became a miner. By faithful work he won promotion to the position of fire boss, then became assistant boss, and in December, 1888, became inside foreman at the Alaska shaft.

During the Civil war Mr. Ayers served nine months in Company G, 129th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and received an honorable discharge after completing his term. He is a Republican in politics.

On Oct. 18, 1860, Mr. Ayers married Caroline E. Adams, daughter of James Adams, of Mount Carmel, and they had a large family, ten of whom reached maturity, namely: Eliza E. (Mrs. Robert Taylor), Matthew H., Bessie (Mrs. Charles Hertzog), S. Matilda, Carrie (Mrs. D. W. Kehler), James, Alfred, Claude, Howard and Irvin.

RICHARD H. EDWARDS, of Trevorton, has lived practically retired since 1903, though he finds his time occupied to a great extent with the management of his real estate holdings. He is an old miner and former hotel-keeper, having for five years conducted the "Central Hotel," which he still owns. Mr. Edwards was born Sept. 29, 1848, in Cornwall, England, son of Henry Edwards, who followed farming and worked in the copper mines in England. He came to America after his son had settled here, arriving in this country May 26, 1881, and from that time until his death made his home at Trevorton, Northumberland Co., Pa. He followed farming and hauling after settling here. His death occurred May 6, 1893, and his wife, Catherine (Pengally), died in Trevorton March 27, 1890, aged sixty-seven years. They are buried in the Methodist cemetery at Irish Valley. Of their children, Richard H. is mentioned below; John, Margaret and William died in England; Jessie and Annie M. came to America with their parents.

When twenty-two years old Richard H. Edwards came to America, and for a short time was employed in the iron works at Mount Hope, Morris Co., N. J. Coming to Pennsylvania, he located at Ralston, Lycoming county, for a short time before settling at Trevorton, where he found employment at mining, in the North Franklin colliery. He was engaged at such work for about twenty-eight years in all. Meantime he acquired the "Central Hotel" property, and himself conducted the hotel for five years, before he gave up mining. In 1898 he made vast improvements in this property, of which he still retains possession, the hotel business being now conducted by William H. Francis. It is a stand well known to the traveling public and a good business has been done there for many years. Mr. Edwards retired from active work in 1903, since when he has given his attention to the care of his real es-

tate interests, which are quite extensive. By good management and thrift he has gained a position among the substantial men of his community, and has received recognition as one of its trusted citizens, having been chosen to serve as township treasurer. He is a Republican in politics, a Methodist in religious connection and fraternally a member of Lodge No. 528, I. O. O. F., of Trevorton. In 1907 Mr. Edwards made a trip to his native country, having a pleasant visit to his old home and friends.

By his first marriage, to Christian Rahmer, Mr. Edwards had no children. His second marriage was to Alma Rahmer, and they became the parents of six children: Katie, who married Henry Pengally; George, of Trevorton; Grace, who married William Shuck; Blanche, who married Lewis Sheaffer; Emiah, who married D. Fuller; and John. His third marriage was to Mrs. Emma (Ossman) Umboltz. There are no children of this union, but by her first marriage Mrs. Edwards had a daughter, Eva, who is now the wife of Charles Cook and lives at Elizabethtown, Dauphin Co., Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards make their home on Shamokin street, in Trevorton.

JOHN T. BROWER, late of the borough of Herndon, was one of the substantial and influential residents of that place, with whose progress he had been identified for a number of years, as a business man being one of the leading factors in its material development. He retired from active business in 1905.

Mr. Brower was born May 18, 1845, in Jackson township, Northumberland county, son of Nathan and Caroline (Troutman) Brower. Nathan Brower was born in Chester county, Pa., June 20, 1817, and when fourteen years old moved to Uniontown, Dauphin county, where he made his home with Isaac Matthias until he reached the age of twenty years. He learned the milling trade, and after following it several years at Uniontown went to Dornsife, Northumberland county, where he was engaged in the same line for a period of eleven years, doing a prosperous business. Later he became a farmer, acquiring a 115-acre tract in Jackson township, which he continued to cultivate until a few years before his death. He died June 4, 1895, and is buried at Uniontown. Mr. Brower was prominent in his section in both business circles and church life, being active in the work of the United Evangelical Association, which he supported with a liberal hand. He married Caroline Troutman, who was born Sept. 28, 1821, daughter of Jacob Troutman, and died Feb. 24, 1901. They were the parents of five children, namely: Mary married Benjamin Clement (who is now deceased) and they lived in Jackson township; John T. is mentioned below; Sarah married Samuel Rumberger and they



live at Elizabethville; Elizabeth married Henry Lautenslayer; Daniel is mentioned below.

John T. Brower was reared in Jackson township, being trained to farm work from early boyhood. On March 29, 1865, he enlisted, at Harrisburg, Pa., in Company C, 74th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for three years' service, but the war closing he was mustered out Aug. 29, 1865. Upon his return to civil life Mr. Brower engaged in merchandising at Bull Run, in Jackson township, where he continued for one year, coming thence to Herndon, where he was in active business for thirty years, having a successful career until his retirement, in 1905, when his son John succeeded to the business, which he still conducts. Mr. Brower carried a comprehensive line of general merchandise, and his patronage was large, being drawn from the surrounding territory for miles around. He took a public-spirited interest in the welfare of the place, and helped to establish several industries at Herndon, built a number of dwellings and business houses in the town, and in various ways contributed to its upbuilding in the best sense. He was instrumental in the organization of the borough, which he advocated warmly as important to the best interests of the town. He was a Republican on political questions.

Mr. Brower's first wife, Sarah (Latsba), died in 1886, the mother of two children: Mary, who married Lincoln Otto, postmaster at Herndon; and John, who has succeeded his father in the mercantile business at Herndon. On April 9, 1889, Mr. Brower married (second) Emma (Hensyl) Hoke, daughter of Jesse and Magdalena (First) Hensyl and widow of George Hoke. By her first marriage she had one son, George E., who is located at St. Paul, Minn., attorney for the Northern Pacific Railroad Company.

Mr. Brower died May 21, 1910.

DANIEL BROWER, brother of John T. Brower, was born Aug. 25, 1856, and during his boyhood attended the schools of the home locality. Meantime he began his practical training for farm work, continuing with his father until twelve years after his marriage, and in 1888 he began farming his present property, a tract of 107 acres in Jackson township, two miles east of Herndon. This was an old Peifer homestead. Mr. Brower remodeled the house and the barn, and has made other improvements to bring his place up to modern requirements, keeping the farm in creditable condition. He makes a specialty of dairying, running a daily milk route to Herndon. Since 1908 he has been a school director of his district.

On Dec. 31, 1876, Mr. Brower married Amanda Swab, daughter of Eli and Nellie (Cooper) Swab, of Washington township, Dauphin Co., Pa., and granddaughter of Jacob Swab and of Jacob Cooper, of Washington township, that county. Mr.

and Mrs. Brower have had children as follows: A. Alice, who is unmarried; Sallie, wife of Daniel Willard, of Jackson township, who has children Olive and Earnest F.; Nellie; Mabel, who married Charles Kobel and has a son, Daniel E.; and Katie. Mr. Brower and his family attend the Lutheran Church. He is a Republican in politics.

WILLIAM P. O'CONNOR, former member of the Pennsylvania Legislature from Northumberland county, is a resident of Shamokin, where he is proprietor of the "Shamokin House," located at No. 613 North Shamokin street. He is a prominent member of the Democratic party, having served as committeeman from his district a number of years. Mr. O'Connor is a native of the borough of Shamokin, born May 4, 1870, son of Michael O'Connor.

Michael O'Connor was born in Ireland and brought his family from that country to America in 1868, landing at New York City. After a brief residence in New Jersey, engaged at his trade, that of potter, he came to Shamokin (in 1868) and here found work at mining, following that occupation the rest of his active years. He lived retired for a number of years before his death, which occurred Jan. 16, 1894. He married Catherine Costello, a native of Ireland, whose people settled at Fall River, Mass., and she died Oct. 17, 1889. Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor are buried at Shamokin. Nine children were born to them: Michael, who lives in Shamokin; Charles, of Trevorton, Pa.; Thomas, of Shamokin; Patrick, of Shamokin; James, of Shamokin; Margaret, wife of Thomas Lamey, of Shamokin; William Francis, who died young; William P.; and F. Henry, who died July 20, 1872, and who was the second person and first male child buried in the Catholic cemetery at Shamokin.

William P. O'Connor received his education in the public schools of Shamokin. In 1897 he was appointed a letter carrier in Shamokin and was thus engaged for about ten years, until he took his seat in the Legislature, to which he was elected Nov. 10, 1906. His services began Jan. 1, 1907, and during his term he performed one service for the community which has given him a permanent place in the esteem of his fellow citizens: It was through his efforts that the State hospital for injured persons at Shamokin, which cares for the injured from the Shamokin, Mount Carmel and Trevorton coal fields, was established, and he was highly complimented for his labors in behalf of this institution, which has proved such a blessing to the locality. Mr. O'Connor is at present a candidate for reelection to the Legislature. On Aug. 1, 1907, he became proprietor of the hotel known as the "Shamokin House," at No. 613 North Shamokin street, and he is making a success of the business, his genial personality and

good management gaining and retaining a lucrative patronage. Fraternally he is well known as a member of the Owls, the A. O. H. and the F. O. E., and he was a charter member of the West End Fire Company and is a member of the Veteran Firemen's Association, in the work of which he takes an active part. He belongs to St. Edward's Catholic Church.

In 1894 Mr. O'Connor married Ella Cotter, daughter of Cornelius and Catherine Cotter, and they have a family of four children: Chester, William, Cornelius and Sarah.

Mr. O'Connor is a "double" of Frank McClain, present mayor of Lancaster, Pa., who was formerly speaker of the State House of Representatives.

FREDERICK HAAS, whose connection with the business and public life of Sunbury has been important and long continued, is the owner of a thriving industrial establishment at that place and one of its most prosperous business men. He was for two terms—1895-1900—register and recorder and clerk of the Orphans' court, to which responsibility he was elected although a Republican in what was then a Democratic stronghold. Mr. Haas has been identified with many local organizations, business, social, political, etc., and is a citizen of the most reliable character, one whose work for the community is the best guaranty of what he may be counted upon to perform.

Mr. Haas was born May 3, 1858, in Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., but his family has been identified with Northumberland county for several generations. The first of the family in America, Frederick Haas, came to this country from Germany in 1757, and located for a time in Berks county, Pa., later settling in Northumberland county, at Sunbury, where he remained until his death. His son Frederick, who conducted a general store and had various other business interests in Sunbury, married a Miss Martz, and they had two sons, Frederick and John, the former being the grandfather of the present Frederick Haas of Sunbury.

Frederick Haas, grandson of the emigrant and grandfather of Frederick Haas, was born in Sunbury in 1800. He carried on a tanyard, was engaged in merchandising, and ran a line of boats, being one of the busiest men of his day, energetic and thrifty in everything he undertook. Going to Pottsville, Schuylkill county, he engaged in the coal business as an operator, and after four years at that place moved to Schuylkill Haven, same county, where he carried on the hotel business, in which he was also interested at Pottsville. In 1850 he located in Shamokin and for seven years was in the hotel business there. He died in 1859, and is buried in the Shamokin cemetery. Mr. Haas was an old-line Whig and prominent in local politics in his day. He was treasurer of

Northumberland county from 1824 to 1827. He married Elizabeth Schwartz, daughter of Philip Michael and Margaret (Slosser) Schwartz, the former of whom came to America from Wurtemberg in Colonial days and served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war; he was at Valley Forge, was taken prisoner while in the service and was eventually exchanged. In 1798 Mr. Schwartz came to Sunbury and took up 600 acres of land at Beaver Meadows, where he remained the rest of his active life. He was the father of Hon. John Schwartz, who represented the Seventh Congressional district of Pennsylvania in Congress. He died at Sunbury and is buried in the old cemetery there. Mr. and Mrs. Haas had a family of ten children: Dr. William died at Mount Carmel; Elizabeth died young; Margaret married Edw. C. Hannah; Frederick died in Shamokin; Jacob W. is mentioned below; Catharine died unmarried; Francis died young; James H. was a member of Company K, 46th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil war, and was killed at the battle of Cedar Mountain; Charles was a conductor on the Pennsylvania railroad and was killed; John P. M., who served in the Civil war, died in Washington, D. C.

Jacob W. Haas, father of Frederick Haas, was born June 25, 1833, at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and there passed his early life. He was engaged as a clerk and bookkeeper until his enlistment for service in the Civil war, Sept. 1, 1861, at Pottsville, where he became a member of Company G, 96th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, with which command he served throughout the war. He attained the rank of captain. He took part in all the battles of the Army of the Potomac from 1861 to 1863. After the war Mr. Haas spent two years in the oil fields of western Pennsylvania. In 1867 he went to Shamokin, and was connected with various collieries in that vicinity for thirty-five years, being clerk and foreman. In 1880 he made a tour of the Southern States prospecting for the Roanoke Iron Company. During his son's terms as recorder he served as deputy recorder. In 1901 Mr. Haas gave up active work and has since lived retired at Shamokin. He is a Republican in politics, but has taken little interest in active public life. He married Eliza E. Jones, daughter of John J. and Mary (Jenkins) Jones, and they have had four children: Mary, who married E. L. Burkert, of Philadelphia; Frederick; John, of Brooklyn; and James Franklin, of Shamokin, who is the Associated Press correspondent at that point.

Frederick Haas was nine years old when his parents settled in Shamokin. He had commenced his education in the public schools of his native place, and he took the course in the high school at Shamokin, after which, in 1878, he entered the United States Military Academy at West



Point, N. Y., intending to qualify for the army. However, after taking part of the course he was obliged to resign on account of ill health, and he returned home. For fourteen years Mr. Haas was engaged as clerk at the Luke Fidler colliery, at Shamokin, and in the recorder's office at Sunbury, so that when he was himself elected recorder he was well prepared to enter upon the duties of the position. In 1894 he was the Republican candidate for the office of register, recorder and clerk of the Orphans' court, and though the county was strongly Democratic at the time he was successful, assuming the office Jan. 1, 1895. In 1897 he was re-elected, and completed his second term, serving to the close of 1900. He has long been an influential member of his party, and in 1900, during the McKinley campaign, he was county chairman. He has proved an efficient worker in every capacity.

Upon the expiration of his second term as recorder Mr. Haas engaged in business, purchasing the Sunbury Coffin & Casket Company, which was organized in 1874 with members of the Clement family as principal owners. Under Mr. Haas's management the business has shown a gratifying increase. The greater part of the trade is found within a hundred miles of Sunbury, but it is growing constantly, and Mr. Haas has made a number of improvements in the equipment of the establishment and the handling of the business which promise to bring about good results.

Mr. Haas is a member of Mount Tabor Lodge, No. 125, I. O. O. F., and of Sunbury Lodge, No. 22, F. & A. M. He was a charter member of the Rescue Hose Company of Shamokin. In 1877 he became a member of Company B, 7th Regiment, Pennsylvania National Guard, in 1880 became lieutenant, and four years later resigned.

In 1892 Mr. Haas married Nellie Murray, of Shamokin, and they have had two children: Frank M. and Frederick, Jr.

FRANK W. SHIPE, secretary of the Herndon Manufacturing Company, of Herndon, Northumberland county, is one of the foremost citizens of his section, and has been prominent in official as well as business circles, serving the community efficiently in various positions of trust and proving his ability in his various undertakings. He is a native of Jackson township, born July 25, 1851, son of Abraham and Lydia (Rebuck) Shipe, and comes of a family which has been settled in this county for several generations, since the time of his grandfather, Jacob Shipe. This name is variously spelled, Shive, Scheib and Sheib being common forms.

Jacob Shipe was born Jan. 24, 1772, in Doylestown, Bucks Co., Pa., and coming to Northumberland county settled shortly after his marriage on a farm near Seven Points, in what was then Lower

Augusta township. He purchased 240 acres, and there passed the remainder of his life, dying there Jan. 27, 1845. He followed farming and was successful. His wife Barbara (Fluck), born March 27, 1777, died Oct. 29, 1857, and they are buried at the Stone church, Augustaville, both having been active members of the Reformed congregation of that Church. Their children were as follows: (1) John F. (Shive), who obtained the homestead after his father's death, died Jan. 30, 1890, aged eighty-eight years, one month, seventeen days. His wife, Rachel Gehringer, died March 8, 1885, aged seventy-nine years, eleven months, twenty-one days. They had a large family, among their sons being Levi, Henry George and William. (2) Henry is mentioned below. (3) David was a farmer in Upper Augusta township, and died Oct. 30, 1881, aged seventy years, twenty-five days. His wife Margaret, who died June 28, 1890, aged seventy-seven years, four months, sixteen days, was the mother of Enos, Hettie, Sarah, Mrs. Emanuel Kulp, Mrs. Sarah Barhart and Hannah. (4) George passed most of his life at Shamokin, and followed merchandising. His wife was a Hoover, and they had three sons and three daughters, William, George, Albert, Catharine, Barbara and Alice. (5) Samuel was a farmer in Lower Augusta township. His wife, Lovina Fryling, born Aug. 29, 1814, died March 15, 1877. They had children: John, Reuben (born March 25, 1848, died Jan. 1, 1872, being killed while "shooting off" an anvil loaded with powder), Isaac F., Henry, Washington, and Louisa C. (deceased). (6) Catharine married Daniel Long, and they had one son (Samuel) and six daughters. They were farming people in Lower Augusta township. (7) Abraham was the father of Frank W. Shipe.

Abraham Shipe, son of Jacob, was born Dec. 14, 1822, in Lower Augusta township, and there grew to manhood. He learned the carpenter's trade in his youth, and followed it all his life, both as a journeyman and as an employer, having work for a number of men and teaching the trade to many. He erected a number of substantial buildings in Sunbury. He lived at Lock Haven, Pa., for seven years, and thence in 1868 came to Sunbury, where he passed the remainder of his days, dying Aug. 14, 1874, in his fifty-second year. Mr. Shipe was an intelligent man, showing fine mechanical ability in his work and proving a valuable factor in the various circles in which he moved. He served six years as assessor of Jackson township, and was an officer of the Reformed Church in which he held membership.

In 1840 Mr. Shipe married (first) Esther Henninger, who died Nov. 2, 1846, aged twenty-three years, eleven months, eight days, the mother of three children: Peter, who died at Reading, Pa.; Susan, widow of Frank Stoute, who died at Minne-



apolis, Kans., where she still resides; and Barbara, who died in infancy. Mr. Shipe's second marriage was to Lydia Rebeck, who died Nov. 10, 1905, in her eighty-sixth year. She is buried at Mahanoy church, and Mr. Shipe is buried in Lower Augusta township. They had four children: Abbie Ann and Lucy Jane, twins, the former of whom is the widow of H. Z. Drumbheller (Lucy Jane died at the age of twelve years); Frank W.; and Martin E., a carpenter, now residing at Montgomery, Alabama.

Frank W. Shipe received his education at the schools of Lock Haven, Pa. At the age of seventeen he commenced to learn the carpenter trade, which he followed for two years. In 1873 he entered the employ of Ira T. Clement, who operated a large planing-mill, remaining with him for nine years, after which he took charge of an organ factory at Sunbury. He was thus engaged three years, at the end of that time taking charge of William Whitmer & Sons' planing-mill, at Sunbury, where he was engaged for seven years. Seventy people were employed there. In 1891 Mr. Shipe came to Herndon, where he became associated with John D. Bogar and George W. Rhoads in the organization of the Herndon Manufacturing Company, of which he has been secretary and manager ever since. They manufacture fine mill work and interior finishings of all kinds, especially the high class work required in the completion of houses, and have been successful from the start. When they commenced business six men were sufficient to turn out the work in hand. Now employment is given to eighty men, and the trade extends all over the eastern part of the United States. The business has been built up by progressive methods and the ability to hold customers by giving the satisfaction and service they desire, by anticipating their wants and enterprise in introducing new and improved products, all of which appeal to up-to-date business people.

Mr. Shipe has been an excellent citizen, and in spite of his busy life has found time to serve the community. He was a member of the school board of Jackson township for six years, during which time he was secretary of the board four years and president one year. Since 1906 he has been a member of the Herndon council, and he was the second chief Burgess of that town. Politically he is a Republican.

On July 3, 1873, Mr. Shipe married Margaret Martz, daughter of William K. and Susan (Bowen) Martz, of Sunbury, and to them were born two children: Laura married A. W. Smith, of Lewisburg, Pa., and has one daughter, Ethel Wynn; Elizabeth M. married Charles Eby, of Herndon, and has four children, Edgar, Gertrude, Esther and Margaret. Mrs. Shipe died Sept. 10, 1883, aged thirty-nine years. Mr. Shipe's second

marriage was to Lydia L. Drumbheller, daughter of Nicholas S. and Abigail (Kembel) Drumbheller, of Jackson township, prominent residents of that district, who were members of the Evangelical Association and are buried at Zartman's church. By this marriage there are also two children: Robert W., of Herndon, his father's assistant at the Herndon Manufacturing Company, married Nellie Trautman; Paul E. graduated from the Herndon high school in 1908, at the age of fourteen. Mr. Shipe and his family worship at the Reformed Church.

Henry Shipe, son of Jacob, above, was an extensive farmer in Lower Augusta township, where he was a large landowner, among other holdings, owning the farm now in the possession of John Drumm. He had a farm for each of his eight children. He died May 28, 1887, aged eighty-three years, three months, eight days, and is buried at Hollowing Run Lutheran and Reformed church. His wife, Hannah, was a Reeser. She died Aug. 24, 1880, aged seventy-six years, four months, five days. They had children: Catharine married Daniel Shipe; Mary married John Gehringer; Hannah married Frank Kelley; Hettie married Jacob Long; Solomon R., who lived at Sunbury, died Jan. 24, 1885, aged fifty-seven years, twenty-six days (his wife Mary died Jan. 27, 1901, aged sixty-six years, seven months, twenty-two days); David R., who lived at Shamokin Hill, died Dec. 3, 1887, aged fifty-eight years, three months, twenty-five days (his wife Maria died March 20, 1900, aged seventy-three years, three months, fourteen days and they are buried at Mount Pleasant M. E. church, in Upper Augusta township); Aaron lived at Shamokin Dam; there was another son.

Daniel Shipe (son of Samuel) and his wife Catharine (daughter of Henry) lived on the farm now the property of Landis Shipe, and were farming people. They are buried at the Lutheran and Reformed church in Hollowing Run. Mr. Shipe died Dec. 10, 1902, aged seventy-one years, two months, seven days, and his wife died Jan. 20, 1905, aged seventy-one years, seven months, thirteen days. They had these children: Samuel, Nelson, Sneary(?), William, Landis (died aged four years), Alice (married Oliver Shaffer) and Rose.

Landis Shaffer Shipe, son of Oliver and Alice (Shipe) Shaffer, has formally adopted the name Shipe. He was born July 9, 1878, was reared to farm life, and after his mother's death obtained the farm which belonged to her, a tract then consisting of 130 acres. Mr. Shipe has sold forty-seven acres, retaining the other eighty-three acres, where he carries on general farming. He attends the Sunbury markets, his farm being located four miles south of Sunbury, and does a thriving business, be-

ing an energetic young man and an excellent manager. Mr. Shipe married Maud Hetrick, daughter of John and Catharine (Thomas) Hetrick, of Lower Augusta township, and they have had four children, Daisy, George, Mary and Harry, all born in the month of July, two years apart. Mr. Shipe is a member of the Reformed Church, with which his family is identified.

Samuel Shipe was a resident of Lower Augusta township, living on the tract now belonging to the estate of Peter Lenker. He was a blacksmith by trade. His children were: Maria married David R. Shipe; Sallie married Daniel Martz; Elizabeth married Joseph Neidig and (second) Joseph Gass; Samuel lived and died in Washington township; a daughter died after she had grown up and left these parts; Daniel married Catharine Shipe, daughter of Henry.

ELIAS R. REITZ, of Mount Carmel, and formerly a well known resident of Washington township, this county, is a member of a family well represented in Northumberland, particularly in Washington, Little Mahanoy and Lower Augusta townships, in which section it was founded in the middle of the eighteenth century by one George Reitz, who settled in Washington township among the earliest pioneers of that region.

George Reitz settled in Washington township among its first residents and was a large landowner there, his original tract including the land now embraced in the farms of Luther Rebuck, William Rebuck, Harvey Rothermel, Charles B. Hetrich and A. C. Adams. He is buried in an unmarked grave near a fence, in the orchard on the farm now owned by C. B. Hetrich. Among his children were sons Andraes (Andrew) and Michael.

Michael Reitz, son of George, born in January, 1757, died Dec. 17, 1825. He lived near what is now Rebuck, in Washington (then Upper Mahanoy) township, and there his death occurred; he is buried at Himmel's church, in that township, having been a Lutheran member of that church. When the church was erected in 1818 there were a Michael and a Peter Reitz among the members of the building committee. A Michael Reitz is on the communion list of June 30, 1776, of that church. He married Elizabeth Schnope, who died Dec. 18, 1853, aged eighty-seven years, and they were the parents of the following children: Michael; Peter, who settled near Richfield, in Juniata county, Pa.; William, who settled in Jefferson county, Pa.; Daniel, who lived on the old homestead, as did Jonathan; Henry, who lived in Washington township; George, who settled in Jefferson county; John, who settled in Jefferson county; and two daughters. All lived to old age.

Daniel Reitz, son of Michael, Jr., was born Aug. 11, 1804, near Rebuck, and came into possession of the old homestead, which comprised about four

hundred acres. He followed farming there to the end of his active life, and died upon his farm Jan. 9, 1886. His wife, Susanna Burrell, born June 26, 1810, died Jan. 12, 1881. They had a large family, viz.: Maria married Elias Rebuck; Jonathan B. died in Missouri; Samuel B. is mentioned below; Katie married (first) Godfried Rebuck and (second) Andrew Rebuck (brothers); John B. is living in Nebraska; Salome married Milton Drumbheller; Elizabeth married Jared Snyder; Michael B. lives in Washington township, this county; Leonard B. lives in Nebraska; Daniel B. lives in Mullintown, Juniata county, and is at present (1910) sheriff of that county.

Samuel B. Reitz, son of Daniel, was born in 1832 on a part of the old Reitz homestead. In his early life he learned the tailor's trade and followed it for some time, but he eventually settled down to farming, owning part of the old homestead. He died June 29, 1906. He married Eliza Reitz, daughter of Philip and Annie Wagner, and to them were born nine children: Nathan died young; John R. is a resident of Nebraska; Elias R. is mentioned below; Henry M. is a resident of Sunbury, this county; Mary A. married William Rebuck; Andrew D. is living in Jefferson county, Pa.; Susan married George A. Foltz, of Sunbury; George W. is living at the homestead; Hannah A., who is unmarried, lives in Shamokin, this county.

Elias R. Reitz, son of Samuel, was born Jan. 19, 1858, at the old Reitz homestead. He received his education in the schools of the locality and taught school for five terms in Washington township. Until he was twenty he was engaged at farm work, to which he had been reared, and for eleven years was in the mercantile business at Rebuck, in Washington township, where he became very well known, serving eleven years as justice of the peace and three years as jury commissioner during his residence there. In 1905 he came to Mount Carmel, where he has since resided. He engaged in the wholesale produce business in partnership with John L. Reitz, under the firm name of E. R. & J. L. Reitz, and after withdrawing from this association engaged in mercantile business on his own account for a short time. His home is at No. 234 West Third street, and he has represented his ward, the Fourth, on the school board, although he is a Democrat and the ward is normally a strong Republican district. In public or private life his record is a creditable one, for he has won recognition as a useful citizen in every community with which he has been identified.

On Dec. 27, 1885, Mr. Reitz married Lydia E. (Graves) Kernes, daughter of Nathan E. and Catherine (Hoffman) Graves, or Kernes, and they have had three children, as follows: Bertha M., aged twelve, ten years old; Mabel G. is a graduate of the Kutztown State normal school, at Kutztown; Charles H. is attending the Mount Carmel



high school, being a member of the class of 1911. Mr. Reitz is a Lutheran in religious connection, his wife a member of the Reformed Church. Socially he holds membership in the Elks, Odd Fellows and Red Men.

**BENNEVILLE M. BUBB**, of Dalmatia, is one of the oldest justices in Northumberland county, his services as such having extended over a period of more than forty years—from 1869 to the present. There are few men in his locality better known, and none commands more respect than this venerable citizen, who holds a most honored place in the esteem of all his fellow men. He was born Nov. 21, 1833, in Lower Mahanoy township, son of Philip Bubb, and comes of an old settled family of the region, where his grandfather, Johan Philip, lived and died.

Johan Philip Bubb, born Sept. 28, 1789, owned a tract of land in Lower Mahanoy township, and was a cooper by trade. He died Dec. 10, 1854, and was buried at Zion's church. His two wives, Magdalena and Hannah Kerstetter, respectively, were sisters, and his children, the two first named born to the first union, were as follows: Philip, Lydia (married Joseph Fenstermacher), Polly (married John Patrick), Sally (married Josiah Wert), Catharine (married Jacob Michael), Susan (married Augustus Badman, late of Montgomery county, Pa.) and Isaac (who was a farmer in Lower Mahanoy township). Philip Bubb had a brother Michael and sisters Elizabeth (Mrs. John Lenker), Mrs. Paul Lahr, Mrs. Michael Wert and Mrs. Witmer.

Philip Bubb, son of Philip, was born in Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, and became a well known resident of Lower Mahanoy township, where he owned a tract of land. He followed shoemaking until his retirement, and died at a ripe old age. His wife, Magdalena (Michael), was born Jan. 2, 1810, daughter of Wilhelm Michael, and died Jan. 16, 1895. Philip Bubb and his wife are buried at Dalmatia. He was a Lutheran, she a member of the Reformed Church. They had ten children, five of whom died young, the others being: Benneville M.; Elizabeth, who married Peter Sechrist; Sarah, who married George Shull; Isaac, who died while serving in defense of his country in the Civil war, being killed at the siege of Atlanta while serving as a regular in the 15th United States Infantry; and Anna, who married Henry Spotts.

Benneville M. Bubb was reared at the paternal home in Lower Mahanoy township. He obtained his education in the subscription schools and at Freeburg Academy. When about fifteen years old he became clerk in a general store at Georgetown (which is now known as Dalmatia) conducted by one Andrew Ditty, who was succeeded in the business by the firm of Ditty & Lenker, of which he

was the senior partner. Later Mr. Lenker withdrew and was succeeded by John Bingeman, the firm then becoming known as Bingeman & Ditty. Mr. Bubb was with Mr. Ditty about two years, at the end of which time he became clerk in the general store of Peter Borel (name now spelled Burrell—it is of French extraction). Mr. Borel operated a general store and bought up grain, which was taken across the Susquehanna at Georgetown, by flats, to "McKees Half Falls," to the Pennsylvania canal, was loaded onto a Union canalboat, at Middletown, where the Union canal started, and went by way of Reading to Philadelphia, where the grain was sold. Mr. Bubb was with Mr. Borel for five years, until he and George W. Arbogast bought out the good will, stock and fixtures of Borel's store, the firm being Arbogast & Bubb. This association lasted three years, when Mr. Bubb bought out the interest of his partner and conducted it alone for two years. At the end of that time he admitted George Bordner to the firm, which became Bubb & Bordner for two years. When the Civil war began they sold out to Backhus & Ells, for whom Mr. Bubb continued clerking, also conducting the post office in the store. He was the postmaster during the two administrations of President Lincoln, from 1860 to 1866. He remained as clerk with P. S. Bickel, who succeeded to the general merchandise business of Backhus & Ells, and who was a justice of the peace many years, Mr. Bubb succeeding him in this office in 1869. He has continued to hold this office, by reelection, ever since, and in this connection has also been extensively engaged in surveying, conveyancing, etc., establishing his business as surveyor in 1880. He has written many wills, deeds, etc., and his reputation for reliable work is such that his services are in great demand. He is a true peacemaker, having by his friendly and wise advice settled many cases without recourse to the regular processes of law, thus saving those who consulted him, as well as the community, many thousands of dollars which might have been expended in useless litigation, to say nothing of maintaining goodwill between relatives and friends. He has clerked at many public sales. During 1908, 1909 and 1910 Mr. Bubb was badly hampered in his work by a cataract in the right eye; he has also an undeveloped cataract in the left eye. Having been a resident of Dalmatia from his youth he has seen the town improve greatly. It was laid out by one Gray, a deputy surveyor of Pennsylvania, in 1798, and the original name was Georgetown. In 1908 the name was changed to Dalmatia because of a Georgetown in Beaver county, Pa., causing errors in mail and freight shipments. Mr. Bubb owns a number of lots in the town, and has also a stone quarry of six acres.

Mr. Bubb is a Republican in politics, and he has served Lower Mahanoy township on the school board a number of years. He was one of the first



school directors elected in the township, in 1865, and helped to establish the free schools here, although he had opposed their introduction. At the time he was teaching subscription school, and he taught two terms of public school. He continued to serve as school director until 1888. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Dalmatia independent school district and the erection of the present four-room brick school building. All in all, he has been a highly useful citizen.

Mr. Bubb's first wife, Eliza (Roush), born Sept. 9, 1838, died April 8, 1861, leaving a son, William C. She is buried at Georgetown church. On Dec. 7, 1862, he was married (second) to Susan Sechrist, daughter of Christian and Elizabeth (Sechrist) Sechrist, and granddaughter of Christian Sechrist, whose wife's maiden name was Grace. To this marriage were born seven children: Pauline married Luther Albert; Lizzie A. died young; U. S. Grant lives at Milton, Pa.; Isaac N. died in infancy; Henry S. is a resident of Dalmatia; Lewis N., of Herndon, Pa.; Arthur S., of Philadelphia (he is a printer and works on the Philadelphia *Inquirer*). Mr. Bubb and his family are members of the Reformed Congregation of the Dalmatia Church, and he has served as deacon and elder for many years. He has an old German Bible brought to America by the Sechrists, who hailed from Switzerland, and in whose family it has been for several centuries. Though fully three hundred and fifty years old it is well preserved.

WILLIAM C. BUBB, son of Benneville M. Bubb, is postmaster at Dalmatia, where he was born Feb. 14, 1861. He was engaged at clerking in a store there for many years, first for P. S. Bickel & Son, later for Albert Schnee; and for two years he was engaged in the mercantile business at Dalmatia on his own account. On Aug. 29, 1897, he was appointed postmaster of Dalmatia, which is a fourth-class office. He married Sevilla Brosius, daughter of Napoleon Brosius, who lived at Mount Pleasant Mills, Pa., and they have one daughter, Mary Magdalene. Mr. Bubb and his family are members of the Reformed Church. He has a nice residence in Dalmatia. Politically he has been identified with the Republican party, was formerly committeeman from Lower Mahanoy township, and has been delegate to a number of county conventions.

FRED RICE, M. D., of Sunbury, has been engaged in the practice of his profession in that borough since 1901, the year after his graduation from medical college, and commands a large patronage, being considered one of the foremost physicians of his section. He devotes himself to general practice. Dr. Rice is a native of Schuylkill county, Pa., born in Butler township Aug. 17, 1875, son of Charles Rice and grandson of Frederick Rice.

Frederick Rice was born near Taylorsville,

Schuylkill Co., Pa., and died at Gordon, in Butler township. He was a farmer by occupation, and retired at a comparatively early age. His wife, Catharine (Carl), died in 1881, and they are buried at Kimmel's church, in Schuylkill county, both having been members of the Reformed congregation of that church. Mr. Rice was a Whig in politics. His children were: Edward, William, John, Charles, Alfred, Aaron, Louisa (married Charles E. Bergstresser, a passenger conductor on the Lykens Valley railroad), Arvella (married Elsworth Shoemaker, who is employed on the Lykens Valley railroad) and Mary (unmarried).

Charles Rice, son of Frederick, was born April 24, 1850, in Schuylkill county, and in his early life followed farming, later learning the machinist's trade in the car shops at Cressona; he is now one of the oldest workmen at Gordon. Since 1873 he has made his home in the borough of Gordon, in Schuylkill county, and he has served that community in the official capacity of school director. He is a Republican in political sentiment. He and his family are members of the Reformed Church. Mr. Rice married Isabella Seitzinger, and they are the parents of ten children: Dr. Fred, Margaret (who died of diphtheria, about 1883), Gertrude, Aaron L., Edith, Stella, Charles, Ruth, Cameron, and Beatrice (who died in infancy).

Mrs. Rice is a granddaughter of Jacob Seitzinger, a native of Berks county, Pa., born near Reading, who settled in Pottsville, Schuylkill county, where he was one of the leading men of his day. He built the "Exchange Hotel" at that point, the first hotel there, and prospered well in his business ventures, leaving a large estate. His wife, Elizabeth (Scott), was also from Berks county, and both are buried at Pottsville. Their children were as follows: Capt. Israel was the father of Mrs. Rice; Jeremiah owned and operated a coal breaker and owned and occupied a mansion back of the present courthouse in Pottsville; Isabella married George Palmer and they lived in Pottsville; Elizabeth married William Bigler (brother of former Governor Bigler, of Iowa); Nettie married Joseph Scuyler, who lived in Pottsville; Sarah married John Fernsler and they lived in Pottsville; Adelia married Charles Hipple, Esq., of Pottsville.

Capt. Israel Seitzinger was born Aug. 17, 1823, in Berks county, and came to Schuylkill county in young manhood, settling at Pottsville. He followed the livery business there for some years, and for many years was a railroad employee. Throughout the Civil war he served as captain of Company E, 116th Pennsylvania Volunteers. Captain Seitzinger was married at Pottsville to Margaret Heubner, of Schuylkill Haven, who survived him, dying Oct. 31, 1909, at the advanced age of eighty-four years. He died in 1889, at the age of sixty-seven. They are buried at Fountain Springs.

Schuylkill county. Ten children were born to this couple, namely: John L., Mary Elizabeth, James, Jacob, Charles, Isabella (Mrs. Charles Rice), Sarah, Harry, Franklin and William.

Fred Rice spent his youth at Gordon, Schuylkill county, and was seventeen years old when he graduated from the high school of that borough. Meantime, between school terms and after school hours, he had begun to work as clerk in the general store of Rice & Brother, there. He was a substitute teacher in the Gordon schools until 1896, when he matriculated at the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in 1900. While taking his medical course he further improved his time by spending his summers at the Fountain Springs State Hospital, at Ashland, and one year he was at the Williamsport Hospital. After his graduation he was assistant to Dr. Daniel Rice, at Hastings, Cambria Co., Pa., for some months, on Oct. 21, 1901, establishing his office at Sunbury, where he has since practiced on his own account. He is located at No. 256 Arch street. Dr. Rice has met with gratifying success in his profession, and has a large and profitable general practice which is a tribute to his personal worth as well as to his medical skill. His efficient services and conscientious attention to patients have won the appreciation of all who know him. He has taken no part in public affairs, his time being well occupied with his work.

On June 30, 1903, Dr. Rice married Emma B. Van Allman, daughter of William and Sue (Wall) Van Allman, of Blair county, Pa., both being from Frankstown, and two children have been born to this union, Carl F. and Paul V. The Doctor and his family are members of the Lutheran Church.

**HOLLENBACK.** The Hollenback family is represented in various parts of Northumberland county, its members being specially well known in professional circles. Dr. D. S. Hollenback, a prominent physician and surgeon of Shamokin, is one of the best known medical practitioners in that section, and one of the oldest still actively engaged in that calling there. His brother Dr. Reuben H. Hollenback, and two of the latter's sons, are practicing dentistry; his brother Samuel Hollenback, a retired railroad man, is a respected resident of Fisher's Ferry, this county.

John George Hollenback, the first ancestor of the family in America, came from Germany with his two sons, Michael and George, arriving at Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 24, 1754, on the ship "Neptune."

Michael Hollenback, son of John George and grandfather of Dr. D. S. and Samuel Hollenback, was the founder of the family in Northumberland county. He was born in Germany, in Briesen, and was but five years of age when brought to this country. He lived in Upper Augusta township,

where he followed agricultural pursuits, owning the farm which is now the property of one John Snyder. His wife was Elizabeth Lantz, and he is buried at Lantz's Church in Upper Augusta township. Their children were as follows: Daniel; Charles, who lived in Upper Augusta township, and had a son Noah and daughter Mary (this family has died out); Henry, a shoemaker, who died at Selinsgrove (his wife was of foreign birth, and they had two children, the mother and one daughter dying; the other daughter, Elizabeth, married and moved to Nebraska); Samuel, a farmer, who died at Shamokin (he had sons Oscar and Theodore); Eliza, wife of Samuel Zimmerman; Hannah, wife of Charles Conrad; Catharine, wife of George Kramer; and Mrs. Haupt.

Daniel Hollenback, son of Michael, was born Aug. 3, 1803, and died in 1883, aged eighty years. He married Elizabeth Sherri, and of their children we have record of D. S., the eldest son; Samuel; and Reuben, born Sept. 1, 1841, mentioned elsewhere in this work.

D. S. HOLLENBACK, M. D., was born May 26, 1836, in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county. He received his early education there, in the local public schools, later attended the academy at Freeburg, and began his medical studies with Dr. Eyster, who afterward practiced at Sunbury. He was graduated from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in April, 1864, and soon after entered upon the practice of medicine and surgery in Shamokin, where he has since resided. His standing as one of the leading practitioners of Northumberland county has been gained by conscientious devotion to the duties of his profession, of which he is a foremost member in his locality.

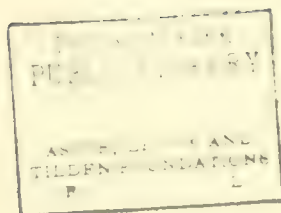
On Oct. 2, 1878, Dr. Hollenback married Clara Sober, daughter of Isaac Sober, of Shamokin township, and they have had one child, William W. Politically Dr. Hollenback is a Republican. He served as director of the poor in 1876, and was elected treasurer of Northumberland county in 1893, with a majority of 2,300 votes, serving until 1896. He is a prominent member of St. John's Reformed Church at Shamokin.

SAMUEL HOLLENBACK, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Sherri) Hollenback, was born in Upper Augusta township, April 5, 1839. He was reared in Lower Augusta, being trained to farm work, which he followed from early boyhood until he took a position, at the age of twenty-six, as laborer on the Northern Central railroad. He was then engineer for three years, from 1865 until 1868, and meantime, in 1867, had become track foreman. He remained in the employ of the same company continuously for a period of forty-three and a half years, until November, 1908, when he was honorably retired with a pension and pass. He has always been thrifty, and is now in comfortable cir-



*J. S. Hollenback*





cumstances, owning his own home at Fisher's Ferry and a small farm in Lower Augusta township, which latter property he rents out. He and his family are Reformed members of the Elias Union Church in Lower Augusta township. Politically he is a Republican.

On May 16, 1867, Mr. Hollenback married Harriet Reitz, daughter of Abraham and Susan (Treon) Reitz, of Swabian Creek, this county, and granddaughter of Michael Reitz, who lived to the age of ninety-five years. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hollenback, two of whom died in infancy. The others are: S. Elizabeth married A. W. Baer and they live in Sunbury; Sallie married Fred Seaman, who was from Snyder county, Pa., and they live at Sunbury; John H. lives in Lower Augusta township; George E. is a resident of Sunbury; Katie married Francis Gamberling, and they live at Selinsgrove, Pa.; Lottie is the wife of William Engely, of Sunbury.

**BARTHOLOMEW.** The Bartholomew family has been settled in what is now Rockefeller township, this county, since the early days, the brothers James W. and John L. Bartholomew being members of the fourth generation of Bartholomews resident in Northumberland county. James W., senior member of the firm of Bartholomew & Jarrett, coal dealers of Sunbury, is also engaged in the marble and granite business at that point. John L. Bartholomew is in the stone cutting business and operates a quarry.

William Bartholomew, great-grandfather of James W. Bartholomew, was born in Chester county, Pa., and married Elizabeth Miller, who was from the same section. Some of their children were born before their removal to Northumberland county. They settled in what is now Rockefeller township, Mr. Bartholomew owning a farm in the Plum Creek district (the place later owned by Solomon S. Snyder), and he also followed his trade of wheelwright. He and his wife are buried at Augustaville. They had the following children: William; Jacob; John M.; Mary, who married Daniel Bloom; Elizabeth, who married William Bloom, brother of Daniel; Hannah, who married John Kreeger; Catharine, who married Jonathan Fasold; and Sarah, who married Dr. John Raker.

William Bartholomew, son of William and Elizabeth (Miller) Bartholomew, was born in 1797 in Berks county, Pa., came to Northumberland county with his parents, and followed farming throughout his active years. He lived in Rockefeller township, after his marriage settling near Emanuel church, in the Plum Creek section, where he died in 1860. He and his wife were Lutherans in religion, and he is buried at Lantz's church there. His wife, who survived him many years, was Susan Elizabeth Wolf, and they were the parents of the

teen children: Mary (Polly), Mrs. William Taylor, of Shamokin township, this county; Julian, Mrs. John Strasse; Anna Eliza, who married William Conrath and (second) Michael Smith, of Shamokin township; Amanda, Mrs. Nathan Eister; Hester, Mrs. Ambrose Taylor, of Shamokin township; Elizabeth, who died young; Henry, born Nov. 3, 1821, who married Mary M. Shipe; William; Charles; Joel, of Shamokin township; Valentine; Harvey H., who lived at Kendall Creek, McKean Co., Pa.; and Rev. Edward F., of Illinois.

Jacob Bartholomew, son of William and Elizabeth (Miller) Bartholomew, was the first of their family born in Northumberland county. He was a wheelwright and farmer, settling on his farm in the Plum Creek district in 1831, from which time until his death he farmed and worked at his trade. He was born Sept. 19, 1803, and died Feb. 11, 1877, and is buried at the Plum Creek church - the Eden Evangelical Lutheran Church. He married Catharine Bloom, of the same township, born May 7, 1807, died April 7, 1870, and they were the parents of twelve children, viz.: Mary, born Nov. 7, 1826, who married Samuel Zimmerman; Peter, born Oct. 20, 1828, who died March 29, 1902 (he lived in Rockefeller township); Maggie, Mrs. Henry Zimmerman; Jacob B.; Elizabeth, Mrs. Daniel Fasold; John, who died at Sunbury; Lot, who lives in Upper Augusta township; Sarah, who died young; Hulda, who has never married; William; Daniel; and one who died young. Four of this family survive, Mrs. Mary Zimmerman, Mrs. Elizabeth Fasold, Lot and Hulda. Miss Hulda Bartholomew attended to the wants of her parents faithfully in their declining years, nursing them both in their last illness, and she also nursed her sister Maggie, who was paralyzed.

John M. Bartholomew, son of William and Elizabeth (Miller) Bartholomew, lived in the Plum Creek section of Rockefeller township, in his early life working on the farm and teaching school. He then moved to Sunbury, where for some years he conducted a livery, later working in the railroad shops, where he met with an accident, losing part of his hand. He married Eve Bennett, and they had four children: Emma is a school teacher in North Carolina; Harry, unmarried, lives in Sunbury; Rebecca married Harry Heil; Cora taught school in Sunbury for a number of years.

Jacob B. Bartholomew, son of Jacob and grandson of William, was born in 1833 in Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, and lived in Rockefeller township until a few years after the Civil war. He was drafted for service in that conflict three times. Remaining to Sunbury, he there passed the remainder of his life, dying on the evening of April 16, 1902, when sixty-nine years old. He is buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery. Mr. Bartholomew learned the trade of stonemason, and also followed

stone cutting, and after his removal to Sunbury established himself in business there, laying pavements, etc. He gave employment to a number of men, and there are quite a few who learned the trade from him. A man who took an interest in affairs generally, he served as school director and tax collector in Rockefeller township, and while living there was an active member of the Lutheran Church at Plum Creek (where he was confirmed) which he served as deacon, later holding the same office in the church at Sunbury. Politically he was a Democrat.

On Jan. 17, 1856, Mr. Bartholomew married Charlotte H. Lyon, daughter of George and Mary (Leonard) Lyon, of Sunbury, the latter formerly of Lancaster, Pa. Four children were born to this union: James W. is mentioned below; Mary C. married Albert J. Spinner and they live at St. Louis, Mo.; Hattie married Ira D. Hanna and they live at Philadelphia; John L. is a resident of Sunbury.

Lot Bartholomew, son of Jacob and Catharine (Bloom) Bartholomew, was born on the homestead in Rockefeller township Sept. 17, 1844. He was educated in the local schools and learned the trade of stonemason, serving his full apprenticeship when twenty-one years of age. He followed his trade until 1895, for two years in partnership with Solomon Klase, and worked all through the coal regions at Williamsport and eastern Pennsylvania employing from three to twelve men. He bought his farm Nov. 29, 1899. It contains 100 acres and at one time was the Yost farm, later the Jonas Fry homestead. Before moving to his farm he resided in East Sunbury and was one of the first councilmen of the Eighth ward. He is a Democrat in politics and overseer of the poor, also fills the office of tax collector.

Lot Bartholomew was married in 1867 to Beulah Fahrensworth, daughter of Robert Fahrensworth of Shamokin township. Their children were: Elsie married Edward M. Noble and they live in Upper Augusta township; Minnie E. died young; Sarah C. died in infancy; and Rose M. married J. P. Van Dyke, a druggist of Sunbury. Mrs. Bartholomew died Jan. 13, 1887, aged forty-one years, and she is buried in the old Sunbury cemetery.

JAMES W. BARTHOLOMEW was born Jan. 11, 1857, in Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, and there began his education in the local public schools. He was ten years old when his parents moved to Sunbury, settling in the East End, and he attended for several years the private school of Professor Brown, who then had four assistants. In April, 1873, he commenced to learn the trade of marble cutting, which he followed for a time as journeyman, and assisting his father, who was then doing an extensive building stone business. In 1881 he engaged in the marble and

tombstone business on his own account, continuing same until 1892, when he gave it up because he found the marble dust injurious to his health. Meantime, from 1883 to 1888, he also ran a successful livery stable in Sunbury, and in 1889 he opened a first-class restaurant at No. 34 South Third street, having a hotel license. He carried this on for thirteen years, during which period, in 1900, he resumed his old line of business, establishing the marble and granite yard which he still conducts. In 1907, in partnership with his nephew, Charles F. Jarrett, he founded the firm of Bartholomew & Jarrett, dealers in anthracite coal, who are located at Third and Court streets. They are among the leading coal dealers in the city, and own the only coal elevator in Sunbury, having facilities for raising and depositing in bins forty tons of coal an hour. Their equipment is up-to-date and complete in every respect, their methods of doing business equally enterprising, and their standards gain and hold trade. Mr. Bartholomew has made a high reputation by a career of consistent integrity and fair dealing, and he occupies an enviable position among his business associates. He has not been particularly active in public affairs, though he served as a member of the borough council during the eighties. He is a Democrat in politics, a prominent member of No. 1 Fire Company and of the Americus Club, of which latter he is an official; he was a member of the governing board of the club for 1892, and is the only member of that organization who has twice been honored with election to the presidency.

In 1883 Mr. Bartholomew married Margaret L. Garinger, daughter of Charles and Deborah (Haas) Garinger. They have no children of their own, but have reared two nephews, Charles F. and Clarence W. Jarrett, sons of W. W. and Mary (Garinger) Jarrett of Sunbury, both Mr. and Mrs. Jarrett being deceased.

JOHN L. BARTHOLOMEW, son of Jacob B., was born May 8, 1867. He came to Sunbury when a babe and has lived here all his life. He obtained his education in the Sunbury public schools and at the age of fifteen learned his trade of stonemason from his father with whom he worked until the latter's retirement from business, and then worked with others in Sunbury. At the death of his father he became the owner of a flagstone quarry and other interests and now quarries flagstone from the quarry located in Upper Augusta township, employing eight men. This quarry is located on the S. H. & W. railroad, a branch of the Pennsylvania line. Mr. Bartholomew owns his home where he resides, No. 989 North Eighth street, Sunbury, and also has other real estate. In politics he is a Socialist. He and his family are Lutherans. He is a member of the Friendship Hose Company, of Sunbury, of which he was the organizer on Feb. 11, 1895, and he became



its first president, later foreman of the company and afterward secretary for two terms. The company has a membership of two hundred and is located at the corner of Tenth and Court streets, where it has fine quarters.

On Jan. 17, 1901, Mr. Bartholomew married Alice Marks, daughter of Cyrus Marks, of Center township, Snyder Co., Pa. They have three children, Mary Irene, Charlotte Florence and Margaret Rose.

**JOHN DANIEL**, a farmer of Jackson township, Northumberland county, belongs to a family which was established in this county by his great-grandfather, Heinrich Daniel. The Daniel family first settled in Berks county, Pa., upon coming to America, the emigrant ancestor settling there, in Bethel township, prior to 1754. He was a farmer and landowner. In 1790 Jacob Daniel (a brother of Heinrich, who came to Northumberland county) was living with his wife and seven daughters; in Heidelberg township, Berks county, to the east of Bethel, lived Godfrey Daniel, another brother. To this day there are representatives of the family in the locality where they first settled after their arrival in this country.

Heinrich Daniel, great-grandfather of John Daniel, was born July 6, 1755, in Bethel township, Berks Co., Pa., and coming to Washington (then Jackson) township, Northumberland county, located on a tract of 110 acres upon which he erected the original set of buildings. A log house he built in the year 1800 is still standing. On this place Heinrich Daniel lived from 1774 until his death, which occurred Nov. 7, 1841. His wife, Maria Magd., died in 1823, aged sixty-five years. Their home stood near the mountain. They had a number of children, among whom were Heinrich and John Adam, the latter succeeding to the ownership of the farm.

John Adam Daniel, son of Heinrich, was born June 8, 1795, was a lifelong farmer, and succeeded to the home place, retaining the ownership until a few years before his death, when, becoming lame, he sold it to his son Jared. After the latter's death it was purchased by his brother John, whose son Adam Daniel owned it subsequently, until 1907, in which year H. J. Donmoyer purchased it. John Adam Daniel died June 1, 1878, and he is buried at St. Peter's church, Mahanoy, where all the Daniels since the time of Heinrich, the pioneer, have been interred. He was a Reformed member of that church, and being a good singer was chorister there for some years. He was married three times, his first wife being Rosanna Wagner, his second Polly Rubendall and his third Esther Freymoyer, who was born Feb. 22, 1804, and died March 30, 1881. All his children were by the first union, namely: John is mentioned below; Elias died at Hepler,

Pa.; Joel lived and died near Hepler; Adam and Jared died on the homestead; Polly married Abraham Blasser; Catharine married Benjamin Rubendall; Lydia married Levi Drumheller.

John Daniel, son of John Adam, owned the old homestead on which he was born April 10, 1815. He died there Sept. 3, 1897, after a lifetime spent principally in farming, though he had learned the trade of shoemaker and followed it in his earlier manhood. In politics he was a Democrat, and he was a public-spirited citizen, taking a hand in public affairs and filling a number of local offices; he was supervisor of Washington and Jordan townships for a number of years. He also held various church offices, serving many years as elder. Mr. Daniel married Catharine Swartz, who was born Oct. 10, 1817, and died Nov. 13, 1897, and they are buried at St. Peter's church, at Mahanoy, in Jackson township. They had the following children: Elias, who died when twelve years old; Sarah, Mrs. Elias Crissinger; Emma, Mrs. Henry Crissinger; Adam, who owned the homestead until 1907 and now lives near Herndon, Pa.; John; and Catharine, who married Nathan Latsha.

John Daniel was born April 10, 1850, in Jordan township, son of John and Catharine (Swartz) Daniel, and obtained his education in the subscription schools of the home district, which afforded rather limited opportunities, however. He was reared as a farmer and continued to work for his father until his forty-eighth year. After his father's death he began farming for himself in 1898, in Jordan township, where he was located for five years, in 1903 coming to the place in Jackson township which he purchased that year and which has since been his home. He has a farm of eighty-eight acres, originally an old Latsha homestead and later known as the Henry Roger farm. Mr. Daniel is a substantial and respected citizen, and his affairs are in prosperous condition.

In November, 1885, Mr. Daniel married Louisa Kobel, who was born Jan. 16, 1858, in Cameron township, this county, daughter of Daniel and Eliza (Kerstetter) Kobel, and died April 17, 1909. She was the mother of one child, Charles Wilson, who was born Feb. 17, 1887, and is still at home with his father. Mr. Daniel is a Democrat in politics and of the Reformed faith in religion, he and his family worshipping at St. Peter's Church, at Mahanoy.

**CAMPBELL.** There is a numerous Campbell family in Northumberland county descended from Obadiah Campbell, a native of New Jersey who removed to this section in 1779 and located in Ralph township. He purchased a tract of 400 acres of what became valuable land (the south part of the village of Elysburg being built on

part of the tract) and built his own log cabin upon what later became the site of the residence of Davis Huff. This place continued to be the homestead of the Campbells for several generations. Obadiah Campbell was a tailor by trade, but never followed that vocation after settling in this county. He was a Presbyterian in religious faith and one of the organizers of the church of that denomination in his settlement, helping to build the old church between Snyderstown and Elysburg; he served as elder in same many years. Politically he was a strong Democrat, the leader of the party in his locality. His children were: Benjamin, John, James, Robert, Obadiah, Albert, Jane (who married Caleb Ely), Joanna (wife of George Ely) and Elizabeth. All were good singers and sang at the memorial service held at Sunbury at the time of Washington's death.

Robert Campbell, evidently son of Obadiah, above, born in New Jersey, was the first of the family to come to this county. He settled in Rush township and became one of the prominent citizens of that locality. His children were: Christopher; Abraham, who lived in Rush township and died in 1861 (he and his wife Jane had Robert, Duncan and David); Robert, who died young; James, who lived in Upper Augusta township (he married Polly Kline and had children Harmon and Robert); Elenor, Mrs. John Kline; Jane, Mrs. John; and Maria, Mrs. Sanders, who moved with her husband to New York State about 1830.

Christopher Campbell, son of Robert, was born in 1795 in Rush township, and died July 31, 1851, aged fifty-six years, six days. In 1823 he moved to Upper Augusta township, settling on the farm now owned by his grandson, James H. Campbell, where he owned 100 acres. He was a lifelong farmer, and gave the rest of his life to the cultivation and improvement of this property, on which he built the house and barn. His death was caused by a fall from the top of the barn, and he was buried at Klinesgrove cemetery. He was a Methodist in religious faith. Mr. Campbell married Sarah Kline, who died at her home in Upper Augusta township, Feb. 26, 1841, aged forty-four years, eleven months, fourteen days, the mother of ten children: Isaac died on the homestead; Rhoda married Samuel Oberdorf; Abraham, who remained with his father, died at the old home, of typhoid fever; Isabella married David Rockefeller; Catharine married Lewis Rockefeller; Elenore married Kelso Savidge and (second) George M. Forrester; Elizabeth J. married Bloomfield Carr and (second) Charles Haughwout and they live at Riverside, Pa.; Lemuel is a resident of Sunbury; Harmon K., born in 1837, died in 1870; Sallie (Sarah) M., born in 1839, married Charles P. Eckman.

Isaac Campbell, son of Christopher, was born

May 9, 1816, in Rush township, and died Dec. 26, 1896, on his farm in Upper Augusta township. He received a common school education. In his early life he was employed on the construction of the Pennsylvania canal, and later became a boatman on that canal, later engaging in farming and for many years in merchandising at Klinesgrove. He was the silent partner in the store there for many years, and was afterward extensively engaged in the milling business, at both Klinesgrove and Sunbury, conducting two mills, and giving employment to a number of men in his milling and agricultural operations. Able and energetic in his business affairs, he was also a useful man in the general affairs of the community, was one of the organizers and builders of the Klinesgrove Methodist Church and took some part in public matters. Possessed of force and character, he was the man chiefly instrumental in the construction of the church and the collection of funds for that purpose. He and his brothers, Lemuel and Harmon K., gave the ground upon which the fine edifice was erected, and he burned the brick and gave time and effort to the successful completion of the building, in which he took much pride. During the Civil war he rendered service to the government; he was public-spirited in local matters; served on road views and often as jurymen; and was a candidate for the nomination for sheriff of the county, but was defeated. He was a Republican in his political views.

In 1848 Mr. Campbell married Hannah C. Campbell, who was born in 1822 in Shamokin (now Ralpho) township, near Elysburg, daughter of Joseph D. Campbell. Until her death, April 3, 1911, she made her home with her son, James H. Campbell. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell had children as follows: Dr. John Moore, born July 18, 1849, who died in July, 1893; Rebecca, who married Joseph Eckman and lives at Snyderstown; Dr. Lemuel C., deceased, who was a veterinary surgeon of Philadelphia; James H.; and Flora H., who died when twenty-two years old.

JAMES H. CAMPBELL, who is engaged in farming on the homestead in Upper Augusta township, was born Aug. 22, 1858, and received his early education in the township schools. Later he attended the academies at Freeburg and Elysburg and the State Normal school at Bloomsburg, and was only seventeen when he began teaching, which profession he followed for twelve years. He was in Shamokin one year; Upper Augusta township, seven winters; Snyderstown, two winters; Evert school, in Upper Augusta, one term; Hile school, in Rush township, one term. Meantime, about 1884, he had become interested in the lumber business, and for a number of years after giving up teaching devoted his time principally to that line, being thus engaged in Center county, where



he bought 88½ acres of timber land. He had lumbered over about half of this acreage at the time of his father's death, and had employed as many as thirty men at one time. From 1882 he has been interested in farming, which he continued during his lumbering operations on a farm adjoining the homestead, and after nine years of lumbering he decided to give all his attention to agriculture, which he carries on yet. Since 1897 he has owned the homestead, which consists of 172 acres, and he also has an adjoining tract of sixty-three acres, all of which is under cultivation, Mr. Campbell following general farming. He is an intelligent and prosperous agriculturist, energetic and up-to-date in his business affairs, which are in a thriving condition. Since 1902 he has served as assessor of Upper Augusta township and still has four years to serve in that office, in which he has given general satisfaction.

On Feb. 17, 1881, Mr. Campbell married Anna F. Van Zant, daughter of Kinkade and Sarah M. (Vastine) Van Zant, and they have had two children: Verda died Jan. 6, 1902, of measles, after an illness of but two days (she was twenty years, one month, sixteen days old); Lessly I., born Dec. 25, 1882, lives at home with his parents; and Bessie A., who is an adopted daughter, is attending school. Mr. Campbell and his family support the Methodist Church.

Joseph D. Campbell, father of Mrs. Hannah C. Campbell, was a farmer, and lived at Elysburg. He is buried at the Baptist Church in Shamokin township. He and his wife Annie (Moore) had five children: Rebecca, Hannah C., Amos, Alma and Asenath.

LEMUEL CAMPBELL, a well known citizen of the borough of Sunbury, now living retired, was born Jan. 9, 1834, son of Christopher and Sarah (Kline) Campbell. He received a common school education and was reared to farm life, remaining with his parents, as was customary, until he reached the age of twenty-one years, after which he began farming for himself, in Rush township. There he resided four years, in 1860 becoming associated with his brother Harmon in the purchase of a mill at Klinesgrove, in the conduct of which he was engaged until 1866, meantime making his home at that place. Thence he moved to what is now the farm of Dr. Isaac Huff, who bought the place from Mr. Campbell, and in 1870 he bought a farm at Keefer station, in Upper Augusta township, this county, upon which he resided until his removal to Sunbury, in 1882. He continued to own the property, however, until 1905, when he sold it to William Hoover. Since his removal from that place he has been a resident of Sunbury, where he was engaged in business continuously until the fall of 1910. His first venture was as a dealer in farm machinery,

and he later added coal, being a retail coal dealer for twenty-six years before his retirement. He was the first agent to handle from the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company. For about five years he owned and operated a boat on the Pennsylvania canal, between Sunbury and Baltimore. Mr. Campbell has acquired a large amount of valuable property, owning a block 175 by 230 feet in the heart of the borough, lying between Fifth and Sixth streets, bounded on the north by Woodland avenue and on the south by Market street. He has refused a high price for this block. Mr. Campbell devoted himself faithfully to the management of his business affairs throughout his active career, but he served one term as councilman of Sunbury from the Eighth ward, to which position he was elected on the Republican ticket. He is a substantial citizen, esteemed by all who have had dealings with him, and has made an honorable record during his long residence in Sunbury. Socially he is a member of Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., of Sunbury. He and his family united with the Methodist Church.

In 1860 Mr. Campbell married Emma J. Smith, daughter of John and Eliza (Rockefeller) Smith, of Klinesgrove station, and they have had four children: Mary (married to J. C. Crawford), Dr. Charles F., Sarah Eliza (who died aged three years) and William Moore.

Charles Foster Campbell, M. D., of Sunbury, was born in Upper Augusta township, Sept. 17, 1867. He received his early education in the common schools, later attending Bucknell University, from which he was graduated in 1891, with degree of A. M. He then entered the University of Pennsylvania taking the course in the medical department, and graduating in 1893. He specialized in diseases and treatment of the eye, ear, nose and throat. After practising three years in Philadelphia he came to Sunbury, in 1896, and has since been located there. He is physician at the Mary M. Packer Hospital of Sunbury. Dr. Campbell is a member of Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., of Sunbury, of the County Medical Society, and of the State Medical Society, as well as the American Medical Association. He was married in 1896 to Lizzie Lee Enos, daughter of the late John M. Enos, of Delaware.

William Moore Campbell, son of Lemuel, was born in 1873 in Upper Augusta township. He was given a public school education, graduating from the Sunbury high school when sixteen years old, after which he assisted his father in the conduct of his business affairs. During the Spanish-American war he enlisted, becoming a member of Company E, 12th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, with which command he served until his death, from the effects of typhoid fever, Sept. 20, 1898. He had become a corporal while in the service, and in the army, as everywhere else he



was known, was recognized as a young man of bright mind and promising future. He was well known as a sharp-shooter, and had a medal of honor. As a bicyclist he enjoyed considerable local fame and had won a number of races; he made the round trip between Sunbury and Snyder-town, a distance of sixteen miles, in fifty to fifty-five minutes.

Obadiah Campbell, one of the sons of the Obadiah mentioned at the opening of this article, was born in New Jersey in 1776, and was a young boy when his parents came thence to Pennsylvania, in 1779. He was brought up on the farm in Ralpho township, part of which is now embraced in the south end of Elysburg, and eventually came to own his father's homestead, upon which he made his home for some years. He then made a settlement in Columbia county, upon a large tract of timber land which he had purchased, just three or four miles east of Elysburg, erected a sawmill and engaged in the lumber business which he continued all his life. He was a man of thrift and enterprise, and built up a business which kept his sawmill busy day and night, giving employment to a number of men. He had three hundred or more acres of land upon which there was good timber, his land extending to the creek which divides Columbia and Northumberland counties, and he cleared two farms there, both now owned by one of his grandsons, Ezra Yocom, whose mother was Jane Campbell. There Obadiah Campbell lived, worked and died, and he is buried upon that place, as is also his father, Obadiah, who brought the family out from New Jersey. They were Presbyterians, but many of the old Campbells are buried at the Sharp Ridge Church, which is a Methodist church. Obadiah Campbell was a man of note in his community in every way. He was, like his father, a strong Democrat, and wielded considerable influence in the local councils of the party, though he would not accept office. He was an active member of the Presbyterian Church, held offices in the church and led the choir for many years. He was captain of a military company for thirteen years. His death occurred July 27, 1865, and that of his wife May 27, 1866. Her maiden name was Elizabeth Shipman, and she was like her husband a native of New Jersey, coming to Pennsylvania when five years old with her father, Nicholas Shipman, who settled with his family in Rockefeller township. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell had a family of ten children, namely: Nicholas settled in Elysburg; Mary married William Thompson; Hannah married James Hile; Jane married Elijah Yocom; Obadiah S. is mentioned below; Elizabeth married and is deceased; Joanna married a McMirtry (or McMurtrie), who was from New Jersey and returned to that State (they had a son John and a daughter Maggie); John is men-

tioned below; Sarah married Shultz Knittle; Jackson settled on one of the two farms into which his father's 300-acre tract was divided. Elijah Yocom, his brother-in-law, coming into possession of the other.

Obadiah S. Campbell, son of Obadiah, was born Nov. 25, 1816, near Elysburg, was reared upon the homestead, and received his education in the local schools. He learned the trade of millwright, which he followed for the long period of thirty-five years, until he was fifty-five years old, building saw and grist mills in Lycoming, Columbia, Montour, Northumberland and Schuylkill counties; he worked at his trade considerably in the eastern part of Northumberland county, putting up five or six gristmills on Roaring creek. During part of the time he was engaged at his trade he lived in Columbia county. After giving up millwrighting he farmed for about ten years, living one mile east of Elysburg, on a farm in Ralpho township which he had purchased in 1852 in partnership with his brother-in-law, James Fox, removing there in 1856. The place contained 120 acres, now owned by Columbus Raup. Here Mr. Campbell carried on general farming until his retirement, in the spring of 1889, after which he made his home in Elysburg until his death, which occurred there in 1896. Mr. Campbell was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Sharp Ridge, where he is buried; he was active in the work of that church for a number of years, served many years as class-leader, and was faithful in all his religious duties. In politics he was a Democrat and quite active in the party, held various township offices, and was specially interested in public education, serving on the school board and assisting in the advancement of the schools whenever possible. In 1865 he was elected a justice of the peace of what is now Ralpho (then Shamokin) township, continuing to hold that office for a quarter of a century and giving eminent satisfaction in the discharge of its duties. Externally he was a member of the I. O. O. F. A public-spirited and intelligent citizen, ready to give his time and influence to all matters affecting the general welfare, he was respected and beloved by a large number of friends and acquaintances and left a name which will long be honored in the community.

On Jan. 9, 1849, Mr. Campbell married Eliza Teats, who was born at "Dark Corner," daughter of John Teats, and is buried by her husband's side at Sharp Ridge Church; she lived to be about ninety-six years old. They had children as follows: Oliver died in Michigan; Elmira (deceased) married Samuel Swank or Schwenk; John is a resident of Elysburg; Clement is a resident of St. Louis, Mo.; Edgar B. is mentioned later; Alvin died at Elysburg; Iva married Oliver Brady and they live at Elysburg; Lorin died young.

Edgar B. Campbell was born Feb. 14, 1855,

at Elysburg, Northumberland county, and was reared to farm life, working for his parents until after he attained his majority. In 1889 he began work in the car shops at Sunbury, where he was employed as car repairman for twenty-one years, until his retirement, Feb. 26, 1910. Mr. Campbell has had his home in Sunbury since 1889, but he spends his summers upon his farm in Rockefeller township, with the tenant on the place. The property consists of 110 acres situated on the Tulpehocken road, which he purchased from Isaac Lepley in 1904, and was formerly the George Conrad homestead, later owned by Elias Enrich. Mr. Campbell is a Democrat in politics, and he and his family are Lutherans in religion. He married Annie George, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Schuler) George, of Columbia county, Pa., three miles east of Elysburg. They have had one child, William Kimber.

WILLIAM K. CAMPBELL, of Sunbury, who is regarded as the leader in musical matters in that borough, was born Oct. 21, 1880, and has lived in Sunbury from boyhood. He attended public school there, and began taking music lessons when twelve years old, in 1900 entering Combs' Broad Street Conservatory of Music, Philadelphia, which he attended four years, graduating in 1904. Returning to Sunbury, he began teaching music, violin and piano, and has since devoted himself to teaching and orchestra work, usually having about fifty pupils in Sunbury. He plays in the Chestnut street theatre and at Armory Hall, in Sunbury, and is the director of Campbell's Orchestra, of Sunbury, which he organized in 1905 and has led ever since. This is an ambitious musical organization and very popular throughout this region. Mr. Campbell has been notably successful in his chosen work, to which he is enthusiastically devoted, and he has labored faithfully to establish and uphold the most worthy musical standards in his community.

On Dec. 9, 1904, Mr. Campbell married Annie Ditty, and they have one child, S. Ruth. They occupy the comfortable home at No. 530 North Seventh street, Sunbury, which Mr. Campbell erected in 1907. He and his family are members of Zion's Lutheran Church.

The Ditty family located in Lower Mahanoy township, this county, soon after the close of the Revolutionary war, its founder being one of the Hessian soldiers who decided to remain in America. He is buried at the Zion's Union Church in Stone Valley, near Hickory Corners, where many of his descendants have also been interred. Members of this family still live in the neighborhood of Georgetown (Dalmatia), in that section of Northumberland county. Andrew Ditty, grandfather of Mrs. Campbell, married a Lenker, of Dalmatia, and his son Charles, Mrs. Campbell's father, married Sarah Arndt. They live in Sunbury.

John Campbell, son of Obadiah and brother of Obadiah S., was born Dec. 7, 1823, at Elysburg, and died March 8, 1908. He received a good education, and taught school for a time, also assisting his father in his business affairs. Purchasing a farm in Shamokin township, he lived thereon three years, and for three years was settled with his family near Waverly, Ohio, engaged in farming. Returning to Pennsylvania in 1859, he traded farms with his uncle, Caleb Ely, receiving a farm of 225 acres in Lower Augusta township, which tract is still in the Campbell name, being now owned by his son Delmer. It was originally the homestead of William Shipman (brother of Elizabeth Shipman, who married Obadiah Campbell), and the house which this pioneer occupied stood between the present home of Delmer Campbell and his neighbor to the east, Lincoln Troutman, standing on the left side of a public road that passed through the land; some of the foundation is still intact, and sour cherry trees grow around the spot. Here Mr. Campbell lived and died. He was a prosperous farmer, and except for the springhouse built by Caleb Ely about a hundred years ago erected all the present buildings on the premises. He was a useful citizen and active in local affairs, serving as school director twelve years, as township assessor and as overseer of the poor. In 1853 he married Mary A. Fuller, daughter of John and Phoebe (Maly) Fuller, natives of Lancaster county who came to Elysburg from Dauphin county, Pa. Mrs. Campbell died July 11, 1895, aged sixty-one years, eight months, ten days. She and her husband are buried at the Mountain (Hollowing Run) Presbyterian Church in Lower Augusta township, of which he was a leading member and for many years an elder, filling this office until his death. Their children were as follows: Georgiana married Henry C. Smith, of Lower Augusta; Theodore Alvin married Katie Reitz and they live in Jackson, Mich.; Clara Jane married Hall Yeager and lives at Shamokin; Delmer F. is mentioned below; Charles W. died of diphtheria when seven years old; Warren L. married Stella Reitz, and they live at Rising Springs, Center Co., Pa.; Miles H. died aged twenty-one years.

DELMER F. CAMPBELL was born Feb. 13, 1861, in Lower Augusta township, son of John Campbell. He obtained his early education in the local schools, and later attended summer Normal sessions at Dalmatia and Milton, then taught by the county superintendent and one Professor Geho, both men of high education, the latter a graduate of Princeton. When twenty-one years old Mr. Campbell received a license to teach public school in the county, and has taught fourteen terms in all, eleven in his native township—six years of this period in what is now Rockefeller township, which was then a part of Lower Augusta; one term in



the high school at Herndon: two terms in Lower Mahanoy. He is well remembered by pupils and fellow teachers as an educator of high repute, and he was always in demand while engaged in the profession. He has been a farmer from young manhood, and followed farming in the summer season while teaching. On Feb. 23, 1908, he came into possession of his father's homestead, upon which he now resides, devoting himself to the cultivation of this large tract, which contains 175 acres. It is located between Fisher's Ferry and Trevorton, in the southeast corner of Lower Augusta township, along the Little Mountains. He is an enterprising and progressive man, and has found farming very profitable. Like his father Mr. Campbell is a Democrat in politics, but he has never cared for public preferment and has taken no part in public affairs. He is active in church life, however, being a prominent member of the Mountain Presbyterian Church, which he has served as elder since he was twenty-two years old; he was treasurer of the church four years, and has filled all the Sunday school offices.

On June 23, 1890, Mr. Campbell married Thomson Speece, one of the seventeen children born to Anthony and Ann (Shipman) Speece, of Little Mahanoy township, the latter a daughter of Abraham Shipman, who served as associate judge of Northumberland county. To Mr. and Mrs. Delmer F. Campbell have also been born seventeen children, and another daughter of Anthony S. and Ann (Shipman) Speece, Ettie, wife of Ambrose DeWitt, also of Lower Augusta township, has the same number. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell are the parents of: Myrtle A., Ada V. (whose birthday is on Dec. 7th, her grandfather Campbell's birthday), Don Lee, Grover, John Anthony (named after both his grandfathers), Goldie, Ora, Alvin, Fay, Vera (who died of measles when three years old), Russell, Ethel, Lloyd, Elsworth, Elwood, Marvin and Theodore A.

**WILLIAM PENN HASTINGS**, late of Milton, Northumberland county, a newspaper man of that borough for over twenty years, died March 2, 1911. He was editor of the *Evening Standard* at that time.

Mr. Hastings was born Aug. 1, 1854, in Pittsburgh, Pa., son of Captain John Hastings, who married a daughter of Charles C. Gaskill, of Camden. He was but four years of age when his parents removed to Punxsutawney, Jefferson Co., Pa., where he resided until 1885. Mr. Hastings edited and published the Punxsutawney *Plain Dealer* when but sixteen years of age. In 1873 he purchased the *Spirit*, a paper started but a few months before, the publication of which was about to be abandoned. In twelve years he had made the *Spirit* one of the best paying country newspapers in the western part of the State. In 1885

he removed to Harrisburg and published the *Patriot* until the fall of 1886, when he established the *Evening Star*, now the *Star-Independent*. In 1887 he removed to Milton and assumed the management of the *Economist*, which paper was later merged with the *Record*. This paper was continued until 1909, when it was consolidated with the *Standard*.

With the exception of a year spent on a Virginia plantation Mr. Hastings made his home in Milton from the time of his removal there. In January, 1890, he established the *Weekly Standard*, which was made a tri-weekly a few months later. In May, 1900, he changed the paper to a daily, and under his management it increased rapidly in circulation and influence.

Mr. Hastings inherited a love for newspaper work, four generations of his family having been engaged in it. His grandfather, Thomas Hastings, published the first newspaper in Jefferson county, the *Backwoodsman*, the publication of which was commenced in 1838.

Politically Mr. Hastings was a Democrat. In 1884 he was a candidate for State senator in the Jefferson-Indiana district, but was defeated by twenty-three votes. In 1902 he was defeated for chief Burgess of Milton by but six votes. He served one term as school director and three terms as councilman of Milton, and gave the same arduous labor and devotion to his public duties that characterized his newspaper work. For many years he was an active member of the Pennsylvania State Editorial Association, being its vice president at the time of his death.

Mr. Hastings had an attack of paralysis on Monday, Feb. 27, 1911, while at his office, but though he seemed to rally at first he passed away the following Thursday evening at his home on North Front street. He was buried in the Milton cemetery.

Mr. Hastings married Emma L. Evans, daughter of the late John Evans, of Punxsutawney, Pa., and she survives him with five sons and three daughters: Mrs. Leon W. Budd, of Chicago; and Mrs. Harry D. Crane, Penn G., J. Edward, Percy W., Anna G., Berkeley V., and Frederic G., of Milton.

**JOHN HAAS**, for many years of his long life one of the leading citizens of Sunbury, was not only a successful man so far as his personal interests were concerned, but also gave his aid and influence to insuring the success of a number of enterprises affecting the general welfare of the borough and vicinity. He was not only interested in the material prosperity of his community, but in the promotion of educational and religious projects, of philanthropic affairs, and of public improvements which would benefit the greater number of his fellow citizens, he displayed a zeal and



degree of public-spiritedness which betokened an intelligent and unselfish interest in humanity generally. Mr. Haas was born June 22, 1822, near Bear Gap, in Ralpho township, this county, son of Daniel Haas.

Daniel Haas and his wife Eve (Reed) were natives of Northumberland county, and lived in Shamokin (now Ralpho) township. He was a farmer there for some years, but selling his farm removed in 1854 out to Indiana, settling in Newtown, Fountain county, where they passed the remainder of their lives. They had a family of eleven children, seven sons and four daughters, only three of whom now survive: William, of Indianapolis, Ind.; Julia A., who married Nicholas Y. Fisher and lives in Indiana; and Maria A., widow of Charles Leisenring, living at Bloomsburg, Pa. The deceased were: Peter; David; Jacob and Daniel R., all of whom lived in Indiana; John and Jonas, of Northumberland county, Pa.; Caroline, who married George Wicks, and Betsy, who married Charles Martz. The parents originally joined the Lutheran Church, but after removing to Indiana united with the Methodist denomination, there being no Lutheran Church in the town where they located.

John Haas attended at a log cabin schoolhouse, and among his early teachers were Albe C. Barrett, Jehu John and William H. Muench. He worked on a farm until he reached the age of eighteen, when his father apprenticed him to learn the trade of fuller and carder, with David Martz, at the mill located on a small stream near the present site of Paxinos. Thinking there were no prospects in that line for him he became discontented, and his father apprenticed him to Daniel Roads, to learn blacksmithing. But after one winter he found that equally uncongenial, and his father allowed him to choose his own way. He soon began clerking for his cousin, Jonas Haas, a merchant at Lineville, Lehigh Co., Pa., beginning at the modest wages of five dollars a month. At the end of one year there he returned home, and soon found employment at railroad repair work near Pottsville, being thus engaged for one year. After a visit home he again went to work for the same employer, at Pottsville, but within a short time came to Sunbury, Ira T. Clement having offered him work as a clerk in his general store. He was with him from 1845 until 1855. The latter year he became a clerk for Fagely, Seasholtz & Co., coal merchants at Sunbury, and in the fall of 1857 became a member of the firm, being associated for a time with William and Reuben Fagely under the firm name of Fagely & Haas, the name of the firm later changing to John Haas & Co. They were most successful, conducting extensive coal operations until 1872, in which year they sold their personal property to the Mineral Mining Company, continuing to deal in coal

however, until William Fagely's death. Mr. Haas retained his interests in the coal business until his retirement, some years before his death. During the Civil war period the firm shipped considerable coal to Baltimore and Philadelphia. While in partnership with Mr. Fagely Mr. Haas purchased four thousand acres of woodland in Lycoming county, Pa., and they had large quantities of lumber cut and manufactured from that tract, selling it at a comparatively small profit.

In 1883, when the Sunbury Nail, Bar and Guide Iron Manufacturing Company was organized, Mr. Haas became president, remaining as the executive head of that concern until he retired from the active management in April, 1890; he continued to serve as president until 1894. To the upbuilding of this, one of the most important industrial establishments of the borough, he gave his principal attention and best energies for a number of years, and much of its success was due to his efforts. Numerous other local concerns of considerable magnitude also counted him among their most effective promoters. He was one of the first directors of the Sunbury, Shamokin & Lewisburg railroad, now the Philadelphia & Reading road; a director of the First National Bank of Sunbury; and president of the Sunbury Water Company.

Mr. Haas was a member of the Lutheran Church for about sixty years, being associated with the church at Sunbury, which he served as elder for thirty-five years, being an important member of the church council, and as Sunday school superintendent for thirty years. The Sunday school of this church is a large one, numbering several hundred members, and Mr. Haas was able to do some of his most worthy work in that connection. He was treasurer of the Pennsylvania State Sunday School Association for one year; served as president of the board of directors of the Missionary Institute at Selinsgrove, now known as Susquehanna University; and was for a time a director of the Loysville Orphans School. In politics he was a Democrat until the formation of the Republican party, which he ever afterward supported, voting for John C. Fremont for President. During the Civil war he was an ardent Unionist. He died March 10, 1899, in his seventy-seventh year, after a life of all-around usefulness, such as falls to the lot of few men.

In 1846 Mr. Haas married Mary A. Green, of Jersey Shore, Pa., who died in 1855. To this union were born four children: Jennie Clementine, who married L. T. Rohrbach, of Sunbury, both being now deceased; John Packer, born Sept. 29, 1849, now deceased, who married Sarah Schoffley, of Lewisburg; Mary Alice, widow of Dr. C. M. Martin; and Louisa, who died in infancy. On Oct. 2, 1856, Mr. Haas married (second) Mrs. Ann Martin, daughter of Jacob and Hen-

rietta (Becker) Martin. Though now past eighty, Mrs. Haas is a remarkably well preserved woman, has an excellent memory, and is a pleasing conversationalist. The large residence at the corner of Chestnut street and River avenue, where she makes her home, was built by Mr. Haas in 1868.

Mr. Haas was a Mason, holding membership in Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., of Sunbury, Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M., and Crusade Commandery, K. T., the latter organization of Bloomsburg; he also belonged to the I. O. O. F. lodge at Sunbury.

Isaac Martin, grandfather of Mrs. Mercy Ann (Martin) Haas, was a native of Warren county, N. J. He came to Northumberland county in an early day, living two miles south of Sunbury, in what is now Upper Augusta township, on a large tract which he owned about four hundred acres. There he died, and he and his wife, Rachel (Bacon), who long survived him, are buried in unmarked graves in the old South cemetery of Sunbury, donated by William Penn as a place of burial. They were Presbyterians in religious faith. Two children were born to this pioneer couple: Jacob and Margaret. The daughter married Edward Harrison, and they lived at the "old dam" below Sunbury, in Upper Augusta township, where Mrs. Harrison owned much land. Their children were: Sarah Jane, who married Jacob Slough; Harrison, who died leaving a family; and Rachel, who married John Young.

Jacob Martin, son of Isaac, was born Jan. 30, 1802, on his father's homestead, and died July 29, 1849, aged forty-seven years. He was principally engaged assisting his father in the work of the home farm, which was located below Sunbury. His wife, Henrietta (Becker), born Aug. 30, 1800, died March 24, 1891, in her ninety-first year, and they are buried at Sunbury. They were Presbyterians in religion. Their family consisted of five children: Isaac, born Feb. 4, 1824, died April 6, 1891, at Port Carbon, Pa.; William B., born March 31, 1826, lived at Sunbury, and died March 6, 1893; Mercy Ann, widow of John Haas, was born May 31, 1828; Charles Follmer, born July 15, 1831, is a resident of Sunbury; Louisa B., born June 7, 1834, died April 18, 1908.

CHARLES FOLLMER MARTIN, son of Jacob, was born July 15, 1831, in Sunbury, on the site of his present home. He attended public school there, and was engaged at boating and various work on the Pennsylvania canal until 1864, after the war following different vocations until his retirement from active pursuits. After the flood of 1865 he had a contract from the borough for \$2,500 worth of work, "filling in" the streets which had been washed out. In 1862 he was in the Emergency troops called out to defend the State, serving as a member of Company D, 3d

Pennsylvania Volunteer Militia. He enlisted Sept. 12, 1862, and was honorably discharged Sept. 25th.

Mr. Martin is a Democrat, and in his active years wielded considerable influence in the local ranks of his party, being a leading member of the organization in Northumberland county. He served as county coroner, was an overseer of the poor for some time, and served as councilman of the borough.

On Feb. 20, 1866, Mr. Martin married Susanna Reinhart, daughter of Charles and Mary (Cressinger) Reinhart, of Sunbury, and to their union were born two children: John H. married Minnie Withington and has two children, Sarah L. and Elizabeth (they live at Hazleton, Pa., where he is freight agent for the Pennsylvania Railway Company); Sarah L. died unmarried at the age of twenty-two years.

HENRY HOOVER, business manager of the News Publishing Company, of Shamokin, publishers of the *Shamokin Daily News*, has been a resident of that borough for over twenty years and in the latter part of 1893 founded the *Daily News*, with which he has continued his association to the present.

Mr. Hoover was born in 1834 in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, where his parents, John and Mary Hoover, were pioneer settlers, moving thither from Bucks county, Pa., in 1811. He was one of a family of sixteen children. Working on a farm until he reached the age of seventeen, Mr. Hoover subsequently learned the trade of coachmaking at Catawissa and followed it until his enlistment in the Union army in 1862. He became a private in the 5th Pennsylvania Cavalry, with which he served until the close of the war, the regiment being attached to the Army of the James until March, 1865, when it joined Sheridan's Cavalry Division, Army of the Potomac. Mr. Hoover was wounded in the engagement near the Albemarle Sound, N. C., in October, 1863. After the war he located at Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he was engaged in business until 1888, the year of his removal to Shamokin, where he has become recognized as a substantial and valuable citizen.

On Dec. 11, 1893, in association with his son, J. F. Hoover, he founded the *Shamokin Daily News*, of which J. F. Hoover is managing editor. In 1902 C. C. Hoover, another son of Henry Hoover, became a partner of his father and brother, acting as circulation manager of the *News*. They do business as the News Publishing Company. A printing plant, for book, commercial and job work, is successfully maintained. The location is at the corner of Lincoln and Liberty streets, Shamokin.

On Dec. 30, 1866, Mr. Henry Hoover married Mary E. Bindley, of Pottsville, Pennsylvania.



JOHN M. BRIGHT is engaged in the lumber business at Seventh and Oak streets, Mount Carmel, to which place he came in September, 1900, having bought out his brother, Hunter F. Bright.

This Bright family has long been established in Pennsylvania, and is of old standing in Berks county, where Michael Brecht, as the name was formerly spelled, was married in 1728 to Margareta Simone. He was born in 1706 and died in 1794; she was born in 1708 and died in 1778. They had the following children: Jacob, born April 13, 1729; George, Feb. 9, 1731; Michael, March 24, 1732; Katherine, April 6, 1734; John, Feb. 20, 1736; Peter, May 13, 1738; David, Aug. 9, 1740; Maria, Aug. 1, 1742; Sarah, Jan. 19, 1745; and Christina, Aug. 12, 1747. A genealogical sketch of this Bright family, in pamphlet form, prepared by the late A. G. Green, Esq., may be found among the archives of the Berks County Historical Society.

Michael Bright, evidently the son of Michael recorded above as born March 24, 1732, was the great-grandfather of John M. Bright. He was born in Berks county, and was an early pioneer in central Pennsylvania.

Hunter F. Bright, son of Michael, was born in Lewisburg, Union Co., Pa., and passed many years in Schuylkill county, living at Minersville and later settling at Ashland. He died in Philadelphia at the age of ninety-nine years. He was engaged in the lumber business. To his marriage with Catharine Dreher were born four children: William H., Daniel, Harrison and Carrie (who married James Lawrence).

William H. Bright, son of Hunter F. and Catharine (Dreher) Bright, was born at Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., Nov. 27, 1831. He learned the saddler's trade, but did not follow it long, as he embarked in the hotel business and later engaged in the lumber business at Ashland, cutting most of the timber in that district. He died Jan. 11, 1896, at Reading, Pa., while on a visit, and was buried at Ashland. Mr. Bright married Anna Barbara Seitzinger, who was born Feb. 18, 1839, daughter of Peter Seitzinger, at one time a large landowner in Schuylkill county, who sold his property to the Reading Company. Mrs. Bright died July 26, 1902. She was the mother of a large family, namely: Kate, born Nov. 7, 1855; Adelaide L., born June 20, 1857 (wife of Rev. A. Stewart, a Presbyterian minister now located at Marietta, Pa.); Hunter F., born Jan. 18, 1859, who resides at Ashland, following the lumber business there and at Hazleton, Pa., and in the South (he married Laura Orth); Winfield P., born Oct. 16, 1860, who died young; Martin D., born Nov. 26, 1861; Eveline E., born May 11, 1865 (wife of H. A. Acker, of Reading, Pa.); William E., born May 26, 1870; John M.; and David J., born Nov. 19, 1877.

John M. Bright was born Dec. 27, 1873, at Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and there received his education, attending high school. He was thoroughly trained to practical lumbering by his father, and has been principally engaged in that business since he commenced his active career. In September, 1900, Mr. Bright located at Mount Carmel, having bought the interests of his brother, Hunter F. Bright, at this point. His yard is located at Seventh and Oak streets and is the center of a large trade, which is being steadily built up under Mr. Bright's excellent management. He is also agent for the Rubberoid roofing. With an extensive knowledge of his business gained by actual experience, and an enterprising spirit that is equal to the demands of modern successful operations, Mr. Bright has made a good start on a prosperous business life.

Mr. Bright married Bertha E. Slanker, daughter of David Slanker, of Gordon, Schuylkill Co., Pa. They have had two children, William and Marshall.

Mr. Bright is a member of the Elks lodge at Mount Carmel, and of the American Fire Company of Ashland, Pennsylvania.

JOHN H. VINCENT was for forty years before his death one of the leading and most estimable citizens of the borough of Northumberland, commanding a large and creditable legal practice, serving about twenty years as justice of the peace, and filling various other local positions of trust, in all of which he displayed intelligent zeal for the welfare of the community and a degree of public spirit which insured the best care of the interests of his fellow citizens. His son and namesake, John H. Vincent, is now engaged in general law work at that borough, making a specialty of civil law, and has been highly successful.

The Vincent family is of French descent. From a pamphlet containing a life sketch of the late John Himrod Vincent, father of Bishop John H. Vincent, born April 20, 1798, at Milton, Pa., died Aug. 13, 1873, we take the following regarding the origin and early history of the Vincents. The Vincents are from an old French family. The name is Latin, and tradition carries it back to the fourth century. The *Bibliothèque Nationale*, in Paris, contains a long list of Vincents of various provinces and lines, Roman Catholic and Huguenot. On account of religious dissensions many Huguenots emigrated to England, Germany, the Netherlands, Switzerland, South Africa and the North American colonies. There are many Vincent families in England. Several large families of the same name in America came directly from France, some from England and some from France via England and Holland.

John Himrod Vincent belonged to the family of Levi Vincent, who was born in Charente-In-



ferieur, on the west coast of France, and probably in the Canton of Rochelle, during the reign of King Charles II., April 10, 1656. He settled in New Rochelle, N. Y., and afterward moved to New Jersey, living in Newark township, where he died in 1763, aged eighty-seven years. His wife was Esther Debue, and they had one son, John.

John Vincent, son of Levi, was born Jan. 26, 1709, on the farm where his father died, and on Dec. 1, 1733, married Elizabeth Doremus, born July 13, 1711. She died Feb. 11, 1788, and he died Feb. 24, 1801. She descended from Anneke Jans Webber, whose father was Wolpfert Webber, her family records reaching back to 1600. The children of John and Elizabeth (Doremus) Vincent were: Esther, Cornelius, Rachel, Elizabeth, Elizabeth (?), Jane, Mary, Benjamin and Peter.

Cornelius Vincent, son of John, was born April 15, 1737, on his father's farm near Bloomfield, N. J., and died July 16, 1812, in Milton, Pa., at the home of his daughter Mary ("Aunt Polly Derickson"). In November, 1756, he married Phoebe Ward, and their children were Isaac, Daniel, Bethuel, Sarah, Benjamin, John, Elizabeth, Rebekah and Mary. (Further information in the pamphlet concerns only the posterity of Bethuel Vincent.)

Daniel Vincent, son of Cornelius, became the owner of about four hundred acres of land near Fort Freeland, lying along Warrior Run creek, and in the year 1799 built the first mill in the vicinity; it was remodeled in 1818 and is still standing. He did the work for the residents within a large radius and was very well known. He was at Fort Freeland when it was attacked by the Indians and he and his wife were taken prisoners, but she was sent back to her friends on horseback, while he was taken into Canada and held four years, during which time he acted as butcher for his captors. During one of his fights with the Indians he sustained an injury in the side which gradually grew worse and finally caused his death. He and many other members of his family are buried in the Warrior Run cemetery. He married Anglechy Huff, and they had children as follows: Phoebe, Isaac, John and Elizabeth. The old family property was divided equally between the two sons.

Isaac Vincent was born Oct. 21, 1783, on the old homestead in Northumberland county, and early in life took to agricultural pursuits. He inherited one half of his father's estate, and there lived throughout his life. His wife, Rebecca (Comly), was a native of Philadelphia, Pa., and they had children as follows: Ezra C., one that died in infancy, Nancy, Daniel, Charles, Caroline, Isaac, John H., Rebecca, Hannah M., Elizabeth, Comly and Henry Clay.

John H. Vincent, son of Isaac, was born Dec. 2, 1826, in Delaware township, Northumberland county, and received his early education in the public schools and at McEwensville Academy. He then taught school for some time, and saving his earnings was enabled to enter Lafayette College, at Easton, Pa., where he remained until he had passed the junior year. He then, with ex-Governor Hoyt of Pennsylvania and ex-Judge Schuyler of Northampton county, enrolled as a student at Williams College, in Massachusetts, from which institution he was graduated in 1849, after which he went to Charleston, S. C., and engaged as a school teacher. Later he removed to Alabama, where he also followed teaching, being private tutor for the children of a wealthy planter's family. After a few years he returned home and began his preparation for the legal profession, entering the law office of Gov. James Pollock, at Milton, and after a year taking up study in the McCarty Law School, at Easton. There he was admitted to the bar in 1854, and immediately began practice at Easton with Judge Schuyler as partner, remaining there until 1857. That year he located at Milford, Pike Co., Pa., where he resided until the Civil war. In 1862 he enlisted in Company B, 151st Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, was made second lieutenant before the company saw service, was later promoted to first lieutenant, and served as such at the battles of Chancellorsville and Gettysburg and in many skirmishes, receiving his discharge in 1863.

Returning to Milford, Mr. Vincent resumed the practice of law, which he continued at that point until 1867, meantime serving two terms as district attorney of Pike county. From that time until his death he was located at Northumberland, where he not only built up a large practice as a lawyer, among the most influential class of citizens in the locality, but also became a leading business man, being secretary of the Bird Coal & Iron Company. With the exception of one year, he was justice of the peace continuously from 1889 until his death; was solicitor of the borough; school director a number of terms; and filled minor local offices for several years. In politics he was a Democrat. In 1877 he built a large and handsome brick residence and office on Queen street, where he remained until his death, which occurred in 1909, when he was in his eighty-third year. He is buried at McEwensville.

Mr. Vincent's first marriage was to Mary C. Davis, daughter of John Davis, of Easton, Pa., and they had two children: Julia, who died at an early age; and May, who married J. W. Elliott, of Renova, Pa., now deceased. Mrs. Elliott now residing at Barnesboro, Pa. The mother died young, and on Oct. 9, 1867, Mr. Vincent married (second) Caroline Montgomery, who survives him. To this

union were born four children, John H., Caroline, William M. and Ella, of whom John H. is the only one now living.

JOHN H. VINCENT, son of the late John H. Vincent, was born March 7, 1876, in the borough of Northumberland, and there received his preparatory education in the public schools, graduating from the high school in 1894. He next attended Bucknell University, at Lewisburg, and for one year was a student at the Dickinson School of Law, at Carlisle, Pa., after which he registered in the office of Hon. Simon P. Wolverton, of Sunbury. On Dec. 18, 1899, he was admitted to the Northumberland county bar, and has since devoted all his time to legal practice, making a specialty of civil law. His office is on Queen street, Northumberland. Mr. Vincent enjoys the highest standing personally and professionally. His inherent aptitude for the law has been developed in practical work, and like his father he commands a clientele whose patronage itself is a recommendation of his ability. He is a Democrat in politics, a member of the Presbyterian Church of his town, and was formerly a member of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, which he joined in 1895. In April, 1898, he was mustered for service in the Spanish American war with Company E, 12th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and he was mustered out with that command in October, 1898; he was a corporal.

On Jan. 26, 1899, Mr. Vincent married Margaret Starick, adopted daughter of William A. and Mary (Dunham) Starick, the former of whom, now deceased, was in his time a prominent hardware merchant of Northumberland, and active in civic affairs in the borough. Mr. and Mrs. Vincent have one child, Elizabeth.

Mr. Vincent recently found a register of the genealogy of the Vincents written by one of his relations Aug. 22, 1822.

Mrs. Caroline (Montgomery) Vincent traces her ancestry back to Robert Montgomery, who emigrated to this country from County Armagh, Ireland, when thirty-two years old, and settled in Dauphin county, Pa. He located on the site of the present city of Harrisburg and was one of the first grand jurors of Dauphin county. He died in 1776, aged seventy-one years. To him and his wife Sarah were born five children: William, Thomas, Hugh, David and John.

John Montgomery, son of Robert, was born in Ireland, and was four years old when he came to this country with his parents. He grew to manhood in Dauphin county, became a farmer by occupation, and in 1773 exchanged an improved tract in that county for a wild tract in Turbut township, Northumberland county, making a trade with William Patterson. The deal proved advantageous for Mr. Montgomery, who started his life in the new region under better conditions than

most of the pioneers. But after getting his affairs in prosperous shape his home was attacked by a band of Indians and he was obliged to flee with his family to Fort Freeland for safety. There, on July 28, 1779, they were attacked by a party of over three hundred British and Indians. After that John Montgomery sought temporary refuge with his family at his old home in Dauphin county, near Harrisburg. When peace had finally been declared, in 1783, he went back to the home in Northumberland county, restored the buildings which had been destroyed, and erected a limestone house which is still standing. He continued his work on this place until Nov. 8, 1782, when he was killed by a falling tree while engaged on the building of the Derry road. At the time of his death he was fifty-eight years old. He had married Christiana Foster, who died March 2, 1821, at the advanced age of eighty years, and both are interred in the Chillisquaque burying ground. They were members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. John Montgomery had the following children: Robert, John, William, David, Jane and Sarah.

William Montgomery, son of John, was born at what is now Paradise, in Turbut township, Northumberland county, and succeeded to the ownership of the old homestead, where he followed farming all his life. He died Aug. 22, 1853, aged seventy-six years, and his wife, Rachel (Simpson), died in 1806, at the early age of twenty-six years. They were the parents of three children: Nancy, who married Robert Van Valzah, M. D.; John T., who married Hannah Hower; and William.

William Montgomery, son of William, was born March 7, 1805, on the old homestead, and early in life settled at Limestone Ridge, but later bought a fine property at McEwensville, where he engaged in farming. He was very successful, and owned a fine estate at the time of his death, which was caused by smallpox, in February, 1875. He married Molly Caldwell, daughter of John Caldwell, and they had children as follows: William C., who married Hadassa G. Dearmond; Mary Jane, who resides with her sister Mrs. Vincent, and who is the widow of John M. Thatcher, a hot water furnace manufacturer of New York; Caroline M., widow of John H. Vincent; and Sarah E., wife of Valentine S. Truckemiller, of Truckemiller's Mills.

PHILIP ECKMAN, late of Sunbury, was for a number of years engaged in business in that borough as a merchant and later as agent for farming implements, in which ones he did a thriving trade. His widow, Mrs. Harriet (Conrad) Eckman, still continues to make her home there.

Mr. Eckman was born in 1843 in Rushtown, Northumberland county, and was a great-grandson of Charles Eckman, the founder of the family in



this county. Charles Eckman was a native of New Jersey, and coming to Northumberland county settled in Upper Augusta township, many of his descendants now living in this section. His wife's maiden name was DeWitt.

Philip Eckman, son of Charles, had five sons: Charles, Isaac, John, Jacob and Abram. Of these, Charles married Elizabeth J. Kline and they had children: John Edgar, who married Theodosia Forrester, and died in 1868; Elisha M., who married Mrs. Mary E. (Reed) Campbell, widow of Harmon K. Campbell; Margaret, deceased; Clarissa Ann, deceased, who was the wife of H. C. Savidge and had children Grace and Edgar; and James D. Isaac, son of Philip, had children Col. Charles Eckman and David Eckman.

John Eckman, son of Philip, was born in 1817 and died in 1906, beloved by all who knew him. He was a conscientious Christian gentleman, for many years an elder in the Presbyterian Church, and the weather was never so severe that he could not be found in his pew. He married Theressa Mettler.

Philip Eckman, son of John and Theressa (Mettler) Eckman, was engaged as a merchant in Sunbury for many years, and later became a general agent for agricultural implements, in which line he was also successful. He died in 1904. He was a substantial citizen and highly esteemed by the many who knew him in both business and social relations.

On Oct. 1, 1868, Mr. Eckman married Harriet Conrad, who was born in what was then Upper Augusta township, now included in the borough of Sunbury. One child was born to them, Esther, who is a graduate of the Sunbury high school. Mr. and Mrs. Eckman also reared Gertrude Fausold Eckman, who is now the wife of Ammon Geise and has had the following children: Paul, Harriet, Charles W. (deceased), Henry Lee, Stanley Eckman, Esther, Gertrude and Philip Eckman. Since the death of Mr. Eckman Mr. Geise has assisted Mrs. Eckman in her business affairs. After the death of her father she erected a fine brick house upon the property her father left her. It is a pleasant residence, surrounded by a beautiful and well kept lawn, and she and her daughter have a comfortable home there. She has divided her farm into borough lots, most of which she has sold, and Mr. Geise has helped her in the division of the property and the sale of the lots. She is held in the highest respect by her neighbors and friends, who are numerous in the community.

John Conrad, Mrs. Eckman's grandfather, was born March 18, 1777, and died June 11, 1839. He married Julia Cooper, who was born June 1, 1778, and died Dec. 22, 1841. They lived on the hill near Sunbury, and Mr. Conrad gave his attention principally to the raising of fruit, having the largest orchard in the vicinity. He made a specialty

of peaches, which he took to market in such quantities that he used a six-horse team. Nine children were born to John and Julia (Cooper) Conrad: (1) Daniel married a Miss Wolfe. (2) William married Susan Huey and (second) a Bartholomew. (3) George married Esther Reiser. (4) Julia Ann married Henry Gass and had children, William, Jacob, George, Maria, Susan, Louise and Harriet. (5) Sarah married a Mr. Gehringer. (6) Elias, born June 20, 1819, died Jan. 27, 1849. His wife was a Gehrlinger. (7) Kate married a Mr. Cooper. (8) Ann Maria married Decaton Herb and had five children, Julia, Maria, Daniel, Decaton and Samuel. (9) Susan married Samuel Herb.

GEORGE CONRAD, son of John and Julia (Cooper) Conrad, was the father of Mrs. Eckman. He was born Aug. 26, 1808, in Upper Augusta township, and died May 17, 1877. His wife, Esther (Reiser), born July 26, 1811, died Nov. 11, 1886. They were the parents of the following children: (1) Catharine married Albert Beckley, and their children were Florine (married Charles Zerbe), Clara (married John Evert), Alice (died young) and Hattie. (2) William died young. (3) Harriet is the widow of Philip Eckman, of Sunbury. (4) Henry married Sophia Fasold and they had a family of seven, George M. (who married Della Burns and had a daughter Ruth), Cora (wife of W. P. G. Hoffman), Esther (died young), Charles (who married a Miss Lawrence and subsequently a Miss Eyster), Ida (wife of J. B. Gould), Emily (Mrs. William Scott, whose children are Thomas and Henry) and William. (5) Amandus A. married Mary Wise. (6) Gideon. (7) Silas married Ellen Clark.

WILLIAM B. LEWIS, general manager of the W. F. Tauble hosiery mills at Shamokin, Northumberland county, has risen to his present position of responsibility by faithful attention to duty and executive ability which has proved valuable to the large concern with which he is identified. He entered the business when twenty-one years old in an humble capacity and has made his way by intelligent service and unremitting application to his work. The concern occupies an important place in the industrial life of Shamokin and vicinity, giving employment to about five hundred and seventy-five hands at the mills in the city as well as to two hundred in the mill at Mount Carmel.

Mr. Lewis was born in March, 1869, at Camden, N. J., son of Enoch Lewis and grandson of Benjamin Lewis. The grandfather lived and died in New Jersey. Enoch Lewis was an engineer in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Company, on the ferryboats taking freight from Philadelphia to Camden. He died when only thirty-three years old. He married Rebecca Bishoff, who now makes her home at Riverside, N. J., and they had four



children: Wesley, Nettie, William B. and Elizabeth.

William B. Lewis received a common school education. He was first employed at firing on a steamboat for the J. W. Paxton Company of Philadelphia, at Pier No. 45, continuing at this work for five years. When twenty-one he began work in the hosiery business at Riverside, N. J., in the employ of William F. Tauble, as a stocking knitter, and by industry was advanced steadily until he attained the position he now holds. The company was incorporated at Shamokin Jan. 1, 1901, and on March 17th following located in a small building on Lincoln street. In October of the same year a one-story building was erected for the accommodation of the business, which was promising from the start, and the following year a two-story building was put up. In 1903 a large four-story building was constructed, and all of these buildings, which occupy an advantageous location on West Walnut street, Shamokin, are now used for manufacturing the output of seamless hosiery for which the Tauble mills have become famous. In construction and equipment they are first-class in every particular and a credit to the city as well as to the owners. About five hundred and seventy-five hands find employment in the mill at Shamokin. Several other mills are operated by the same concern, one at Mount Carmel, one at Philadelphia, one at Riverside, N. J., and one at Tamaqua, Pa., the combined output placing it among the most extensive manufacturers of seamless hosiery in the United States. Mr. Lewis, the general manager at Shamokin, is a busy man, well liked among those with whom he has dealings in any of the relations of life, and has earned the esteem and respect of his fellow citizens in Shamokin since taking up his residence in that city. He was one of the organizers and original directors of the new Dime Trust & Safe Deposit Company of Shamokin.

On March 31, 1891, Mr. Lewis married Laura Pike, and they have one daughter, Elizabeth, now the wife of Jacob Neihoff, of Shamokin. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis live at No. 1020 West Chestnut street, Shamokin. The family are Methodists in religious faith. Fraternally he holds membership in the B. P. O. Elks and the Jr. O. U. A. M.

**MOWERY.** This name is found in various forms here in Northumberland county, Mourer, Maurer, Mowery and Moury being common forms. This article pertains particularly to the three surviving sons of Daniel Mowery, Peter, Daniel W. and Harvey, the first and last named being residents of the borough of Shamokin, and Daniel W. living in Shamokin township, where he owns the valuable Brookside farm. All are worthy representatives of a name long and favorably known in this region.

The family came from Germany to this country, and first settled in Berks county, later moving to the Mahantango Valley, in Northumberland county. Peter Mowery, grandfather of the three brothers named, was born in the Mahantango Valley, and later settled near Edgewood Park, at Bear Valley (Shamokin), where he was among the first settlers. Subsequently he removed to Locust township, Columbia county, where he followed farming until his death. His wife was Magdalena Loudelsleger, and both are buried in Columbia county. They were the parents of a large family: Michael, who died in Columbia county; John, who died in Jefferson county, Pa.; Solomon, George and Peter, all three of whom died in Columbia county; Daniel; Sarah; Sophia; Fronie; Elizabeth; Leah; Sabina, and Catharine. The mother of this family had an experience typical of the time in which she lived. While they were living near Bear Valley she was attracted by a noise in the pig pen, and going to investigate found a bear trying to steal a pig. The men being all away from the house, clearing the land, she attacked the animal with a long-handled fire shovel and killed it.

Daniel Mowery, son of Peter, was born at Bear Valley. In his earlier years he followed farming, but he later became engaged at mining, and he was killed in the mines in 1855, when forty-five years old. He was interred in a small burial ground on the Mount Carmel road out from Shamokin. His wife, Mary (Yeager), daughter of John Yeager and his wife Sarah (McClow), of Columbia county, Pa., is buried in the Shamokin cemetery. They had the following children: John is deceased; Mary is the widow of John B. Snyder, of Shamokin; Caroline is deceased; Peter, Daniel W. and Harvey are mentioned below; Susan is the widow of Daniel Zimmerman; William died young; Lucy (deceased) married Washington Leiby and (second) Washington Fahringer.

**PETER MOWERY**, eldest surviving son of Daniel, was born Nov. 14, 1842, in Shamokin. He received his education in the schools of Columbia county, was reared upon the farm, and in his young manhood learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for some time at Shamokin and elsewhere in Northumberland county. In all he was engaged at his trade for about thirty years, being at the Big Mountain colliery about eleven years, and also at the Henry Clay, Nelson, Pennsylvania and Green Ridge collieries. Upon giving up his trade he was elected janitor of the McKinley school building, in Coal township, in 1906, and has since filled that position, which occupies all his time. He has long made his home in Shamokin, having built his present home, at No. 1111 Walnut street, in 1886. He is a respected citizen, well known in Shamokin and throughout Coal township. In politics he is a Democrat, in religion

a Lutheran. Socially he holds membership in the I. O. O. F.

On Jan. 5, 1868, Mr. Mowry married Mary A. Moyer, who was born March 10, 1852, daughter of David and Catharine M. (Cherry) Moyer, and fifteen children have been born to their union, namely: Mary C., born Nov. 9, 1868, married John A. Mengel; David died when seventeen years old; Ella R., born March 17, 1872, married William H. Ritche; Daniel H. was born Aug. 29, 1873; John W. was born Jan. 15, 1875; Ida S., born Nov. 19, 1876, married Wilson G. Yoder; Stella C. died in infancy; Clara E., born July 10, 1880, married Edward Hess; Alice W., born March 13, 1883, married Absalom Davis; Bertha E., born July 18, 1884, married Bert Goodman; Sarah M. died when five years old; Fannie A., born Nov. 6, 1888, died when eight years old; Florence M., born March 17, 1891, is at home; Carrie M. and Arthur E. died in infancy.

DANIEL W. MOWERY, son of Daniel, was born Jan. 31, 1845, in Columbia county, Pa., and received his education in the public schools. When nine years old he began to pick slate at the breaker, working thus one year. He then went to live with Daniel Keller, at Bear Gap, and while there enlisted for service in the Civil war, joining Company D, 95th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, under Capt. Charles Grosh, of Lancaster, Pa., the company being recruited from Lancaster county. He served one hundred days. In 1866 Mr. Mowery located at his present home in Shamokin township, which formed part of the old Persing property. He has erected all new buildings upon his land, and his property, known as the Brookside farm, is in up-to-date condition in every respect. He follows general farming and trucking, and has prospered steadily by dint of hard work and good management. Mr. Mowery is a good neighbor and well liked in his community, has served three years as township treasurer, is a very active member of the U. B. Church, which he has served as treasurer, trustee, class leader and Sunday school superintendent, and politically is a Prohibitionist. He is a man who possesses the courage of his convictions, and he has been influential in promoting the best interests of his locality. He is one of those interested in the Irish Valley Rural Bell Telephone Company, which has seven miles of wire, put up in 1909 and 1910 by fourteen enterprising men of the valley.

Mr. Mowery married Mary C. Zimmerman, daughter of Michael and Clarissa (Snyder) Zimmerman, of Columbia county, and they have become the parents of ten children: Laura, John and Ida all died young; Michael married Rosie Furman, and their children are Daniel, Ruth and Paul; Eva married Lewis S. Tharp, and they have had children, Mary, Beulah, Ida, Elva, Donald and Howard; Adam died when fifteen years old; Al-

bert died at the age of thirteen; Lottie died when ten years old; Ellis died at the age of eight years; Clarence D. is at home.

HARVEY MOWERY, son of Daniel, now living retired in the borough of Shamokin, was born Nov. 9, 1847, at Shamokin. He followed mining for a considerable period, being in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Company for about twenty years, retiring in the year 1910. Mr. Mowery owns a farm in Shamokin township, which he rents out, and has some valuable holdings of real estate in Coal township, at the limits of Shamokin borough. His home is at No. 826 West Pine street.

Mr. Mowery married Amelia Hartline, daughter of Joseph and Lydia (Rebuck) Hartline, and to them has been born a large family: Minerva, now the wife of Lewis Reed; William, who married Laura Hains and (second) Katie Noll; Daniel, who lives in New Jersey; Mary, wife of Harry Lake; Michael C., living at home; Edna, at home; Lucy, married to William Thomas; Malchom, who married Edna Persing; Ellis; Ruth; Clinton; Annie, deceased; Rosie, deceased; Edith and Ethel, twins; and a son that died in infancy.

Fraternally Mr. Mowery is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Black Diamond Lodge, No. 1092, and to the Encampment; and he is a member of Washington Camp No. 149, P. O. S. of A. In religious connection he is a member of the Reformed Church.

CHARLES WOLVERTON CLEMENT, attorney at law, of Sunbury, Northumberland county, is a native of that place and a member of one of its most prominent families. His grandfather, Ira T. Clement, long the most influential man in this section, was a man who not only acquired means and position by his own efforts, but also brought advantageous industrial enterprises into the region which benefited the entire community.

Joseph Clement, Mr. Clement's great-grandfather, served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war. He died on Staten Island, New York. In 1805 he married, in Sussex county, N. J., Hannah Hazen, and they had three children: Augustus, who married Caroline Lyons and died in Sunbury; Sarah, who first married a Mr. Hazen and later became the wife of Dr. Woodbridge, and raised a large family; and Ira T. Mrs. Joseph Clement married for her second husband Solomon Smith.

Ira T. Clement, born Jan. 11, 1813, in New Jersey, was a young child when brought by his mother to Northumberland county, Pa., where he spent the remainder of his life, dying Oct. 28, 1898. A more complete account of his life appears elsewhere in this work. In 1834 he married Sarah Martz, of Shamokin township, daughter of David and Magdalena (Shissler) Martz, and to them were born twelve children: Amelia, who died un-



married; Henry; Catharine A., who died young; David; a child that died in infancy; Mary Jane, who married John W. Bucher; Louisa, widow of Henry E. Moore; Sarah Frances, who married David C. Dissinger and survived him; Laura I., who married Dietrich James; Maria W., who died unmarried; and Grace and Emma, who died young. Only two of this family, Henry and Mrs. Moore, survived the father.

David Clement, son of Ira T., was born in August, 1840, in Sunbury, and was interested with his father and brother in the lumber business throughout his active career, continuing thus until his death, April 7, 1876, at a comparatively early age. On Nov. 2, 1866, he married Sarah Wolverton, a member of a prominent family of this locality, born Nov. 22, 1844, on the Wolverton homestead some miles below Sunbury, daughter of Dennis Wolverton, in his day a prominent resident of Upper Augusta township. Mrs. Clement continued to live at the home at Second and Arch streets, Sunbury, until her death, May 30, 1910, after an illness of over six months, and she is buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery. The funeral was conducted by Rev. R. R. Thompson, pastor of the Baptist Church, of which she was a lifelong member, faithful and conscientious in her Christian duties and in all other relations of life. She was also an active member of the board of directors of the Y. W. C. A. and of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Mary M. Packer hospital. Her many excellent traits of character and useful life endeared her to a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. She was the last survivor of her family, her brothers and sisters having all predeceased her. They were as follows: Horatio J. Wolverton, at one time a well known lawyer of Sunbury; William J. Wolverton, also a lawyer, and at one time county superintendent of schools; Mrs. Peter Snyder; Mrs. James Roland; Mrs. Thomas Snyder, and Mrs. William Kline.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. David Clement: Mary, who is the wife of James A. Watson, a patent attorney, of Washington, D. C., and has three children, Robert C., J. Angus and C. Harold; John W., who died in infancy; and Charles Wolverton.

Charles Wolverton Clement, born Feb. 1, 1875, at Sunbury, there received most of his preparatory education, in the local schools, graduating from the high school in 1892. He spent one year of his high school life at Washington, D. C. Entering Bucknell College, he graduated from that institution in 1898, with the degree of B. S., receiving his master's degree from that institution in 1904. Meantime, however, he had completed his preparation for the legal profession. He attended what was then known as Columbian University, at Washington, D. C., now George Washington University, graduating in 1902 with the degree of

LL. B., and supplementing his course with special work which won him the degree of Master of Patent Law in 1903. He was admitted to the Northumberland county bar June 23, 1902. While taking his law course he was associated with his brother-in-law, Mr. Watson, gaining practical experience in patent law, of which he too makes a specialty. He also studied for a time with Gen. C. M. Clement, of Sunbury. Remaining in Washington a short time after completing his work in the law school, Mr. Clement returned to Sunbury and has since devoted himself to practice in this locality. His office is in Room 322, in the First National Bank building, at which location he has done business since 1904. His patronage has been a creditable one from the beginning, and has shown a steady increase, his standing being irreproachable, whether from the professional or the personal standpoint. He is a member of the Sunbury Board of Trade.

Mr. Clement is a Republican in politics and is at present serving in the borough council as representative of the First Ward. His social connections are numerous, he being a member of Maclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M., of which he is at present senior warden (1911); Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M.; Mount Hermon Commandery, No. 85, K. T.; the Royal Arcanum; the Sons of Veterans; the Temple Club; the Country Club, of which he is president; the Phi Kappa Psi college fraternity; and the Bucknell Alumni Association. He is an attendant of the Baptist Church.

DR. A. T. DEWITT was born in 1837, in Augusta township, Northumberland county, and is a member of the DeWitt family here. In the early part of the seventeenth century, when the emigrant ancestors came to this country from Holland, they settled on Manhattan island, naming it New Amsterdam.

The records show that there were two brothers, one remaining in New York, while the other moved to New Jersey. About 1807 Paul DeWitt, a member of the New Jersey branch of the family, and grandfather of Dr. DeWitt, came with a number of other New Jersey families to Pennsylvania, settling in Augusta township, Northumberland county. He married Margaret Persing, and to them were born three children: Abraham, who moved to Philadelphia, Pa.; William, and Elizabeth, Mrs. Reppard.

William DeWitt, son of Paul, married Elizabeth Tressler, and to them were born seven children: Jacob, who married Mary Clark and had three children; Isaac, who married Elizabeth Cressiger and had seven children, two sons and five daughters; Paul, who married Abigail Shipman, and had five children, three sons and two daughters; William, who married Mary Latscha and had eight



children, two sons and six daughters: Matthew, who married Elizabeth Shipman and had two children, one son and one daughter; Moses, who married Lavina Strausser and had four children, one son and three daughters; and Abraham T., who married Sarah Renn and had four children, three sons and one daughter.

Dr. Abraham T. DeWitt, the youngest son, was reared upon a farm until he reached the age of sixteen years. He next spent two years at work in the mill of his brother William, and then took the opportunity to improve his early education, attending the academy at Boalsburg, in Center county, Pa. After that he began his experience as teacher, being thus engaged for one term in Snyder county, Pa., at the close of which he became a student at what then was known as the Freeburg Academy, in Snyder county. The following winter he taught school in Schuylkill county, and then again resumed his studies, at the Missionary Institute, now Susquehanna University, located at Selinsgrove, Pa. He began the study of medicine under the preceptorship of Dr. Caslow, of Halifax, Dauphin county, and in 1861 entered the University of Vermont, from which institution he was graduated June 9, 1862. Dr. DeWitt at once settled at Snyder town, Northumberland county, where he continued private practice until he took the examination for army service in June, 1863, and passing was soon appointed assistant surgeon, 54th Pennsylvania Volunteers, Emergency Men, for one hundred days' service. The command was sent out of the State, and Dr. DeWitt assisted in the capture of Gen. John Morgan, who was making his famous raid into Ohio. After receiving his discharge with the regiment, at the end of his term, the Doctor reentered the Union service, being appointed surgeon of the 2d Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery Regiment, within the fortifications at Washington, D. C., at the northeast; in 1864 he was transferred from the northeast to the southwest, Washington defenses. In June, 1864, the regiment was ordered to join the army under General Grant, took part in the battle of Cold Harbor, and subsequently marched to White House Landing, where the troops took transports for City Point. The regiment was the first to advance upon Petersburg, where they remained until August, at which time they were stationed at Bermuda Hundred, continuing at that point until Lee evacuated Richmond. They were then ordered to Petersburg, remaining in charge of the city until Jan. 1, 1866, when they were discharged by general order. While in the defenses at Washington Dr. DeWitt was a member of the staff of General Fairero, with headquarters at Arlington. During the summer of 1865 he was chief medical officer of the district of Roanoke, with headquarters at Berksville Junction, Va. He was mustered out at Philadelphia in 1866.

On April 1, 1866, Dr. DeWitt resumed the practice of his profession, at Snyder town, Pa., in 1878 moving to the borough of Riverside, where he has since been located. He has won a place among the most esteemed citizens of that place by his busy and well spent life. His skill as a physician has brought him a long list of patrons, to whom he is friend as well as doctor, and he is widely known in Riverside and the surrounding territory.

While at Snyder town, in 1873, Dr. DeWitt was elected a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, was reelected to serve in the same capacity in 1874, and in 1875 was elected transcription clerk of the House. Since becoming a resident of Riverside he has not been identified with public affairs as an office holder, but the establishment and maintenance of what is known as DeWitt's park is due to his efforts and is a worthy monument to his interest in the general welfare. It is a naturally wooded tract of some twenty acres, which has been well equipped for amusement purposes, with a pavilion 50 by 110 feet in dimensions, a dining hall 65 by 36 feet, and large ball grounds with a 100-foot grand stand. The park is well supplied with flowing water, cool and of excellent quality, conducted through the grounds from a spring. The spot is cool and beautiful on the hottest days, and the recreation ground has proved not only an improvement to the vicinity but a blessing to the many who take advantage of its benefits. The idea was typical of Dr. DeWitt. He is a man of kind and genial disposition, and in spite of his advanced years is remarkably well preserved.

Dr. DeWitt married Sarah Renn, who died July 2, 1906, at the age of sixty-six years. Of the four children born to this union one son died young, the others being: W. O., who married Luella Gruver of Nanticoke, Pa., and has children, Helen, Florence, John and William; Heber Loran, who married Anna Morrell and has two children, George and Sarah; and Cora Irene, who married William Mettler and has one daughter, Evelyn.

WILLIAM R. REINHARDT, general superintendent for the Mineral Railroad & Mining Company, whose offices are at Shamokin, has been a miner ever since he became a resident of that borough in 1871. A man who carries large responsibilities ably, a citizen of the highest standing, he is self-made in the best sense of the term, having won his success by industry and the most honorable methods. Mr. Reinhardt was born June 1st, 1855, in New York, and he is of German extraction, his father, William Frederick Reinhardt, having been born in Germany.

William Frederick Reinhardt came to America about 1853-54. After a short residence in New York he came to Schuylkill county, Pa., and he also lived several years in Lehigh county, thence

coming to Shamokin, Northumberland county. He died at Topton, in Berks county, of apoplexy, in 1892, at the age of fifty-eight years. By trade he was a printer, engaged in casting prints, but after coming to America he followed different kinds of outdoor work. His brother in Germany was a prominent citizen of Wittenburg and served as postmaster there. Mrs. Elizabeth Reinhardt, wife of William Frederick Reinhardt, was a native of Switzerland. She came with her husband to America, and died about 1898, at the age of sixty-seven years. They are buried at Topton. Both were Lutherans in religious faith. They had children as follows: William R.; Christian, of Topton, Pa.; Frank, of Shamokin, Pa.; and Emma, of Topton, who married John Dye and (second) John Brouse.

William R. Reinhardt received such educational advantages as the common schools afforded, most of his training, however, having been acquired in the fields of practical work. After he was fifteen years old he began working in the coal mines at Shamokin, starting as a laborer, and gained promotion by merit from time to time until he attained his present high position, the duties of which he assumed Jan. 1, 1900. During all this time he has continued to make his home in Shamokin, except for the two years 1898 and 1899, when he was general inside foreman at the Williamstown and Lykens collieries, which, however, were operated by the same company. He returned to Shamokin to take charge as general superintendent for the Mineral Railroad & Mining Company, having supervision of all the work in its seven collieries—Cameron, Luke Fidler, Hickory Swamp, Hickory Ridge, Scott, Pennsylvania and Richards. Over five thousand men are employed in the district, which is one of the important coal fields of Pennsylvania. The original concern, the Union Coal Company, had five collieries—all those above named except the Cameron and Luke Fidler, which belonged to the Mineral Mining Company. In 1904 the Union Coal Company was changed to the Susquehanna Coal Company, and in January, 1909, this was in turn absorbed by the Mineral Railroad & Mining Company, with offices at Shamokin. Mr. Reinhardt has been a director of the Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Company of Shamokin since 1900. He has not taken any active part in municipal affairs, except to give his influence as a public-spirited citizen to projects intended to advance the local welfare. He is a Republican in political matters.

Mr. Reinhardt is prominent in local fraternal circles, belonging to Lodge No. 256, B. P. O. E., of Shamokin; to the P. O. S. of A. at Shamokin; and to the Masonic fraternity, in which connection he holds membership in Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M., Shamokin Commandery, No. 77, K. T., Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading, and the Temple Club at

Shamokin. He is a member of the Lutheran Church and at present serving in the church council.

In 1877 Mr. Reinhardt married Amelia T. Sowden, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Williams) Sowden, of near Allentown, Pa., and they had one child, Elizabeth, who died of diphtheria and was buried in the same coffin with her mother, near Slatedale, Lehigh Co., Pa. Mrs. Reinhardt had been in poor health for about a year, and shortly before her death contracted a cold which ended fatally in April, 1883. Mr. Reinhardt's second marriage was to Alice Shipe, daughter of George and Rebecca (Hoover) Shipe, of Montour county, though her father was a pioneer of Shamokin and built one of the very first houses at that place. He was a lumber merchant in the earlier days, later a dry goods merchant. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Reinhardt: George died of diphtheria when six years old; Walter was a mining engineer and was killed in the mines while a member of an engineer corps; Harry is a mining engineer and lives at Shamokin; Robert and Florence are still at school.

SAMUEL SOWDEN was an Englishman, born at Liskeard, England, May 11, 1816, and came to the United States in 1846, settling in Northampton county, Pa. Here he was engaged in ore mining, employing a number of men, and he followed that business from the time of his settling there until his retirement from active pursuits. He was employed for a number of years by the Allentown Iron Company. Earlier in life he was a farmer in his native land. In 1858 he located at Ironton, where he lived until a few years before his death, when he moved to a location between Meyersville and the Iron Bridge. Here his death occurred Feb. 5, 1891, when he was aged seventy-four years, eight months, twenty-four days, and he was buried at the Egypt Church in Lehigh county. He always took an active interest in public affairs, and was a public-spirited man in the best sense of the word, never failing to lend a helping hand to promote the best interests of the community.

Mr. Sowden's first wife was Mary Elliott. She died in 1844 and was buried at Liskeard, England. They were the parents of two children: Hon. William H., born in 1840, who was twice elected to Congress from the Berks-Lehigh district of Pennsylvania, was a most popular orator and a strong and convincing speaker; and John, who emigrated from England to Australia, and who never married. Mr. Sowden married (second) Elizabeth H. Williams, also a native of Liskeard, born Sept. 27, 1827, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Sowden) Williams. Her death occurred Aug. 17, 1890, at the age of sixty-two years, ten months, twenty days. She was the mother of the following children: Dr. Ralph T.; Amelia T.,



who married William R. Reinhardt, of Shamokin; Edwin E., deceased; Jabez B., retired, of Slatedale, Pa.; Samuel, who died in infancy; and Maine E., who married Morris A. Lentz, of Slatedale.

GILBERT VORIS (deceased) lived for over fifty years on a farm in what is now West Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, in which region, in the territory embraced in either this or Montour county, the Voris family has been well known for many years. He was one of the most respected citizens of his community, a worthy representative of a name which has long been honored as standing for intelligence, integrity and sterling qualities of manhood and citizenship.

The first of the family to come to America emigrated from Holland and spelled the name Voorhees, as appears from the church record of Okey Voorhees, ancestor of the branch in which we are interested. But as the name at one time was written de Voorhees it is supposed the family is of French origin. It is known that three brothers, Okey, James and Abraham, came to this country from Holland and settled on Long Island during the seventeenth century, later settling near Trenton, in New Jersey, where they took up a large tract of land. Okey, the ancestor of the branch in Northumberland county, was born in either Holland or France, and as stated settled in New Jersey, where he reared a family. Eventually he moved out to Michigan, where he became a prosperous farmer, and a county was named for him. He died in Michigan.

Gilbert Voris, son of Okey, came about 1765 to Montour county, Pa., obtained a tract of over six hundred acres near Mooresburg, and died in 1797. He was buried in the old cemetery at Danville, now Memorial park, and when the question came up of changing the cemetery grounds into a park Mr. William Voris transferred the markers and remains elsewhere. Gilbert Voris was one of the founders of the Presbyterian Church at Danville. In New Jersey he married Jane McClanathan, who survived him and remarried, her second husband being John Carson; she died in October, 1816. She was the mother of four children by her second marriage, and four children were also born to her union with Mr. Voris, namely: (1) James settled in Liberty township, Montour county, and died at Danville. He married Anna Grey and they were the parents of fourteen children. (2) John is mentioned below. (3) Eleanor married Elijah Crawford and they became the parents of ten children. (4) Elizabeth married Peter Vandalang and had children: Adam, John, Gilbert, Jane, James and Peter.

John Voris, son of Gilbert, was born Aug. 29, 1791, and died April 2, 1863. By trade he was a carpenter, though he also followed farming. He was the most prominent contractor in his district

during his active years, building many of the most important structures in the locality, among them the old eight-cornered schoolhouse known as the Sodom school in Chillisquaque township, which he erected in 1814. In 1852 he purchased part of the Maj. James McMahan farm, known as the Teneriffe tract, for which his son's widow, Mrs. Gilbert Voris, now holds the original deed made by the Penns to the McMahans. The tract is now occupied by her son John L. Voris. Here stood the old fort, close to which Major McMahan was taken prisoner by the Indians. Later Gilbert Voris purchased more land in Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, until he owned about seven hundred acres, and he became very successful in his agricultural pursuits, being a man of great business ability as well as an intelligent worker. He retired when about sixty years of age. Mr. Voris married Sarah Hendrickson, who was born May 11, 1796, daughter of Adam and Catharine (Vandling) Hendrickson, and died May 11, 1874. Mr. and Mrs. Voris were members of the Methodist Church. They were the parents of the following children: Mary; Jane, born in 1819, who died in 1895, the wife of Joseph Kerr (1815-1876); Catharine; Peter, who had one child, Lizzie B., wife of Dr. J. S. Follmer; Gilbert; Elizabeth; Abraham; William, who married Anna Mack and had twelve children, Josephine (Mrs. Charles Blue), George M., Jennie (Mrs. Harry Kramer), Mary E., Bertha, John, Nellie (deceased), Okey (deceased), Anna G., Sarah L., Emma Caroline (married Edwin Murray) and William Edwin; John; and Ellen.

Gilbert Voris, son of John and Sarah (Hendrickson) Voris, was born May 3, 1826, in Montour county, and received his education in the public schools of his native township. Until he became of age he worked on his father's land, and in 1862 he purchased one of his father's farms, all his life continuing to engage in farming, in which he was very successful. Though a faithful Democrat in politics he always refused any offers of public office, but he was a very active worker in the Presbyterian Church, serving as president of the committee that had charge of the erection of the Chillisquaque Church at Pottsgrove, the fourth structure built by that organization. The first church building, erected in 1773, the oldest church in this vicinity, was burned by the Indians. In 1789-90 the second was erected, the third in 1853, and the fourth in 1889-91. Mr. Voris was not only a zealous church worker, but actively interested in everything that affected the welfare of the community, where he was held in the highest esteem. He died Jan. 26, 1904, and is buried in Harmony cemetery, at Milton.

On March 14, 1854, Mr. Voris married Harriet McWilliams, and they had a family of four children: (1) Anna, born March 14, 1855, married



Dr. H. M. Emerick, of Milton, and died Sept. 3, 1897. (2) John L. is mentioned more fully below. (3) Hugh McW., born in 1864, died young. (4) Harriet E., born Feb. 20, 1873, is the wife of Luther Moll and has three children, Sidney V. (born April 19, 1897), Anna R. (born Sept. 30, 1899) and Frank H. (born Nov. 8, 1906). Mrs. Voris now makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Moll, in Pottsgrove, whither she removed after her husband's death. She and her husband lived on the farm where they began their married life for over fifty years.

The McWilliams family to which Mrs. Gilbert Voris belongs has long been settled in this section of Pennsylvania. The earliest of the name of which we have record was her great-great-grandfather, Robert McWilliams, who married Jean Orr, by whom he had three sons, Hugh, John and Robert.

Hugh McWilliams, son of Robert, married Rebecca Dunwoody, and with his bride came to Montour county, Pa., where he took up some eight hundred acres of land.

Robert McWilliams, son of Hugh, was born in 1775, and in 1797 married Jane Curry, whose father, Robert Curry, was killed by Indians. To this union were born three children, Hugh, John and Mrs. Caldwell.

Hugh McWilliams, son of Robert, was born in 1799 and died in 1877. He married Rebecca Lemon, and they had children: Harriet, now the widow of Gilbert Voris; Regina (deceased), who married Dr. Smington; and Anna, widow of Frank Hain.

JOHN L. VORIS, son of the late Gilbert Voris, was born Aug. 6, 1858, in East Chillisquaque township, and there began his education in the public schools. He also went to school at Bloom and at Lewisburg. He has followed farming all his life, and in April, 1884, settled at his present home, a tract of 212 acres which was one of his father's farms, the famous Teneriffe tract, adjoining the old Voris homestead. In 1891 he built the handsome residence which stands on this property, one of the most beautiful homes in this region, up-to-date in every respect, and embodying all the conveniences found in metropolitan dwellings—a comfortable, commodious house which is a credit to the vicinity. It is located on the road between Lewisburg and Danville. Mr. Voris is one of the leading citizens of his district. He is at present serving his third term as member of the township school board, and he has always been among the first to support worthy movements in his neighborhood, of whatever nature. He was a member of the Grange and also of the State Grange, doing all he could to raise the standards of agriculture, in which he himself has been most successful as the result of progressive methods and well directed energy. Politically he is a Democrat, in

religion a Presbyterian, belonging to the old church at Pottsgrove which the family has so long helped to support.

Mr. Voris married Mary Hamor, daughter of William and Emma (Robins) Hamor, and they have had the following children: Gilbert, who married Grace Schell; Emily, who is at home; Frank, who died in infancy; and J. Harold, at home.

WILLIAM MACLAY, one of the first officials of Northumberland county and one of the two men who first had the honor of representing Pennsylvania in the Senate of the United States, left an impress upon the politics of the State and country more appreciable in the present generation than ever before. He and his brother, Samuel Maclay, who was the first representative of Northumberland and Dauphin counties in the Lower house of the National Congress, 1794, and later served as United States senator, were recognized as men of the highest influence and important figures in the life of their day. William Maclay served only two years in the Senate. But he helped to direct the course of the ship of state for a much longer period. Moreover, time has proved that his ideas, or more properly his ideals, were so far in advance of his time that he became almost discouraged in his hope of ever seeing them generally adopted. Yet to-day these ideas are by common consent the only ones which a high-minded statesman will acknowledge, the ones upon which he counts most to gain popular support. Mr. Maclay thought a man should enter politics with the one idea of serving his constituents to the highest and best of his ability; that he should receive their confidence on that basis; that he should be unhampered by the solicitations of selfish private interests, seeking to exalt the prosperity or promote the advantages of the few at the expense of the many. The project seemed simple enough. It was so big that though a full century has elapsed it is now only partially developed. But the evolution has been of a stable character. The theories which this broad minded and far-sighted legislator attempted to put into practice over a century ago are becoming crystallized in modern political standards.

Mr. Maclay was born July 20, 1737, in New Garden township, Chester Co., Pa., son of Charles and Eleanor (Query) Maclay. He was of Irish extraction, his father having been born in County Antrim, Ireland, a descendant of Charles Maclay, Baron Fingal. In 1742 the family moved to Lurgan township, Franklin Co., Pa., and there William grew to manhood. At the outbreak of the French and Indian war he was a pupil at the classical academy of Rev. John Blair, in Chester county; entering the military service as ensign, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant May 7, 1758, in the 3d Battalion, and served with credit in Gen-

eral Forbes's expedition in that year. In 1763 he participated in the battle of Bushy Run, and during the subsequent progress of Bouquet's campaign was stationed in command of his company at one of the stockades on the route of the expedition. Meantime, in the intervals of his military service, the young man had studied law, and was admitted to the bar, in York county, Pa., April 28, 1760. It does not appear that he ever devoted himself to legal practice, but he must have found his knowledge of the law extremely useful in administering the duties of the various public trusts to which he was called. Surveying was his principal occupation during his earlier manhood, and in that work he covered the vast tracts of wild land in the central and western parts of Pennsylvania. At the close of the French and Indian war he visited England and had an interview with Thomas Penn, one of the proprietaries, relative to the survey of lands on the frontier of what was then the "Province" of Pennsylvania, he being a deputy surveyor for the Penns in Berks county, which then embraced the whole northwestern portion of the Province. It was as a surveyor that he first became familiar with the territory of what is now Northumberland county. On Feb. 23, 1769, he made the first survey in the valley of the West Branch, Buffalo Valley, one of the tracts apportioned to officers of the French and Indian war, in which he shared by virtue of his own services. Thus he became a settler in the region he so honored by his able and public-spirited devotion to its advancement, and which in turn honored him by intrusting him with its most important public affairs. When Northumberland county was formed out of Berks in 1772 he became the first prothonotary and clerk of the courts, register of wills and recorder of deeds, receiving his commission March 24th of that year. The same day he was commissioned justice for the county, his later commissions to that office bearing the dates June 11, 1777, and Jan. 24, 1785. He served as prothonotary etc. until 1777. In 1772 he assisted John Lukens in surveying the town of Sunbury, and in the following years erected a stone dwelling at the northeast corner of Arch and Front streets, the most substantial and pretentious of the early private houses at the county seat, where he continued to make his home for a number of years. He subsequently moved to Harrisburg. He was a foremost advocate in his section of the Colonists' cause from the early part of the Revolutionary period. He "assisted in equipping and forwarding troops to the Continental army, and marched with the Associators" to the seat of war, participating in the battles of Trenton and Princeton. After his return to Sunbury he served as issuing commissary, and he fled with his family to Paxtang in 1778, his letter to the Council, written July 12th of that year, urging that reinforcements be sent to Colonel Hunter,

forming part of his correspondence relating to affairs in Northumberland county published in the Pennsylvania Archives. Mrs. Hunter, the Colonel's wife, accompanied the Maclays when they left Sunbury. Another letter of Maclay's written July 26, 1779, states: "The stores at Sunbury are deposited in my late dwelling house, which is large and conveniently situated, both for defense and the reception and delivery of stores. The back part of it was stockaded last year by Colonel Hartley; a small expense would complete the stockade and mount a few swivels, several of which lie there dismounted. . . . I have had the charge of the magazine at Sunbury for some time past."

After the war Mr. Maclay was steadily in the popular favor. In 1781, 1782, 1783 and 1785 he was elected to the State Assembly from this county, and in 1786 to the Supreme Executive Council, over which Benjamin Franklin presided. In January, 1789, he had the honor of being one of the first two senators from Pennsylvania to the National House of Representatives, his colleague being Robert Morris, who drew the long term. Mr. Maclay's services ended, therefore, March 3, 1791. Though his service in that capacity was brief, it included participation in some of the most momentous affairs in the organization of the national government. Thus he took part in the inauguration of our constitutional government when the First Congress assembled in New York in 1789 and Washington was invested with the Presidency. Senator Maclay enjoyed an intimate personal acquaintance with Washington and was a frequent guest at his table. He kept a journal during his senatorial term, in which he summarized the debates in both open and secret sessions, and the comments it contains upon the events of the first Congress now form valuable and important contributions to the history of the period. His journal has been published in book form with notes by George Washington Harris, and also in the *New York Sun*. Dr. Egle, in his "Pennsylvania Genealogies," throws a light upon Maclay's strength of character and influence which could not be gathered, naturally, from his own writings, and we quote the same as important to an insight of his real worth:

"His election to this body raised him upon a higher plane of political activity, but contact with the Federal chiefs of the Senate only strengthened his political convictions, which, formed by long intercourse with the people of middle Pennsylvania, were intensely Democratic. He began to differ with the opinions of President Washington very early in the session; he did not approve of the state and ceremony attendant upon the intercourse of the President with Congress; he flatly objected to the presence of the President in the Senate while business was being transacted, and in the Senate boldly spoke



against his policy in the immediate presence of President Washington. The New England historians, Hildreth and Goodrich, repute Thomas Jefferson as the 'efficient promoter at the beginning and father and founder of the Democratic party.' Contemporary records, however, show beyond the shadow of a doubt that this responsibility or honor, in whatever light it may be regarded, cannot be shifted from the shoulders or taken from the laurels of Pennsylvania statesmanship. Before Mr. Jefferson's return from Europe, William Maclay assumed an independent position, and in his short career of two years in the Senate propounded ideas and gathered about him elements to form the opposition which developed, with the meeting of Congress at Philadelphia on the 24th of October, 1791, in a division of the people into two great parties, the Federalists and Democrats, when for the first time appeared an open and organized opposition to the administration. The funding of the public debt, chartering the United States Bank, and other measures championed necessarily by the administration, whose duty it was to put the wheels of government in motion, engendered opposition. Mr. Maclay, to use his own language, 'no one else presenting himself,' fearlessly took the initiative, and with his blunt common sense (for he was not much of a speaker) and democratic ideas, took issue with the ablest advocates of the administration. Notwithstanding the prestige of General Washington and the ability of the defenders of the administration on the floor of the Senate, such was the tact and resolution of Mr. Maclay that when, after his short service, he was retired from the Senate and succeeded by James Ross, a pronounced Federalist, their impress was left in the distinctive lines of an opposition party—a party which, taking advantage of the warm feeling of our people toward the French upon the occasion of Jay's treaty with Great Britain in 1794, and of the unpopularity of the Alien and Sedition laws, passed under the administration of President John Adams, in 1798, compassed the final overthrow of the Federal party in 1800."

From the close of his senatorial career until his death Mr. Maclay resided upon his farm at Harrisburg, erecting the substantial stone building subsequently occupied by the academy of that city. His services to his community did not end with his retirement from the Senate. In 1795 and 1803 he was again elected to the State Legislature; in 1796 he was a Presidential elector and in 1801-03 he served as associate judge of Dauphin county. He died April 16, 1804, and was buried at Paxtang Church. In 1769 he married Mary McClure Harris, daughter of John Harris, the founder of the city of Harrisburg, and granddaughter of the renowned John Harris, who was rescued from being burned to death by the Indians on the river bank where the State Capitol is now located. Nine

children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Maclay, of whom Mary, fourth child and second daughter, married Samuel Awl, a prominent resident of Upper Augusta township, Northumberland county.

**MOESCHLIN.** The firm of J. & A. Moeschlin, incorporated, owners of the Cold Spring Brewery at Sunbury, was established in 1873 and has been in continuous existence since that time, doing a large business in the borough and surrounding territory. It was incorporated under the present name Jan. 11, 1911. The brothers Julius and August Moeschlin, originally composing this firm, were born in Baden, Germany, sons of Jacob Moeschlin, who was also a brewer by occupation.

Jacob Moeschlin was born in 1820 in Wittlingen, Baden, Germany, and learned the trade of brewer in his native land, where he was proprietor of breweries. Coming to America in 1866 he started a brewery at Norristown, Pa., where he remained three years, thence moving to St. Clair, Schuylkill county, where he was located for a short time before coming to Sunbury, Northumberland county. After a year and a half at this point he returned to the Fatherland to settle up his business affairs, in 1874 returning to America, where in the meantime his sons Julius and August had become engaged in the brewery business, at Sunbury. He started the Star Brewery at Williamsport, Pa., but after one year there came to live with his sons at Sunbury, where he passed the rest of his days, dying May 6, 1890, aged sixty-nine years, six months, two days. He is buried at Sunbury. His wife, Anna Maria (Noll), who was born in Baden in 1817, died Nov. 4, 1890, aged seventy-two years, eleven months, eighteen days (six months later than her husband), and is buried by his side in Pomfret Manor cemetery. They had two children, Julius and August.

JULIUS MOESCHLIN was born June 12, 1851, in Loerrach, Baden, Germany, and there received his education in the public schools, which he attended from the time he was seven years old until he reached the age of fifteen. At an early age he began to learn the brewing business in all its branches, so that he was familiar with the commercial side of the work as well as the trade practically from boyhood. In September, 1865, when in his seventeenth year, he came to America, landing at New York City. His father, who had come to this country the previous year, had a brewery at Norristown, Pa., and the son went there to assist him, spending his first few years in the United States at that point. In 1870 the father came to Sunbury, and Julius Moeschlin arrived there on Thanksgiving Day of that year, again to become his father's assistant. He became brewmaster for Joseph Bacher, who had established what is now the Cold Spring Brewery in Sunbury in 1865, and remained with him until 1873, when he and his



brother bought out Mr. Bacher and continued the business on their own account. During the thirty-seven years of their ownership the plant was improved and enlarged until there is little of the original establishment left to recognize. The site was chosen for its convenience, the first buildings—all of which have been replaced by modern structures—having been erected over a fine spring, from which the plant derives its name. The location is at Seventh and Packer streets, and the large and well equipped buildings are the best evidence of the prosperity the concern enjoys and of the intelligent manner in which the business has been built up. The output is large, and a good market is found in the home community and in surrounding counties. A considerable amount is sold at Northumberland. Employment is now given to thirty men, and fifteen horses and two motor trucks are required for the distribution of the product. On Jan. 11, 1911, after the death of Mr. Julius Moeschlin, the concern became incorporated under the firm name of J. & A. Moeschlin, and began business as such, on Feb. 1st with August Moeschlin as president; Edward A. Moeschlin, vice president; Reinhart J. Moeschlin, treasurer; John H. Otto, secretary and manager; Sophia C. Moeschlin and C. E. Sautters, directors.

Mr. Julius Moeschlin became one of the substantial business men of his adopted town, and he was interested in the Sunbury National Bank, of which he was a director from 1907. From 1901 he served continuously as a member of the school board, representing the Sixth ward. He died Dec. 14, 1910, aged fifty-nine years, six months, two days.

Mr. Moeschlin had numerous fraternal and social relations, belonging to Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., of Sunbury; Lodge No. 143, Knights of Pythias, of Sunbury; Lodge No. 89, I. O. R. M.; Aerie No. 503, Fraternal Order of Eagles; Conclave No. 11, S. P. K.; the Order of Moose; the Temple Club; the Lewisburg Club; the Concordia Saengerverein; and Washington Fire Company, which he served ten years as treasurer. He was a member of the First Reformed Church.

On Dec. 28, 1880, Mr. Moeschlin married Sophia C. Mulfinger, of Danville, Pa., and they had eight children, of whom two are deceased, the six survivors being as follows: Edward A., who graduated from the Sunbury high school in 1901, and from Wyatt's Business Academy, of New York City, in 1907, and who is now brewmaster in the employ of J. & A. Moeschlin; Mary H., a trained nurse of Sunbury, who graduated from the Philadelphia Women's Homeopathic Hospital in 1906; Catharine M. (who graduated from high school in 1903), who married Melvin G. Fahringer, of Elysburg, now the bookkeeper of J. & A. Moeschlin, Inc.; Reinhart J., who graduated from high school in 1906 and in 1909 from the Philadel-

phia College of Pharmacy as a druggist; Harriet E., who graduated from high school in 1908 and is now at home; and Annie L., at home.

AUGUST MOESCHLIN was born June 10, 1853, in Loerrach, in the Grand Duchy of Baden, Germany, and received a good education in the public schools of his native land, attending between the ages of six and fourteen continuously. For two years he attended night school. He learned the trade of butcher, but he did not follow it long, having given his principal attention to the brewing business. Coming to America in July, 1873, he was in Philadelphia for about two months, arriving in Sunbury Sept. 21st of that year. He and his brother purchased the brewery from Mr. Bacher, as previously related, soon after his arrival, and from that time conducted it together, August Moeschlin taking charge of all the outside work, looking after the horses, attending to collections and managing the farm—a most important branch of the work, the firm owning a tract of 170 acres in Upper Augusta township, this county, which they cultivate in connection with their brewing business. He is an able business man, and though not himself a brewer has thorough familiarity with all the needs of the work, doing his share toward the maintenance and upbuilding of the trade, which has shown a gratifying increase throughout the existence of the firm.

Like his brother, Mr. Moeschlin is well known socially, holding membership in the Elks, Knights of Pythias, Order of Moose, Odd Fellows, and Owls, all of Sunbury, and in No. 1 Fire Company. He belongs to the Lutheran Church. He is a director of the North Branch Fire Insurance Company, of Sunbury, and succeeded his brother as director of the Sunbury National Bank.

On Nov. 23, 1884, Mr. Moeschlin married Annie Fenstermacher, daughter of Isaac Fenstermacher, of Dalmatia, in Lower Mahanoy township. Eight children have been born to this union, two of whom are deceased, the survivors being: Gussie, who is now the wife of C. E. Sautters, collector and a director of J. & A. Moeschlin, Inc.; Elena M.; Frank F.; M. Ralph; Rachel V., and John K.

MARR FAMILY, genealogy of the Pennsylvania branch. Joseph Marr was one of the pioneers of Turbut township, Northumberland Co., Pa. He was born in Northampton county, Pa., June 15, 1750, the son of Lawrence Marr, supposed to have come to America from Scotland in the early part of the year 1700, who settled in Upper Mount Bethel township, Northampton Co., Pa., died (aged ninety years) and was buried there. On July 2, 1792, Joseph Marr purchased from the widow of Turbut Francis a tract of land, one mile square, a part of the tract known as the "Colonel's Reward," lying on the east bank of the

west branch of the Susquehanna river, embracing the northern part of what is now Milton, including the three farms north of that place. For this land he paid "four pounds per acre lawful money of Pennsylvania and a negro girl at the price of thirty pounds." He settled on the property in 1793 and immediately built a stone house beautifully situated on the banks of the river. It is still standing. In later years it was purchased from the family of Alem Marr, his son, by Moses Chamberlin. Joseph Marr died Sept. 18, 1796, aged forty-six years, and was buried in what was then the Marr burying ground, where the Lincoln street schoolhouse stands. Later his remains were removed to the upper cemetery, where they now rest. Mr. Marr was an earnest and consistent member of the Episcopal Church, in his day called the Church of England. On Aug. 18, 1794, he and his wife Susanna gave a tract of land, in Church lane, adjoining Upper Milton, to the trustees of the Episcopal congregation for burial and church purposes. He was one of the founders of the church of that denomination and the prime mover in the erection of the first church of that faith in Northumberland county. The church as an organized body dates back to 1793.

Mr. Marr married Susanna Price, who was born April 27, 1754, and died Dec. 27, 1826. Mrs. Marr, who was of Quaker ancestry, was the daughter of David Price and Hannah Frampton. Through her mother she was descended from William Frampton, of England, who was appointed by William Penn, Feb. 23, 1685, a member of his Council held at Philadelphia, commissioner of Kent and Sussex counties, 1685-86, was registrar general for the Provinces of Pennsylvania and Delaware at the time of his death, in 1686, and one of the signers of Penn's "*Actual Treaty* with the Indians in 1685 for the land of the present city of Philadelphia and the adjacent country out to the Susquehanna." Penn returned from New York the end of 1682. To this period belongs the "Great Treaty" which took place at Shakamaxon. Thomas Wescott, whose researches have exceeded perhaps any other, says there is no evidence that a "Treaty of Peace" or of purchase of lands ever was held under the great elm tree at Shakamaxon in 1682 by William Penn, and yet tradition is very positive on the subject. This pleasing transaction has been so fully engrafted on Pennsylvania history we hesitate to dispel it. The site of the elm tree is marked by a monument erected in 1827.

It is strange that for so important a matter as the Deed and Title to the lands which as Philadelphians and even as Pennsylvanians we occupy, we have no original treaty to show, but the fact is, as the records at Harrisburg show, that the "*Actual Treaty*" made for the lands, the present Phil-

adelphia and adjacent country out to the Susquehanna, was made in the year 1685 by Thomas Holme, as president of the Governor's Council, and was signed by William Frampton and seven other white men and eleven Indians. It is recorded in the Book of Charters and Indian Deed, Page 62, in the office of the secretary of State at Harrisburg.

The children of Joseph and Susanna (Price) Marr, all born at Upper Mount Bethel, Northampton Co., Pa., were: (1) Mary, born April 20, 1775, died Jan. 27, 1830. On Dec. 25, 1795, she married Robert Martin, lawyer, and they had four children, Jane, Susanna, Joseph Marr and James. Left no descendants. (2) Hannah, born April 20, 1776, died Feb. 24, 1857. (3) David, born March 14, 1779, died Feb. 14, 1819, unmarried. (4) William, born March 26, 1782, died Dec. 18, 1823. (5) Joseph died Oct. 5, 1804. (6) Alem.

Hannah Marr, daughter of Joseph, born April 20, 1776, died in Milton Feb. 24, 1857. On Jan. 12, 1797, she married William Hull, who was born in Sussex county, N. J., July 17, 1771, and settled in Turbut township, Northumberland Co., Pa., in 1792 or 1793. He died April 28, 1828, upon the homestead farm, which was a part of the original Marr farm. They were the parents of fourteen children, those who lived to maturity being: (1) David, born in 1806, died in 1886. He married Emily Rittenhouse and (second) Jane Welch, and had several sons. (2) Alem, born in 1808, died in 1842. He was drowned at the time of one of the big floods of the Susquehanna river. (3) William Price, born in 1813, died in 1876, unmarried. (4) Thomas Ryerson, born in 1815, died in 1886. (5) Sarah A., born in 1817, died in 1859. She married John H. Brown, and had children, Sarah, Emma and Frampton. (6) Hannah Maria, born in 1821, died in 1864. She married Robert M. Slater. No descendants.

Thomas Ryerson Hull, born in 1815, died in 1886. He read medicine and practiced his profession until his death in Milton. He married Elizabeth J. McCormick, and their children were: Margaret; Alem, a physician, living at Montgomery, Pa.; William, who married and has a family; Thomas; Elmer, a physician, living at Montgomery, Pa., who married Mary Weimer, of Lebanon, Pa., and has a family of three sons, Elmer, Alem and Weimer.

William Marr, fourth child of Joseph and Susanna Marr, married Mary Barber, and they had nine children, all born on the farm near Milton: Joseph, Phineas Barber, Susanna, Ann, James Barber, David Price, William H., Margaret and Alem Kennedy.

About 1826 William Marr erected the large stone mansion which is still standing on what was his portion of the estate. Later this became the prop-



erty of Edmund H. Heaton, who married Janette Dales, one of his granddaughters, the youngest child of David P. Marr.

Mrs. Mary (Barber) Marr was descended from the Maxwells and Kennedys of Scotland. Her ancestor, Thomas Maxwell, was of the Kirkoonel line, which had its home in the valley of the Nith, Scotland. Her great-grandfather, John Maxwell, with his wife and four children came from County Tyrone, Ireland, to America in 1747. Their eldest son, William, became Brig. Gen. William Maxwell of the Continental Line on General Washington's staff. Jane Maxwell married James Kennedy and they were the grandparents of Mary Barber. Her father and mother were Phineas Barber (born about 1747, died July 24, 1812) and Ann Kennedy (born about 1762, died Aug. 5, 1834), who married in 1779. The Kennedys were very prominent in the civil and religious life of Scotland, and men of position and influence in this country.

Alen Marr, son of Joseph and Susanna (Price) Marr, inherited the portion of the land adjoining to, and also that on which Upper Milton is built, and lived in the stone house built by his father. He was a lawyer of prominence and served two terms as a member of the United States Congress. He married Margaret Hunter. Their children were: (1) Isabel married Edward Shippen Thompson, who was descended from Edward Shippen, first mayor of Philadelphia. (2) Joseph, unmarried, was a farmer. (3) William, a physician, married Anna L. Ross, and had four children, three sons and one daughter. One son, who is a physician, survives, and the daughter. (4) Charles became a physician. (5) Margaret W. (6) Augustus is deceased.

Joseph Marr, eldest child of William and Mary B. Marr, born March 14, 1806, entered Princeton Seminary in 1832, and was ordained by the Presbytery of Northumberland April 22, 1835. After forty years of service as a minister and teacher, becoming infirm, he was honorably retired, and died at the home of his daughter Harriet, wife of Gen. Irvin Gregg. He was married three times, his first wife being a Miss Smith, of Milton. His second marriage, in 1835, was to Harriet Candor, sister of Joseph Candor, of White Deer, Union Co., Pa.; his third to Mrs. Catherine (Low) Van Slyke, of New York. The children of the first wife were: Catherine, born in 1825, who married David McCormick, lived in Harrisburg, and had children, Julia, Lizzie (married Mr. Phillips, of Philadelphia, had one child Catherine), Agnes (married and living in California), Nellie (deceased) and David (married and living in Harrisburg); John, who married and had a family; Joseph, who married and had two children; and William, unmarried. The second wife, Harriet (Candor) Marr, had one child, Harriet, who married Gen. Irvin Gregg, and had two sons, Irvin and Robert (Irvin

is married and has three sons). The children of the third wife of Joseph Marr, Mrs. Catherine (Low) Van Slyke Marr, were: (1) James married Katie Knight, of Philadelphia, Pa., and had children, James, Emily and Josephine. (2) M. Elizabeth married Frank Kellerman, of Kansas City, and had a large family. (3) J. Josephine married Julius Cornelius Donovan, of Philadelphia, Pa., and (second) Gustav A. Breaux, of New Orleans. Both her husbands were members of the Legislature of their respective States. Colonel Breaux was an officer in the Confederate service. Mr. and Mrs. Julius Cornelius Donovan had one child, Julia Cornelia, who was first married to Andrew Simonds, a banker of Charleston, S. C.; her second husband was also a banker, of Trenton, N. J. Mr. and Mrs. Simonds had one child, a daughter. (4) Angelina married Harry Knight, of Philadelphia, Pa., and lived for many years in Harrisburg, Pa. Mr. Knight died in Sedalia, Mo. They had four children, Joseph, Josephine, Horace and Harry.

Phineas Barber Marr, son of William and Mary (Barber) Marr, born Jan. 20, 1808, died Jan. 28, 1874. He was graduated at Jefferson College in 1830, and ordained to preach by the Presbytery of Northumberland county Nov. 13, 1834. He was stated supply at Williamsport, Pa., from 1833 to 1834; pastor at Lewisburg, Pa., 1834 to 1852. He was stated supply until his death, in 1874, at Lewisburg, Pa. He married Mary Graham, daughter of Alexander Graham and M. Margaret (Spyker), of Lewisburg, and they had eleven children: (1) Mary Jane married Dr. John E. Barber; no descendants. (2) William A., a graduate of Bucknell University, at Lewisburg, was a prominent attorney and judge at Ashland, Pa. He was unmarried. (3) Henry S., an attorney, married Caroline Gould; no descendants. (4) James H. graduated from the Lewisburg University in 1860, at Princeton College in 1862, Princeton Theological Seminary, 1865, and was ordained by the Presbytery of San Francisco, Cal., March 21, 1868. He was stated supply for five years: pastor at East Orange, 1870-78; pastor at Beacon Church, Philadelphia, Pa., 1881-93; died at Point Pleasant, N. J., June 1, 1895. He married Mary Graham, and they had two children, Mary (deceased) and Phineas. (5) Addison Graham, born Jan. 24, 1844, married Jan. 24, 1871, Margaret Winifred Sheriff, daughter of John W. Sheriff, of Lewiston. They had four children: William Price, born Dec. 31, 1871, attended the public schools of Shamokin, Pa., entered Lehigh University in September, 1889, and graduated in 1893; "Little Brother," born Sept. 5, 1875, died in 1876; Addison Graham, Jr., born June 5, 1877, attended public school in Shamokin, Pa., entered Princeton University in September, 1897, graduated in June, 1901; Phineas Barber, born Sept. 14, died



in 1880. (6) Margaret W. married Phineas M. Barber, lumber merchant and manufacturer and builder; no descendants. Mrs. Barber in carrying out the wishes of her husband built the "Barber Memorial Institute" at Anniston, Ala., for the education of colored girls of the South, at a cost of \$50,000. It was burned down, but was rebuilt by Mrs. Barber. (7) Helen married Joseph W. Crawford, lumber merchant and manufacturer; no family. (8) George Augustus graduated from Bucknell University, at Lewisburg, and the Theological Seminary of Princeton, was ordained for the ministry, and is living at Swarthmore, Pa. He married Helen Montgomery and they had three children, Montgomery (a mechanical engineer, a very bright and promising young man, of exceptionally fine character, who accidentally lost his life while testing some machinery), Helen, and a second son. (9) Caroline is deceased. (10) Henrietta married William Lister. (11) Walter is deceased.

Susanna Marr, daughter of William and Mary B. Marr, born Nov. 16, 1809, married Phineas Barber, of Fingal, Canada, July 1, 1834. They had five children: (1) Hannah married and is deceased; no descendants. (2) William. (3) John. (4) James. (5) David married twice, and had one daughter, Susanna.

Ann Marr, daughter of William and Mary B. Marr, born Dec. 1, 1811, died Jan. 20, 1874. She married Samuel Bowman, of Canada, and they had six children: (1) Josepha married Dr. James Gun, of Durham, Canada, Sept. 24, 1861. They had one daughter, Josepha Bowman, born June 29, 1862. Mrs. Gun died in July, 1862. (2) Albert. (3) James. (4) Jonas. (5) Henrietta married Feb. 13, 1878, N. A. Hughs, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

James Barber Marr, son of William and Mary B. Marr, born Feb. 26, 1814, died June 11, 1844. He read law in the office of James B. Linn, of Lewisburg, Pa., was admitted to the bar at that place, and became a member of the Clearfield county bar about 1839. He died a young man, leaving no family. His obituary was written by his friend William Bigler, afterward governor of the State.

David Price Marr, son of William Marr and grandson of Joseph Marr, was born Feb. 12, 1816, in the homestead near Milton, and died Sept. 2, 1864, aged forty-eight years. Though he died at a comparatively early age, he had made a signal success of his business life, his great industry, perseverance and good practical sense having won him notable standing among his fellow men. Possessed of fine executive ability, he was engaged in assisting to complete the system of internal improvements which had been so successfully commenced in his State. It would be difficult to mention another whose death was so generally felt and so sincerely lamented. In early life he was a farm-

er. Later he engaged extensively in railroad and bridge building for the Catawissa, Northern Central, Philadelphia & Erie and other roads. At the time of his death he was associated with his cousin, J. B. Moorhead, of Philadelphia, president of the Philadelphia & Erie Road, in carrying on railroad construction in the State of New York. He was also interested in manufacturing, having built and owned the White Deer Woolen Mills, later taking Benjamin Griffey in as a partner. After his death this property was bought by Ario Pardee, of Hazleton; the mills were destroyed by fire in 1878. The Presbyterian church in Milton which was destroyed in the great fire, which occurred May 14, 1880, was built by him. His industries were many and varied.

On Dec. 17, 1839, David Price Marr married his first wife, Hetty L. Davis, who was born in 1814 and died July 2, 1848. He married Jan. 23, 1850, (second) Harriet J. Matchin, born Sept. 11, 1820, daughter of Joseph and Janette (Hiatt) Matchin, of London, England, died March 30, 1896. The children of David Price and Hetty L. Marr were: (1) Anna Eliza, born Oct. 30, 1840, married Sept. 24, 1861, John A. Grier, who was born at Brandywine Manor, Chester Co., Pa., Jan. 9, 1834, and died at Chicago, Ill., Nov. 18, 1902. Mr. Grier was a member of the first class in the University at Lewisburg. He received his commission as chief engineer, U. S. Navy, from Abraham Lincoln, remaining in the service for ten years, and taking part in many of the naval battles in the Gulf and on the Atlantic coast. He also took part in the first attempt to lay the first Atlantic cable in 1857, between England and America. In later years he was engaged in manufacturing and different lines of electrical work. Mr. Grier was a member of the Franklin Institute of Philadelphia, and a companion of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. Mr. and Mrs. Grier had children: Margaret Graham, Thomas Graham, and Edward Robie. Of these, Thomas Graham, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania in mechanical and electrical engineering, is now in business in Chicago. Edward Robie, born at Mount Joy, Lancaster Co., Pa., is sales manager and vice president of the Arrow Electric Company, of Hartford, Conn., where he now lives. He married April 16, 1895, Lucy Parthenia Bosworth, of Lee, Mass., and their son, Edward Bosworth Grier, was born Dec. 9, 1897, at Chicago, Ill. (2) William Price, second child of David Price and Hetty L. Marr, born Nov. 20, 1842, died Aug. 30, 1850. (3) Mary Helen, third child, born Nov. 9, 1844, married June 6, 1864, Col. John McCleery, a prominent attorney of Milton, and a leading member of the Northumberland county bar. He was a son of Dr. William McCleery, born in Milton April 8, 1837, was educated at the old Milton Academy and at the Tuscarora Academy, and graduated

from Princeton in the class of 1858. Studying law with his uncle, ex-Governor Pollock, he was admitted to the bar just before the breaking out of the Civil war. He did not hesitate to subordinate his personal interests to the needs of his country. The beginning of June, 1861, found him at Harrisburg, as captain of Company H, 34th Pennsylvania Reserves. Twice he was severely wounded and June 30, 1862, fell into the hands of the enemy, and for a brief period was an inmate of Libby prison. He became lieutenant colonel of the 28th Pennsylvania Militia, but disability from his wounds made it necessary for him to retire from the army. Resuming the practice of law, he also interested himself in local business enterprises, being one of the founders of the Milton Car Works, in 1864, and later of the Milton Iron Works. He was president of the Milton Trust & Safe Deposit Company, which he had helped to establish. He was finally compelled by physical suffering to withdraw from all business and professional activities. As a soldier he measured up to a rare standard of efficiency. In private life he was an educated, cultured gentleman. For a number of years, he was a companion of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. The children of John and Mary Helen (Marr) McCleery were: Edward Heber, a graduate of Princeton University, 1888, who read medicine with his uncle, Dr. James P. McCleery, graduated from Jefferson Medical College, and is engaged in the practice of his profession in Kane, Pa.; and Margaret Pollock, who married Hasell Wilson Baldwin, of Pittsburg, son of William A. Baldwin, formerly general superintendent of the P. & E. and Northern Central Railway (Mary Shaw is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin). (4) Rebecca L., fourth child of David and Hetty L. Marr, born Feb. 11, 1847, died Aug. 4, 1850.

The children of David Price and Harriet J. (Matchin) Marr were: (1) William Price was killed on the Pennsylvania railroad, while crossing the track near his home. He was in his nineteenth year, and a student in his sophomore year at Princeton College, New Jersey. (2) Allen K. married Jan. 16, 1878, Ella L. Schofield, of Addison, N. Y., and lives in Prince George county, Md. (3) David Brainard lives in Prince George county, Md. The property on which he lives is a part of the estate that belonged originally to Lord Baltimore (the Calverts) and is called Mount Calvert. (4) Alfred Hiatt, who lives at Eagles Mere, is married and has two children, David and Harriet. (5) Janette Dales married Edmund Hunter Heaton, of Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 14, 1885, and resides in Milton. Their children: Harriet Marr (died in infancy), Mary and Emily. Mr. Heaton was born April 18, 1851, at Tamaqua, Pa., son of the late Reuben A. and Mary Heaton, the former of whom was a pioneer coal operator of the Schuylkill region, in which he became one of

the most prominent. When a young man Mr. Heaton removed with his parents to Ashland. He attended Canandaigua Academy, graduated from college as a mining engineer, and resided in Philadelphia from 1870 to 1873, when he engaged in coal operations at Raven Run, Schuylkill Co., Pa., being thus interested until 1885. He was associated with his brothers in the coal mining business in that county. From the time he took up his residence in Milton he took an active interest in the business development of the vicinity, and always displayed rare executive ability and sterling character, proving himself a most capable man in every respect and becoming one of the most prominent and influential citizens of the borough. He was a charter member of the Milton Trust & Safe Deposit Company, served as a director from the time of its incorporation until his death, and from 1901 to 1908 was president, retiring because of declining health. He succeeded his brother-in-law, John McCleery, in that position. He was president of the Pleasant Valley Cream Company, which under his management became one of the best in the State, and was interested in other corporations, always a leader in any movement designed to advance the interests of Milton. He died at his home on North Front and First streets, Milton, July 24, 1911, aged sixty years; and was interred in the Milton cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Heaton resided at "Maple Bank," the Marr homestead (which he bought from the heirs), from 1887 until a few years ago, when they purchased the fine property which has since been the family home.

Mrs. Harriet J. (Matchin) Marr's parents came to this country with the Priestleys in 1811 and lived in Northumberland, Pa. Her aunt, Maria Hiatt, married James Hepburn, afterward Judge Hepburn of Philadelphia, a brother of Samuel Hepburn, of Milton. Her maternal grandfather was Captain Hiatt, of the English navy.

William H. Marr, son of William and Mary B. Marr, born July 25, 1818, died May 24, 1894. He received his early education at the old Milton Academy, with James Pollock and Andrew Curtin (future governors of Pennsylvania), and later entered and graduated from Lafayette College. By profession he was a physician. When the Civil war broke out he entered the Union army as a surgeon. He also was interested in other lines and financially was very successful. He married Eliza Davis Baldwin, daughter of William and Mary Shaw Davis, of Limestoneville, Pa., and they had six children, of whom two died in infancy, the others being: (3) Mary Frances. (4) Allen died young. (5) James married Sarah Eyre, of Lewisburg, and had five children, Mary Frances, Helen, Edith, Carlton and William. James Marr is a farmer of Prince George county, Md. His winter home is in Washington, D. C. (6) Frank S. married Eliz-



abeth Buckingham, of Lewisburg, Pa., and they have children, Winifred and Judith. Frank S. Marr is a graduate of Bucknell University, was admitted to the bar and practiced law in Sunbury, Pa.; later formed an electric construction company, and has continued in different lines of electrical work, with headquarters in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Margaret Marr, daughter of William and Mary B. Marr, born July 15, 1820, married Dr. John McCollum, of Tiffin City, Ohio. Both are deceased. They had two sons, of whom one died young. Leon married, but had no children. By profession he is a physician.

Alen Kennedy Marr, youngest child of William and Mary B. Marr, born June 15, 1823, died Sept. 19, 1847. He was reading medicine with his brother, Dr. William H. Marr, at the time of his death, at Washingtonville, Pa. He died suddenly, of a congestive chill, cutting short a life that promised much.

History of the land bought by Joseph Marr from Turbut Francis.—The localities of the Indian tribes prior to William Penn's arrival (Oct. 24, 1682) have been identified as follows. The Six Nations occupied the territory north of the sources of the Susquehanna and the Delaware rivers. Land was purchased from them in 1754 and the New Purchase advertised by the land office Feb. 23, 1769. In 1764 officers who served under Colonel Bouquet made an agreement in writing with each other that they would apply to the Proprietors (the Penns) for a tract of land for their services, to be divided among themselves. One Col. Turbut Francis's tract was 2, 775 acres, surveyed to him in one tract, adjoining the tract bought by him in Montour, embracing what is called Turbut township. It was called the "Colonel's Reward." Joseph Marr bought part of this land from the widow of Turbut Francis in 1792.

**BENJAMIN APPLE**, editor and proprietor of the *Sunbury Daily Item*, and of *The Sunbury American*, a weekly paper, and present postmaster of Sunbury, has been engaged in the newspaper business since 1904, previous to which time he had for a number of years been prominently identified with the educational interests of the community.

Mr. Apple was born June 28, 1868, one mile west of Freeburg, Snyder Co., Pa., son of Benjamin and Martha (Graybill) Apple, and grandson of George Apple and of Rev. Christian Graybill. His paternal ancestors in this region came from Montgomery county. He was the youngest child and only son of his parents, who had also three daughters. Mr. Apple was only a year old when his father died. Living and working upon the farm in his boyhood and early youth, he was thrown upon his own resources at the age of four-

teen years, and earned the money necessary to continue his education besides supporting himself. He attended the country public schools up to that age, and then entered Freeburg Academy, from which he was graduated in 1884. For four years he taught public school at Freeburg; graduated from the State Normal school at Bloomsburg in 1889 and was elected assistant principal of the East Sunbury public schools, the duties of which position he assumed in the fall of that year. In 1894 he was elected principal of the East Sunbury schools, in which capacity he served two years. Upon the consolidation of the boroughs of Sunbury and East Sunbury, in 1896, he was promoted to the Central high school, where he had charge of the mathematical department until the spring of 1899, when he was elected to the office of county superintendent of schools for Northumberland county. When reelected to that position, in 1902, he received a flattering support, only seven votes being polled against him.

Mr. Apple began his career as a newspaper man in 1904, when he purchased the *Sunbury Daily Item* and *American*, which he has since continued to publish, as editor and proprietor. The plant is located at No. 42 South Second street, Sunbury. The printing department also makes a specialty of high grade job work. The manner in which Mr. Apple entered upon his new line fully demonstrated his ability. Under his management the *Daily Item* has become one of the leading newspapers in this section of the State, and the circulation has more than doubled. During the same time it has grown from a seven-column, four-page paper to an eight-page issue, and the advertising business has kept pace with modern ideas in that line, the patronage which the paper receives from business people showing conclusively its standing in conservative but progressive circles. As an editor, Mr. Apple deserves the prestige he enjoys, being influential and trusted by the best element in the community. During the year 1910 he was appointed supervisor of the census of the Sixteenth Congressional district of Pennsylvania, comprising the counties of Northumberland, Sullivan, Montour and Columbia. On April 13, 1911, he was appointed postmaster of Sunbury for a period of four years.

On June 2, 1892, Mr. Apple married Lillie E. Moyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George K. Moyer, and they have one son, John. Mr. Apple is a member of Zion Lutheran Church of Sunbury, of which he has been a deacon for fifteen years.

**P. H. FUHRMANN** was born at Frankenthal, Rhenish Bavaria, June 16, 1863. He received his early education in the public schools in his native town and afterward graduated with honors from a Real-gymnasium. He then held a responsible position with Klein, Schanzlin & Becker, proprietors



of one of the largest German machine factories, who designed and constructed the then most modern sugar refineries, chemical factories and breweries in Europe. He became private secretary to the general manager, which position enabled him to gain a thorough business education and acquire an excellent knowledge of machinery, and it was but natural that soon after arriving in America he found a position where he could make use of his executive and technical abilities. In 1883 he accepted a position as assistant manager with Charles D. Kaier, of Mahanoy City, brewer and rectifier, whose business he increased in a few years to enormous proportions, when he was advanced to the position of general manager, and as such built the present large brewing and rectifying plant. As a reward in 1891 he was made a partner of the Charles D. Kaier Company.

Looking for a field to satisfy his ambition of building up a large business of which he could own the controlling interest himself, he dissolved his connections with the Kaier Company in the year 1895, and bought from Martin Markle a small frame brewery in Coal township (on the outskirts of Shamokin), with an annual output of about eight thousand barrels. While he was trying hard to establish a trade, and devoting all his time to that purpose, both building and refrigerating machines of the old plant collapsed during the first summer, a calamity which ordinarily would have meant ruin, especially at that particular time of the year. But not so in this case. On the contrary, having been used to hard knocks and bumps all his lifetime, Mr. Fuhrmann was equal to the situation, and by clever management not only kept the plant going, even if badly crippled, but built a complete new brewery around the old one and within one year from the time he first took hold of the plant had erected a modern brewery and also acquired trade enough to keep it going to its full capacity. This has been kept up ever since, with a steady increase, so that the brewery to-day is one of the best equipped in the whole country and has an annual output of fifty thousand barrels.

In 1896 Mr. Max Schmidt became a partner with Mr. Fuhrmann in the firm of Fuhrmann & Schmidt, which in 1906 was incorporated under the style of The Fuhrmann & Schmidt Brewing Company, of which Mr. Fuhrmann is president. The brewery enjoys the reputation of having a pure, wholesome product, the quality of which cannot be excelled by any brewery in the country, a fact which is recognized by the people of Shamokin and immediate vicinity, as well as by the great number of travelers and societies visiting Shamokin on many occasions, and especially during the many conventions through which Shamokin has gained an enviable reputation all over the State for her hospitality.

On June 3, 1896, Mr. Fuhrmann was married

to Caroline B. Hahn, of Philadelphia, and to them was born a son Harry, on Oct. 3, 1897, and a daughter Mary Anna, on Feb. 2, 1911. Mr. Fuhrmann is a member of the Cresco Club, the Motor Club, the Order of Elks and the Order of Eagles.

CAREY E. BURNS, at present serving as one of the auditors of Northumberland county, is a native-born citizen of Lower Augusta township. He is a son of John Burns and grandson of Peter Burns.

The Burns family is of Scotch-Irish descent. Peter Burns was born March 8, 1786, and came in an early day to Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, where he became a prosperous farmer. He died April 27, 1849, and is buried with his wife, Elizabeth (Oxenreider), at the Augusta Baptist Church in Lower Augusta township. She hailed from Berks county, and was a typical German woman, so that the Burns family unites the qualities of the two races that have made Pennsylvania especially famous. She was born in 1789, and died Dec. 13, 1856. Among the children of this couple were: Peter, who settled out West; Christian, who lived at Winfield, Pa.; Leah, Mrs. Campbell; Mary, Mrs. Jacob Frederick; and Susan, Mrs. Behler.

John Burns, son of Peter, was born in 1810 in Lower Augusta township, and farmed on the place in Hollowing Run still occupied by his widow, Mary, and son Carey E. Burns. He died there Aug. 27, 1879, and is buried at the Augusta Baptist Church. By his first marriage he had the following family: Sarah, Mrs. Daniel Kauffman; Silas, of Shamokin, Pa.; Andrew J., who lived and died in Lower Augusta township, passing away Nov. 4, 1875, aged thirty-five years, two months, sixteen days; Malinda, who died unmarried; Dennis, who died in Lower Augusta when twenty years old; Elizabeth, who married William Leffler and (second) Jacob McKeloy; Horatio, who died young; and another, whose name is not recalled. John Burns married for his second wife Mary Leffler, who was born June 7, 1828, daughter of William Leffler, and who is now living with her son Carey, tenderly cared for by him and his wife. Though past eighty she is well preserved. Nine children were born to the second marriage: Malinda, who died young; Horatio, who died young; Alfred, of Idaho; Ellis, of Nebraska; Mary, who married James A. Barrett, who died in 1898 and is buried at Selinsgrove, Pa.; Erwin, who died young; Harvey, of Kansas; Carey E.; and Frank, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Carey E. Burns was born Feb. 5, 1868, on the Burns homestead in Hollowing Run which he still occupies. He received an excellent education in the public schools of the township, and in the summer of 1893 was licensed to teach public school,

his paper being signed by Prof. W. E. Bloom, then county superintendent of schools. Mr. Burns was trained to farm work from early boyhood, and at an early age took charge of the farm for his mother, his father having died when he was a boy of eleven. This property of 110 acres is well located in the Hollowing Run in Lower Augusta township, and was at one time a Shipe homestead, as was also the adjacent tract. It is a valuable farm, and has been well kept up under the management of the present occupant.

Mr. Burns has been active in the work of the Republican party in Northumberland county ever since he attained his majority, served as committeeman of his district for a number of years, has been delegate to a number of county conventions, and has done excellent work for the organization in every capacity. He served three years as auditor of his township, and in the fall of 1908 was elected county auditor, a position he is filling with the efficiency his constituents expected of him. He is a man of high personal standing, enjoying the confidence of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

On Feb. 11, 1897, Mr. Burns married Jessie E. Snyder, daughter of the late Silas R. Snyder, who married Lydia Shipman. Mr. and Mrs. Burns have no children. He is a member of the Augusta Baptist Church, which he is at present serving as deacon, and is also superintendent of the Sunday school, a position he has held for some years.

FRANK M. REBER, attorney of Milton, Northumberland county, is a native of that borough, born Nov. 21, 1867. He is a son of William H. Reber, grandson of John Reber, and great-grandson of John Reber, who married Magdalina Rathmach.

The Reber family is one of the very old families of Berks county, Pa., and on account of its prominence, and because of its numbers and wide distribution, some of its members have taken a justifiable pride in looking up its early records. A well known citizen of Reading and a member of this family, Morris B. Reber, a prominent real estate dealer of that city, has with careful research compiled a volume which bears the title "Genealogy of the Reber Family, descended from Johan Bernhard Reber, 1738." From this interesting work we quote as follows:

"The idea of preparing a genealogy of the Reber family was probably suggested by the finding of the original passport of Johannes Reber, still preserved, who was, for a long time, believed to be the first one of the large family of Rebers who emigrated to this country. This passport shows that he came from Langenselbold, Germany, which is situated in Kreiz Hanau, Regierungsbezirk Cassel, Koenigreich Prussia. While visiting in that part

of the country, in 1882, Mr. James T. Reber, of Reading, Pa., found recorded in the old church book of the Evangelical Church (Rev. Frederick Hufnagle, pastor) the names of four brothers, (1) Johan Bernhard, (2) Hans, (3) Johan Conrad and (4) Michael Reber.

"This church book dates back to the year 1563, so that it might be possible to obtain the ancestors of these four brothers since the sixteenth century. However, we have been satisfied to make a record only from the earliest emigrant to this country.

"(1) Johan Bernhard Reber, the first of these brothers, is recorded in this same book as having one son, (5) Johannes, who was married Feb. 8, 1736, to Johanna Magdalena, daughter of Conrad Hahn. From this union two sons were born: (6) Johannes, Dec. 16, 1736, and (7) Ludwig Friedrich August, Sept. 11, 1740.

"The Pennsylvania archives, containing the names of 30,000 early emigrants, mention the arrival of John Bernhart Reber, from Rotterdam, Holland, on the snow Two Sisters, landing in Philadelphia and qualifying Sept. 9, 1738, by swearing allegiance to Great Britain. We can learn of nothing pertaining to his whereabouts or life after his arrival in this country. The passport, however, of the son is still intact. \* \* \*

"(5) Johannes Reber, whose date of birth is unknown, was married Feb. 8, 1736, to Johanna Magdalena Hahn. They had two sons born in Germany, Johannes and Ludwig Friedrich August. According to his passport, he left his native country for America April 23, 1742, bringing his family with him, although it is known that the second son, Ludwig, died on board the ship. Being a member of William Penn's colony, his first object was to find a desirable location. Having selected some acres of land about six miles west of Reading, in Lower Heidelberg township, at the big bend of the Tulpehocken, in a beautiful though isolated valley known afterward as the Blue Marsh, he moved thither with his wife and son, built himself a home which served the double purpose of shelter and protection against the Indians and wild animals, his only neighbors. This quaint old building, with its large, square fireplace in the center, is still standing on the farm occupied by Mr. Henry Shafer, Reading, Pa.

"We find recorded in the Pennsylvania archives, that John Reber was naturalized May 13, 1768, and also that he, like many others of the early settlers, was concerned in numerous disputes regarding the rights of ownership of their land. During the time that he resided in this locality, he was blessed with an increase to his family of three sons, who were named Thomas, Valentine and Peter."

John or Johannes Reber, mentioned above, eldest son of Johan who emigrated in 1742, continued to live in Pennsylvania after his father's death.



He was twice married and had six children. The other brothers, Peter and Valentine, went West to Ohio, in search of homes, where numbers of their descendants may be found—at Lancaster, Ohio. The remaining brother, Thomas Reber, was born in Pennsylvania, in 1746, was married to Elizabeth Kerschner, born Nov. 1, 1747, died Dec. 22, 1823, and he left ten children.

John Reber, the grandfather of Frank M. Reber, married Catharine Minnich and was a farmer in Heidelberg township, Berks county, where he died in 1834. He is buried at Baum's Church. To him and his wife were born two sons, John and William H. Of these, John died May 5, 1909, in Reading; he married Hettie Stoudt and they were the parents of two children, Mary and Sarah (wife of H. Hoffner).

William H. Reber, son of John and Catharine (Minnich) Reber, was born Jan. 15, 1832, in Heidelberg township, Berks Co., Pa., and learned tanning in his native county, serving his apprenticeship to that trade with Benjamin Klein, at Rehrersburg. In 1864 he came to Milton, and purchased from Samuel Brown the tannery originally established by John Armstrong, in 1795. It was burned in 1867 and Mr. Reber rebuilt it. In the great fire of May 14, 1880, it was again destroyed by fire, and again rebuilt by Mr. Reber, and under his management it became one of the important industries of Milton. During his active years Mr. Reber was a well known business man of his section of Northumberland county, and he prospered in his calling by industrious and honorable devotion to his work.

On Feb. 5, 1853, Mr. Reber was married, at Stouchsburg, by Rev. Thomas Leinbach, Sr., to Hannah Gasser, daughter of John and Barbara Maria Magdeline Gasser, of Berks county. They had a family of six children: William M., who is a farmer in Michigan; Sophia, who married Austin C. Derr; John M., Attorney at Law, who died in April, 1908; James M., a tanner; Frank M.; and Hannah E., married to Edward W. Moore. Mr. Reber died April 23, 1910. He was a devout member of the Reformed Church.

Frank M. Reber received his early education in the public schools of Milton, graduating from the high school, after which he entered Lafayette College, from which institution he was graduated in 1890. For two years he was principal of the Pottsgrove Academy, meanwhile registering as a law student with James Scarlet, of Danville, Pa. In 1895 he was admitted to the bar of Northumberland county, and later was admitted to the Montour county bar. In 1895 he opened his law office in Milton, and began the practice of his profession, which he has ever since continued, in connection therewith engaging in the real estate business, which forms an important part of his work. In 1908, in connection with William N.

Watson, he organized the Milton Realty Company, of which he has since been secretary and treasurer. This company has become an important factor in the material development of Milton. Its most important operation was the erection on the corner of Broadway and Front Street of a large three-story business block. Mr. Reber is a deservedly successful young man. He has made his way to the front under difficulties of various kinds, and the standing and prosperity he enjoys at present, in both professional and business circles, are due entirely to his own efforts and persistent work.

Mr. Reber is a member of the Milton Lodge of Elks, No. 913, Ancient and Independent Order Knights of Malta, and of the Knights of the Mystic Chain. He is a member of the Reformed Church at Milton.

GEORGE MARSHALL, director of the Shamokin Banking Company, treasurer of the Shamokin Cemetery Company, contractor and builder, a man highly esteemed in public and private life, died at his home in Shamokin Dec. 2, 1906, aged fifty-nine years.

Mr. Marshall was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 23, 1847, son of George W. and Esther G. (Bowen) Marshall, who later became residents of Shamokin. He grew to manhood in his native town, and acquired his education in the public schools, remaining in Ohio until March, 1866, when he came to Shamokin, his uncle, the late William H. Marshall, persuading him of the superior advantages of this town. With Thomas M. Helm as a partner, he engaged in the flour and feed business for six years. At the end of that time he sold out to Mr. Helm and went into the planing mill and lumber trade, which he conducted until May, 1890, when he disposed of his interest. While in this business he was also engaged as a contractor and builder, erecting many of the best buildings of the town, including the Presbyterian church and chapel, hotel Vanderbilt, Boston block, and the Oram and Helm block. He was greatly interested in real estate, and was deeply concerned in the improvements made in his adopted town. He erected his own home in 1885. For about fifteen years before his death he lived retired.

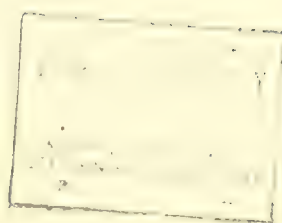
On the death of his uncle, in 1878, Mr. Marshall was chosen to succeed him as treasurer of the Shamokin Cemetery Company, an office he filled as long as he lived. He was a director of the Shamokin Banking Company. In politics he was a Republican, and twice served as a member of the borough council. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and served as a trustee many years.

In September, 1875, Mr. Marshall was united in marriage to Maggie Fulton, daughter of Alexander Fulton, of Shamokin. She died in January, 1878,





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the mother of two children, William H. and Ann Farr, both now deceased. On June 11, 1885, Mr. Marshall married (second) Elizabeth N. Fulton, sister to his first wife. Four children blessed this union, namely: Elizabeth F.; George W. and Alexander F., both students at Lafayette College, and John N.

SAMUEL HIGH, a business man of the borough of Watsontown, engaged in the coal, grain and feed trade, has been connected with his present establishment since 1888 and was manager of same some time before he became proprietor. He was born at Muncy, Lycoming Co., Pa., Oct. 22, 1865, son of Aaron C. High and grandson of Samuel High, and is a member of an old settled family of Pennsylvania, the Highs or Hochs having long been identified with this Commonwealth.

Early in 1717 Rudolph and Melchior Hoch, Moravians, left their home in Switzerland for America on account of religious persecution. Tradition says they were without much money when they landed. These two were the ancestors of all of the name in Berks county and surrounding territory. The first spelling of the name was Hoy, the final "h" being added later; some members of the family preferred the form High to Hoch, and as early as 1744 Samuel, a grandson of Rudolph, spelled his name High. After wandering about for some time, Rudolph Hoch settled near what is now Pottsgrove, Montgomery Co., Pa., while Melchior settled in Bucks county, same State, all of the Hochs or Highs now in Bucks county being descended from his two sons, Philip and Jacob. In 1725 Rudolph Hoch removed from near Pottsgrove, then called Swedeland, to Oley, and became the owner of a farm of 300 acres two miles northeast of Friedensburg, the land being still in the possession of the Hochs. In 1728 he laid out a burial place, about eighty feet square, and here he and seven generations are buried. Several interesting relics of the two emigrants are preserved by the family. The large German Bible is owned by Gideon A. D. Hoch. Books brought from over the sea are still at the Hoch farm, the elder Hochs making this provision in their wills. There is also a very ornamental, small, open-faced watch, which though 266 years old is in excellent condition and keeps perfect time. Philip D. Hoch has a piece of petrified wood brought over by Rudolph Hoch, and used as a whet-stone, one of its principal uses being to sharpen razors. Rudolph Hoch was married when he came to America, and his son John was born in Switzerland. His wife died in 1728, and was the first to be buried in the family cemetery. He died in 1748. His sons numbered five, among them being John and Samuel.

In Prof. Daniel Rupp's "History of Berks

County," published in 1844, is a letter written by Maria De Turck (born Hochen), of Oley township, which bears date May 14, 1718. It was addressed to her brother, sisters and friends in her native country, and it reflects her profound piety.

John Hoch, son of Rudolph, established the family homestead, purchasing it from William Ranberry. He was the father of eleven children: (1) Deborah was born in 1721. (2) Samuel, born in 1723, moved to Poplar Neck. He married a daughter of Jonathan Herbein, of Oley, and they had three sons and one daughter, two of the sons dying quite young. The surviving son, Isaac, born July 3, 1753, died May 18, 1795. He had a son William, who was born in 1786 and died in 1851. (3) Rudolph, born in 1725, lived in Maiden-creek, where he reared six sons—John, Daniel, Jacob, Isaac, Abraham and Samuel—and four daughters. (4) Daniel, born in 1728, had nine sons—Samuel, Jacob, John, Daniel, Abraham, Isaac, David, Joseph and Philip—and four daughters. (5) Maria and (6) Magdalena, twins, were born in 1730. (7) John, born in 1733, married Susanna Levan, had one daughter, and died in 1763. (8) Susan was born in 1735. (9) Jacob, born in 1738, married (first) Miss Weiser and (second) Miss Fisher, and had five sons—David, Abraham, Solomon, William and Daniel—and three daughters, all born and reared in Maiden-creek. (10) Esther was born in 1742. (11) Abraham, born in 1745, married Susanna Weiser, and lived on the old Hoch farm, where one son, Abraham, and two daughters were born.

Samuel High, grandfather of Samuel High of Watsontown, was born Sept. 12, 1789, in Oley township, Berks Co., Pa., and soon after his marriage moved to Union county, Pa., where he passed the remainder of his life. He was a substantial farmer, owning a large farm in White Deer township, where he died Oct. 18, 1880. His wife, Catharine Pott, of Pottsville, born about 1800, died Aug. 24, 1879, and they are buried in the old Clapp (Klopp) graveyard in White Deer township. Mr. and Mrs. High were Methodists in religious connection. They had a large family, as follows: Judith Ann, born Jan. 6, 1815, married Daniel Ruthrauff, who died Nov. 3, 1876, aged sixty-three years, five months, four days, she dying Nov. 24, 1902 (two sons and one daughter of this couple live in East Salisbury); Mary, born in 1816, died in 1824; Presella, born Nov. 22, 1818, died Jan. 30, 1899; Aaron C. is mentioned below; Jacob, born in 1823, died in 1854; Benjamin F., born Jan. 18, 1827, died July 21, 1859; Rebecca C., born March 11, 1829, died Feb. 25, 1858; Sarah B., born Dec. 29, 1831, lives at Millersburg, Pa.; Cordelia, born in 1834, died in 1858; Sarah M., born March 29, 1837, married



Alex. Donauchy, who died July 25, 1871, and she now lives at Williamsport, Pa.; Eliza J., born Sept. 1, 1835, died Dec. 8, 1898.

Aaron C. High was born June 22, 1821, in Union county, Pa., and died May 18, 1894, at White Deer; he is buried at Watsonstown, Northumberland county. Mr. High was a farmer by occupation, and at the time of his death owned a small farm. He was an earnest Christian man, a member of the German Reformed Church and always active in the life of the church and Sunday school, serving as superintendent of the Franklin Union Sabbath school for about twenty-five years. He was twice married, his first wife's maiden name being Rauck, and his second was Susan Lesh, of Clinton county, Pa., who died in June, 1899, and is buried at Watsonstown. His family consisted of seven children, as follows: William H. is a business man of Dalmatia, Northumberland Co., Pa.; Mills S. is mentioned below; Grant B., who is an invalid, lives at White Deer, Pa.; Samuel is mentioned below; Cora C. died unmarried at the age of twenty-one years, of typhoid fever, while visiting in Philadelphia; Delilah B. married W. W. Curry and they live in Williamsport, Pa.; Ario P., an engineer on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, lives at West Milton.

MILLS S. HIGH was born Oct. 19, 1860, in White Deer, Union Co., Pa., and was five years old when he moved with his parents to Muncy, Pa., where the family resided until 1873. He was there employed in the dairy business, and after returning to White Deer worked on a farm for five years, coming to Watsonstown in 1878. Here he took up the trade of tinner with E. B. Hogue, serving an apprenticeship of three years, after which he continued with Mr. Hogue until the latter sold out to Kirk & Shannon, for which firm he worked until 1887, in which year he purchased Mr. Kirk's interest in the business, the name becoming Shannon & High. The business is still conducted under this ownership, and they do a general business as tanners and hardware and stove merchants, having a prosperous establishment, well patronized by the residents of Watsonstown and the surrounding country. Their honorable methods and obliging ways have won and retained a large patronage. Mr. High is well known as a member of Watsonstown Lodge, No. 619, I. O. O. F., and of the Artisans Order of Mutual Protection, and he was one of the most popular members of the old Hope Hose Company, being particularly well liked among the young people of the town and community.

In April, 1893, Mr. High married Jennie Peterman, daughter of the late Peter Peterman. One child has been born to this union, Edwin Burke.

Samuel High received his education in the schools of the home locality in Union county, and was reared on the farm. For several years he as-

sisted his brother in the tinning and stove business at Watsonstown. In 1888 he became an employee of W. A. Leiser, at that time the owner of the grain, coal and feed business with which he has since been associated, remaining in his employ continuously for a period of fifteen years, and then became manager of the business, which he has conducted successfully ever since, being now proprietor. The concern has prospered, being one of the profitable business houses in the town. He has become the owner of some real estate in the borough, and is deeply interested in the general welfare of the community, which he has served particularly well as overseer of the poor, to which office he was first elected in 1900, and which he has held continuously since, having been reelected five successive times. He himself votes independently, and he has been a candidate on more than one party ticket. Under his administration the poor tax of the borough has been considerably reduced, and a borough poorhouse was built—an action favored by the best class of citizens in the community.

On Oct. 23, 1890, Mr. High married Ada Carroll, daughter of Nicholas and Elizabeth (Diz-zany) Carroll, of West Fairview, Cumberland Co., Pa., and they have had two children, Clyde C. (who is an electrician) and Zenna S. Mr. High and his family are members of the Methodist Church at Watsonstown, and he has served some years in the office of steward. Socially he belongs to the I. O. O. F. (Watsonstown Lodge, No. 619, and the Encampment) and the Artisans Order of Mutual Protection.

HEINEN. The members of this family have been active in the business development of the borough of Milton for so many years and so successful in financial circles that many of the most important interests of the place owe their inception and prosperity to the foresight and good management of the Heinen. At the present day William A. Heinen, vice president of the Milton Manufacturing Company, and director of a number of other companies which have been factors in the advancement of Milton, is one of the leading business men of the borough.

Dr. Henry Heinen, the grandfather of William A. Heinen, was a native of Germany, born in 1780, and emigrated to America when a young man, settling in York county, Pa. About 1825 he moved to Milton, Northumberland county, where he followed his profession until his death. He married Elizabeth Etzler, who was born Sept. 15, 1784, and they became the parents of five children: Maria E.; Lucetta; William; Sarah; and Henry W., born in 1825, and died in 1854.

William Heinen, son of Dr. Henry, born May 3, 1817, received the greater part of his education in the Milton Academy, under Rev. David Kirk-

patrick. He started his eventful business life as a clerk, and served an extended apprenticeship, though he commenced business for himself at a comparatively early age, in 1835 entering into partnership with Jesse Schreyer, under the firm name of Schreyer & Heinen. This association lasted for some time, and his next was with his brother Henry W., under the firm name of Heinen & Bro. After that he entered into partnership with Messrs. Roush & Etzler, under the name of Heinen, Etzler & Roush. Following this connection he was with his son Henry and Wm. G. Anspaet, as Heinen, Son & Co., later selling out his interest in their business, in 1879. After that the business was continued under the name of Heinen, Schreyer & Co., by Mr. Heinen's sons, W. A. Schreyer and Simon P. Brown.

Coming to Milton when the town was still a village, there was little connected with its growth in which William Heinen did not have an active part. He was one of the organizers of the Milton National Bank and one of its directors for many years.

On April 1, 1863, Samuel Hepburn and wife conveyed to William C. Lawson, William Heinen and Edward W. Chapin his farm containing eighty-three acres and 112 perches, situated just east of what was then the borough of Milton and south of Broadway. This land was first opened for building purposes by the laying out of what is now known as Centre street. Mr. Chapin took part of the land on the south side of Centre street for his share in the property, and conveyed his interest in the balance to Messrs. Heinen and Lawson. Mr. Chapin subsequently laid his part of the land out in town lots. Messrs. Lewis H. Funk, Reuben Etzler and William Mervine purchased a part of the land north of Centre street, just east of the Pennsylvania railroad right of way, which they laid out in town lots. In 1868 Mr. Heinen sold his interest in so much of the land as was then undeveloped to W. A. Schreyer, who, together with William C. Lawson, laid out the balance of the land in town lots extending as far eastward as Hottenstein's addition to the borough of Milton. In 1870 Mr. Heinen purchased a large farm adjoining the town, which he laid out in lots, forming that part of Milton known as Heinen's addition.

Mr. Heinen married Anna M. Funk, daughter of Henry Funk, born Feb. 20, 1798, died Jan. 25, 1852, and his wife Catherine (Stover), born May 12, 1799, died Sept. 29, 1871. Mr. and Mrs. Funk had the following children: Anna M., Mrs. William Heinen; Benjamin F., who married Sallie Lloyd; Clementine, Mrs. Samuel Hoffa; George Washington, who married Rebecca Gauby; Catherine, Mrs. Michael Rissel; and Lewis H.

To Mr. and Mrs. Heinen were born eight children: Henry J., is mentioned later; Melancthon,

born Feb. 15, 1846, died Nov. 21, 1868; Catherine E., born March 26, 1848, died 1905, married D. M. Krauser and had a son William Heinen Krauser; William A. is mentioned later; Sallie A., born May 12, 1854, died May 4, 1855; Anna M., born Feb. 22, 1856, died Sept. 19, 1858; Edward E., born Sept. 8, 1862, died March 11, 1864; T. Curtis married Carrie V. Belford, daughter of D. W. A. Belford, and has one daughter, Katherine E. T. Curtis. Heinen spent his early life engaged in the store business, continuing thus until 1890, when he became secretary of the Milton Trust & Safe Deposit Company, remaining in that institution until he entered the Milton National Bank, in 1906, as teller. He is a member of Milton Lodge, No. 256, F. & A. M., of which he is a past master, Baldwin Commandery, K. T., of Williamsport, Pa., Warrior Run Chapter, R. A. M., at Watsontown, and Williamsport Consistory, A. A. S. R.

William Heinen died July 19, 1879, and his wife survived until 1885. He was a member of the Lutheran Church.

HENRY J. HEINEN was born May 24, 1843, in Milton, Pa., received his early education in the local schools, and later entered Bucknell College. From college he entered the service of the Union army during the Civil war, enlisting first in Company E, 131st Pennsylvania Regiment, and later, on July 1, 1863, in Company I, 37th Regiment. He was discharged Aug. 4, 1863, with the rank of sergeant. Upon his return from the army Mr. Heinen became a member of the firm of Heinen & Rissel, at Limestoneville, in a general store. After a few years there he came to Milton and entered into business with his father. In the year 1871 he became a member of the firm of Heinen, Schreyer & Co., with which he continued until his death, which occurred March 19, 1887. He is buried in the upper cemetery at Milton. Mr. Heinen was not only a successful merchant but also active in promoting various institutions and public utilities of Milton, being a director of the Milton National Bank, of the Water Company and of the Gas Company. He was a working member of the Presbyterian Church, served as trustee, as member of the building committee during the erection of the present fine church at Milton, and from 1880 until his death as superintendent of the primary department of the Sunday school. He was a Democrat in political opinion, but never active in party affairs. He held membership in Milton Lodge, No. 256, F. & A. M.

Mr. Heinen married Anna Rebecca Mann, and five children were born to them, all daughters, namely: Edna, married to John M. Correy; Anna M., married to George D. B. Hedenberg, of Milton; Grace J., married to Rev. Forrest L. Fraser, a Baptist minister, now of Albany, N. Y.; Florence G., married to Henry R. Clinger, a young



business man of Milton; and Elizabeth Mann, at home.

John Mann, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Henry J. Heinen, was a captain in the Revolutionary war, and later lived in Montgomery county, Pa. He had a family of eight children: John; Joel, who lived and died at Abington (his children were George, John, Albert and Rachel); Annie, Mrs. Long; Samuel, who lived and died in Philadelphia; Betsy; Mitchel, who died when a young man; Eliza, and Mrs. John Fenton.

John Mann, son of John, settled down to farming in Doylestown township, Bucks Co., Pa., and became a prominent man in that district. He died there, and is buried in the graveyard of the Presbyterian Church, of which he was a member. He was twice married, and by his first wife had four children, namely: Benjamin, a carpenter, lived and died in Bucks county; Maria married Joseph Rich; Eliza was twice married, first to a Mr. Fritzinger, and second to William Widison; Martha married Joseph James. Mr. Mann's second marriage was to Martha Grier, by whom he had eight children: John Grier; Jane, Mrs. Alfred McGill; Dr. William, who died in Philadelphia; Margaret, Mrs. James Poole; Louisa, Mrs. Samuel James; Susan, Mrs. Benjamin Stuckertt; James S., who died at Norristown, Pa.; and Charles, who died young.

John Grier Mann, father of Mrs. Heinen, was born in 1805 in Doylestown township, Bucks county, followed farming, and died in 1883, at the age of seventy-nine years. He is buried at the Doylestown Presbyterian Church. He married Lydia A. James, daughter of Levi James, of Bucks county, and to them were born five children: Isabella James married J. K. Lovett; Francis T. married Sarah Rich, and died in 1905; Robert M. was wounded at the battle of Antietam and died of his injuries at the Philadelphia hospital, when twenty years old; Anna R. is the widow of Henry J. Heinen; Elizabeth Polk, unmarried, died at Doylestown Dec. 14, 1909.

WILLIAM A. HEINEN, brother of Henry J., was born Oct. 16, 1850, at Milton, and there received his early education in the public schools. Later he took a course at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa. In his youth Mr. Heinen followed farming, but in 1879, upon the retirement of his father, he became a member of the mercantile firm of Heinen, Schreyer & Co., with which he continued until 1880, after which he was engaged for some years in superintending his farm. In June, 1891, he became vice president and paymaster of the Milton Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of nuts and washers, and he is still serving in that capacity. He is associated with a number of other local enterprises of note, having served as director of the Milton Gas Company, the Milton Trust and

Safe Deposit Company (of which he is vice president), the Milton Iron Company, the Milton Driving Park and Fair Association, the Milton Water Company and the Milton Bridge Company, and he is secretary of the Milton Creamery Company. His substantial position makes his connection with any venture an assurance of its legitimate business purpose and high character.

On Oct. 8, 1889, Mr. Heinen married Mary C. Shimer, daughter of Samuel J. and Catherine A. (Stout) Shimer, of Milton. They have five children, William S., Henry S., George S., Lewis S., and Catherine S., all of whom are still at home. Mr. Heinen and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church. He is a Republican in political opinion.

DANIEL R. ZARTMAN, of Sunbury, who has a large grocery house at the corner of Fifth and Market streets, has been in business in the borough for some thirty years, in various associations. He was born Oct. 15, 1851, in what was then Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, Northumberland county, and comes of an old family of this county, being a descendant of Alexander Zartman, who came to America in 1728, from whom he traces his descent through Jacob, Martin, William and Daniel. These generations in detail are given below.

Alexander Zartman and his wife Ann Catharine were the first of this family to come to America. In the summer of 1728, they came down the Rhine river to Rotterdam, Holland, and from there on June 22, 1728, they sailed via Cowes in the ship "Albany," Lazarus Oxman, master, and landed at Philadelphia Aug. 31, 1728. Here they remained some days, thence finding their way to the Tulpehocken region in Berks county, Pa. Before the year 1730 they located in Warwick township, Lancaster Co., Pa., in a place near Bricker-ville. Alexander Zartman died early in December, 1762, and his wife survived him some years. They had two sons, Jacob and Alexander.

Jacob Zartman, son of Alexander, married Anna Margareth Roemm (Ream), and they had eight children, all born in Lancaster county, viz.: Henry, Martin, Anna Margareth, Susannah, Eva, Peter, Jacob and Ann Maria.

Martin Zartman, son of Jacob, was born in Lancaster county, about 1769 (?). He came to Northumberland county and lived in Upper Mahanoy township before 1778. He married Susanna Futler (Fittler), and they had children: Elizabeth, Martin, Benjamin, William, Eve, Magdalena, Margaret and David.

William Zartman, son of Martin and grandfather of Daniel R., was born May 28, 1785, in Northumberland county, Pa., and followed the work of farming. He married (first) a Miss Herb, and their children were: Adam, Daniel,



Lydia, George H., Abraham, Mary, Rebecca, Harriet, Sarah, Abigail, Hannah, Joseph and May. William Zartman died April 30, 1857. He evidently married a second time.

Daniel Zartman, son of William and father of Daniel R., was born Sept. 29, 1811, and died Feb. 17, 1889. He owned and operated a tannery in Rockefeller township. He married Esther Raker, who was born Jan. 10, 1817, and died Jan. 1, 1857. They were the parents of twelve children born as follows: Harriet, a son that died in infancy, Sarah Ann, Alexander R., William (died aged twenty-one years), Mary Jane, Rebecca, Catharine, Abigail, one that died in infancy, Daniel R. and Esther.

Conrad Raker, maternal grandfather of Daniel R. Zartman, was born in Montgomery county, Pa., and came thence about 1795 to Northumberland county, where he married. He located in Rockefeller township, remaining there two years and then removing to Little Mahanoy township, where he made his home until his death. He was a prominent man in various ways, serving as county commissioner in 1836-37, was a leading church member and worker, assisting in the building of Emanuel's Church in Little Mahanoy township and the "Stone Church" at Augustaville, both Lutheran churches, and proved himself useful in other capacities. He married Barbara Dunkelberger, and they had a family of ten children, as follows: John; Kate; Frederick, born Dec. 21, 1804, who married Elizabeth Hoffman and had children, Conrad H., Catharine (wife of Samuel Frederick) and Harriet (wife of Sam. Dornsife); Jacob; William; Enoch; Isaac; Maria; Esther, who married Daniel Zartman; and Mary.

Daniel R. Zartman spent his boyhood days attending school and working in his father's tannery. When a young man he became shipping clerk for James Martin & Co., of Rochester, N. Y., and upon resigning his position in New York formed a partnership with T. J. Vastine, of Sunbury, the firm of Vastine & Zartman dealing in general merchandise and groceries. This association lasted until 1883, when Mr. Zartman sold his interest to his partner and opened a general merchandise store, which he carried on for about a year and a half. At the end of that time he entered into partnership with Johnson B. Miller, under the firm name of Zartman & Miller, and they did business together for five years, selling general merchandise and meats. Mr. Zartman then purchased Mr. Miller's interest and continued the business alone for two years, until obliged to sell out because of ill health, Vought & Co. being the purchasers. In about a year he bought back the business from that firm, and conducted it until he sold out to U. A. Hartman, the present owner, in 1904. Meantime, in 1895, Mr. Zartman had built a large three-story brick store building at the cor-

ner of Market street and Catawissa avenue, the first floor of which is used for store purposes, the second divided into flats and the third used as a hall by the P. O. S. of A. He also erected two dwelling houses and a large warehouse. On June 9, 1908, he formed his present partnership with R. H. Treon, and as Zartman & Treon they are conducting a large and growing grocery trade, having a fine store at the corner of Fifth and Market streets. On May 22, 1909, Mr. Zartman purchased Mr. Treon's interest, and he continues the business alone. Mr. Zartman's enterprising disposition and success in his various undertakings have made him one of the most active business men in the borough of Sunbury, and he is highly esteemed throughout this section, his long career as a merchant having brought him into contact with a large proportion of his fellow citizens, among whom he is universally respected for his honorable dealings and creditable life.

On Nov. 3, 1881, Mr. Zartman married Ellen Bateman, daughter of Augustus and Mary (Messiner) Bateman, and they have had two children: Susan, who is married to Joseph Nesbit and has one child, Bailey Zartman; and Harry, who married Minnie Cling and has two children, Beulah M. and Clifford.

Mr. Zartman and his family are members of Zion's Lutheran Church. In politics he is a Democrat, and as such has been chosen to represent his ward in the borough council. In social connection he holds membership in the P. O. S. of A., Conclave, Order of United American Mechanics, and Knights and Ladies of Honor.

Augustus and Mary (Messiner) Bateman, parents of Mrs. Daniel R. Zartman, had a family of eight children, namely: (1) Sarah married James Bitterman, and has two daughters, Mabel and Maud (Mrs. George Stroh). (2) Polly married Gordon Kremer and has children, Harry, George, Walter and Goldie. (3) Savilla has been twice married, and has two children, Charles and Jennie, by her first husband, C. Phillips; her second marriage was to Emil Bohm. (4) Edwin married Mary Witmer and they have four children, Ida, Laura, Minnie and Clarence. (5) Ellen is the wife of Daniel R. Zartman. (6) Katie married George F. Markel and has two daughters, Lillian (married Samuel Wilcox) and Lena (married Charles Rogers). (7) Marietta married George Radle. (8) Lillian married Daniel Smith.

DANIEL DENGLE BOLICH, senior member of the firm of Daniel D. Bolich & Son, of Mount Carmel, is at the head of one of the most important mercantile concerns in that borough, originally established by his father in 1864 and in continuous successful existence since. His father engaged in the shoe business, carrying a complete stock, and the present owners have added

other lines, all of which they have found in demand, their business showing a steady growth. They have kept pace with the advance of the times, both in the variety of their merchandise and in the methods of handling their trade, the increase of which shows the appreciation which their efforts to please customers has gained. Mr. Bolich has lived at Mount Carmel from boyhood, but he is a native of Barry township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., born July 22, 1850. The Bolich family was founded in this country by Andraes Bolich, his great-great-grandfather, who came from the Palatinate, in Germany, crossing the ocean in the ship "Nep-tune," with 171 other passengers, and landing at Philadelphia Sept. 24, 1754. We have a record showing that he located in Greenwich township, Berks Co., Pa., some time about 1765, among the first settlers in that district. Where he spent the intervening years is not known. Here he followed farming. He was a man of typical German characteristics. His will, on record in Will Book A, page 11, in the Berks county court house at Reading, is dated March 16, 1780; he died in April, 1780. To his son Andrew (Andraes) he bequeathed the plantation and all the implements, with the provision that he was to pay three hundred pounds sterling to his seven sisters, in installments. The will was witnessed by Philip Arnold and Benedict Kohler.

Andraes Bolich (2), son of the emigrant, lived upon his father's estate in Greenwich township, having become the owner of that property upon his father's death. He was born in 1757, and died on his farm. The Federal Census report of 1790 recorded Andraes Bolich a resident of Greenwich township and the head of a family consisting of his wife, one son under sixteen, and four daughters. His wife's name was Margaretha, and among their children were Johan and Michael.

Michael Bolich, son of Andraes (2), was born in 1770 upon the homestead in Greenwich township, and in time moved to what is now Barry township, Schuylkill county, settling about three miles west of Ashland. He was one of the pioneers in that district, and took up about fifteen hundred acres of land, prospering by good management so that he left a large estate. He was a prominent Lutheran and a leader in his district. He died in 1835, and is buried in Barry township. He was three times married, and his children were as follows: Henry, John, Daniel, Solomon, Michael, William, Samuel, Charles, Andrew, Mrs. Rebecca Kantner, Mrs. Soloma Hepler, Mrs. Elizabeth Bickel and Mrs. Susan Hull. Many of the descendants of this family continue to live in that region of Schuylkill county.

Charles Bolich, son of Michael, was born April 22, 1820, in Barry township, Schuylkill county, and lived in his native county until his removal to Mount Carmel, Northumberland county, in April,

1864. He learned shoemaking, and followed that trade as well as dealing in boots and shoes all his life. Upon settling in Mount Carmel he engaged in business as a shoe dealer, carrying on his store until his death, which occurred July 27, 1872. The year after his removal to that place, on Sept. 27, 1865, he was appointed postmaster under President Johnson, and served nearly three years in that position. He was a Republican, and in religion a member of the Evangelical Church, in the work of which he was quite active.

In October, 1849, Mr. Bolich married Sarah Dengler, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Schappel) Dengler, all of Schuylkill county, and granddaughter of George Dengler, a resident of Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., as early as 1812; he erected the first hotel in the town, known as the "White Horse Inn," later as the "Merchants Hotel," and now as the "Allen House." Mrs. Sarah (Dengler) Bolich died Jan. 26, 1876. She was the mother of the following children: Daniel D. is mentioned below; Susan E. is the wife of T. J. Klase and lives at Cranford, N. J.; Tansem Eliza is the wife of Dr. James L. Seibert, of Bellefonte, Pa.; Charles L., who is a shoe merchant at Canton, Ill., married Carrie Thornton; Newton A., now living in Deming, N. Mex., married Mary Smith; Michael O. is a resident of Kansas City, Mo.; Sarah E., who is unmarried, lives in Bellefonte, Pa.; Abraham L. resides in Beatrice, Neb.; David William, of New York City, is a noted civil engineer.

Daniel D. Bolich attended public school at Ashland, Schuylkill county, until he came to Mount Carmel with his parents. He learned the shoemaking trade, working in his father's shop a short time and serving two years as deputy postmaster—continuing in his father's employ until the latter's death. He then succeeded to the business, to the conduct and expansion of which he has since devoted all his energies. His store is located at No. 123 South Oak street. The boot and shoe branch of the business has been extended to include rubbers, leathers and shoemakers' supplies, and other departments have been added from time to time until the stock now comprises lines of clothing, shirts, hats, underwear, trunks, etc., for all of which there is a good local demand. Since 1906 Mr. Bolich has had his eldest son as partner, under the firm name of Daniel D. Bolich & Son, and they do the largest retail business in Mount Carmel. Mr. Bolich is naturally best known in connection with this establishment, but he has various other business interests in the borough and owns valuable real estate there. He was one of the organizers of the Union National Bank in 1894 and a member of the original board of directors of that institution; was one of the organizers of the Board of Trade and has been active in its various enterprises, during his twelve years of continuous ser-



vice as president of that body, to which office he was elected upon its organization, having been able to encourage and launch many plans for the promotion of local commercial conditions. He is a Republican, but not active in politics, and a member of the Presbyterian Church, which he has served as trustee and treasurer.

On Sept. 9, 1880, Mr. Bolich married Emily Hartshorn, daughter of Benjamin and Catherine (Burchfield) Hartshorn, of Curwensville, Clearfield Co., Pa., and they have had three children: Charles H., Wayne (who died when seven years old) and Newton A. The family have a pleasant home at No. 19 East avenue.

JACOB W. SMITH, who died many years ago, was a native of the borough of Sunbury, Northumberland county, and belonged to a family which has long been represented there, but he passed the greater part of his active years at Selinsgrove, Snyder county, where he ranked among the most intelligent, progressive and influential citizens. He became prominent in the business circles of that section, and was highly respected wherever known.

James Smith, father of Jacob W. Smith, was born and reared in Bucks county, this State. He served as a soldier in the Revolution, in what was known as the Pennsylvania Provisionals, and the musket he used in the Colonial service is now in the possession of one of his grandsons—a highly prized heirloom. In 1787 he came from Bucks county to Northumberland, being a pioneer at Sunbury, where in 1796 he built a hotel on the present site of the residence of Mrs. Louisa A. Moore (daughter of the late Ira T. Clement), conducting same for many years. His grandson John J. Smith, of Sunbury, has the board upon which the year the hotel was erected, 1796, appears. James Smith served some years as clerk in the office of the county prothonotary. In his later life he made his home for several years with his son James, at Reading, Pa., but he returned to Sunbury, where he lived with his daughter Catharine (Mrs. Withington) until his death. He is buried in the old South Fourth street cemetery. He was a member of the Lutheran Church. His wife, Barbara Ann (Vanholdt), was from Bucks county, her people living in Philadelphia and Bucks county. An oil portrait of her now in the possession of her grandson, John J. Smith, is in a fine state of preservation and highly valued by the owner. James and Barbara Ann (Vanholdt) Smith had quite a large family, but a number of their children died when small. We have record of: Jacob W., who lived and died at Selinsgrove; James, who died in Sunbury, mentioned elsewhere in this work; John, a farmer of Upper Augusta township, who after his retirement lived in Sunbury, where he died; Catharine, wife of William Withington;

Polly, who married Robert Smith, and lived in Lower Augusta township; and Mrs. Benjamin Williams.

Jacob W. Smith was born in Sunbury Oct. 3, 1799. After studying at a select school in Northumberland he studied for the Lutheran ministry under Rev. J. Peter Shindle, but owing to throat trouble he had to give up the profession after following it a short time, and he turned his attention to business pursuits, in which he made a decided success. Locating at Selinsgrove, Snyder Co., Pa., he engaged in the lumber and grain trade, in which he built up a large business, which he continued to carry on throughout his life. He took an interest in all matters concerning the community, took a leading part in local politics as a member of the Democratic party, and was an enthusiastic member of the Lutheran Church at Selinsgrove, contributing liberally when the church building was erected. His death, which occurred April 1, 1851, was regarded as a public loss. He is buried at Selinsgrove.

On Aug. 28, 1827, Mr. Smith married Mary Straub, who was born March 21, 1806, daughter of Andrew and Mary (Walter) Straub, the former of whom founded what is now the borough of Milton, Northumberland county. Mrs. Smith died in Sunbury Aug. 14, 1885, and was buried beside her husband. They had a family of ten children, only three of whom survive, namely: Emma J. is the widow of Capt. Selin Davis; Caroline E., who is unmarried, makes her home in Sunbury; Gertrude I. is the wife of Dr. Charles Arthur, son of the well known writer T. S. Arthur, and they reside in San Francisco, California.

LEWIS K. ETTINGER, one of the most valued employees of the S. J. Shimer & Sons (Incorporated) concern, in the borough of Milton, is engaged in the capacity of superintendent at that important industrial establishment. His ability is recognized in all his business relations, and his high standing, won in years of honorable occupation, is well merited.

Mr. Ettinger is a native of York, York Co., Pa., born June 10, 1855. The family there is of long and honorable standing. His great-grandfather, Rev. Adam Ettinger, a clergyman of the Reformed Church, died in 1809. He married a sister of Rev. John Stouch, of the Lutheran Church.

Rev. Adam Ettinger, son of Rev. Adam, for sixty-two years a clergyman of York county, was one of the pioneer ministers of the Evangelical Church. He was born in York in 1787, and in the fall of 1813, under the administration of Rev. John Walter, the first fellow laborer of Rev. Jacob Albright, founder of the Evangelical Association, joined that denomination, which then had but fifteen preachers and 769 members in America. He became one of the original preachers of the Associ-



ation in York county, traveling through that and surrounding counties, and no minister of the gospel was a more devoted follower of the doctrines and principles of the church of his choice than he, giving not only his time but his means to the support of the cause he so faithfully advocated. In fact, to the church and its interests he was generous and philanthropic beyond his means. When ninety years old he preached a sermon at Milton. He died in York in October, 1879, at the age of ninety, and is buried there, in Prospect Hill cemetery. He was married early in life to Elizabeth Miller, daughter of Conrad Miller, a soldier of the Revolution and well-to-do farmer of Hopewell. His father-in-law and mother-in-law then formed part of his household, and their home became a place for religious meetings, and in summertime camp-meetings were held in the adjoining woods.

Rev. Adam and Elizabeth (Miller) Ettinger had children as follows: Daniel, who resided at York, Pa., and who became a civil engineer; Jesse, who settled in York county, where he died; Catharine, who married Dr. William Bower and now resides at Mount Sterling, Ill.; Leah, who married John Sprenkel, of York, Pa.; George, living in Baltimore; John, who died at Elizabethtown, Dauphin Co., Pa.; Mary, wife of George Messersmith; Joel, who died at Baltimore; and William.

William Ettinger, son of Rev. Adam and Elizabeth (Miller), was born Jan. 23, 1825, in York county, Pa., and learned the weaver's trade which he followed in York and Center counties. After his marriage he lived in Shrewsbury, York county, for a few years, in 1853 settling in York, where he remained until his removal to Aaronsburg, Center county, in 1861. There he followed weaving and later conducted a meat market. In 1876 he moved to Milton, Northumberland county, where he had a meat market for about twenty-five years, becoming one of the best known business men in the borough. He made his home there until his death, Nov. 20, 1896, when he was aged seventy-one years, nine months, twenty-seven days. Like his father he was a member of the Evangelical Church, and he was a Republican in politics.

On March 24, 1850, Mr. Ettinger was married, in Center county, to Sophia M. Kurtz, a native of Darmstadt, Germany, born Oct. 17, 1831, who was only nine months old when brought by her parents to America. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. William Ettinger: (1) Joanna E., born Jan. 6, 1851, married Rev. L. K. Harris, an Evangelical minister, and died in August, 1908. (2) Lewis K. is mentioned below. (3) Anna Mary, born Jan. 2, 1861, married William Neagley, and they have one son. They reside in Milton. (4) Joel, born Nov. 30, 1863, married Grace Anderson, of Chester, and they now live in Portland, Oregon.

Ludwig Kurtz, father of Mrs. William Ettinger,

was born in Darmstadt, Germany, and came to America with his wife and family in 1832, settling at what was then known as "Little York" (now York), Pa. The voyage to this country, made in a sailing vessel, took fifty-five days. Mr. Kurtz had a forge and sawmill in Germany, and was also an expert printer, and he was engaged as a printer after coming to this country. His death occurred at Aaronsburg, Center Co., Pa. He married in Germany Joanna S. Brahm, whose father, Godfrey Brahm, was a prominent man in Darmstadt in his day, being secretary under the ruler of the Duchy of Hesse-Darmstadt; he could speak nine languages.

Lewis K. Ettinger received a common school education, and learned the weaving trade with his father. In 1875 he came to Milton and took a position in the Shimer establishment, making cutter heads, for a dollar a day. There were only two men besides himself in the department, and by earnest application and intelligent attention to his work he won promotion from time to time, becoming foreman and continuing as such until 1902, when he was made superintendent of the plant. In this capacity Mr. Ettinger has about 190 men to oversee, and he is one of the most trusted heads in the establishment, which has an important place in the industrial prosperity of the borough of Milton. He is a much respected and substantial citizen of that borough, a member of the Board of Trade, and in various ways identified with its best interests. Fraternally he holds membership in Milton Lodge, No. 256, F. & A. M.; in Warrior Run Chapter, No. 246, R. A. M., of Watstown; and in the B. P. O. Elks. He is a Republican in politics.

In August, 1899, Mr. Ettinger married Mary Blanch Jenkins, daughter of John and Lucy (Hull) Jenkins, the former a prominent citizen of Milton, connected with several local financial institutions and well known in the Board of Trade, which he served at one time as president.

**MONTGOMERY.** The Montgomery family—descendants of James Montgomery, who may truthfully be called the pioneer schoolmaster of Northumberland county—is well and worthily represented in and around Pottsgrove at the present time, and a full account, giving the record of many of its living members and their immediate predecessors, will be found elsewhere in these pages. The present article is immediately concerned with the brothers John S. and William A. Montgomery, sons of Hugh R. Montgomery and grandsons of James. Herewith we give only an outline of the earlier generations, more complete mention of which may be found in the article written by Dr. James R. Montgomery.

In 1795 James Montgomery, the emigrant ancestor, married Sarah Sheddan, and they had chil-

dren as follows: Samuel, born in 1796, died in 1798; James, born in 1798, died in 1827; Samuel (2), born in 1800, died in 1826; Nathaniel, born in 1802, died in 1824; William, born in 1805, died in 1826; Mary, born in 1808, died in 1854; Daniel W., born in 1811, died in 1866; Andrew, born in 1814, died in 1838; Robert G., born in 1817, died in 1875; Hugh R., born in 1819, died in 1881; Anne, born in 1822, died in 1829. For his second wife James Montgomery married Mrs. Catherine (Harvey) Burns, and they had three children: John C., born in 1828, died in 1859; David H., born in 1831, died in 1902; Margaret J., born in 1835, died in 1842.

Hugh R. Montgomery, father of John S. and William A. Montgomery, was born May 26, 1819, on the old Montgomery homestead, where he lived until he reached his majority. Although never physically robust, he early became accustomed to hard work, helping to clear and till his father's land, while during the long winters he taught the district school. The latter occupation he followed for many years, the former throughout his life. The lady who afterward became his wife was for some time a pupil of his. In 1842 he bought a tract of land to which he moved and to which he subsequently made additions (this is now known as the "Lindrew" farm), and improved the property by building a substantial brick house and large bank barn. There he lived till 1865, when he sold it and moved to the Auten farm, where he lived one year, when he bought and moved to the Morgan farm in the village of Mexico. Here he lived for three years, when he sold the place and purchased a large tract of land along the banks of the Chillisquaque, near Pottsgrove. This was known as the Bennage farm and was the tract originally known as "The True Point," which in consideration of the sum of twelve pounds, two shillings, sixpence sterling was granted, released and confirmed unto John Morrow (progenitor of the present Murray family) on the 16th day of June in the year of our Lord 1714, and the 14th year of the reign of King George III. over Great Britain, etc., by Thomas Penn and John Penn, Esq's., etc., etc. He moved on this farm during the month of April, 1869, and soon improved it by the erection of an excellent brick house, which he occupied until his death, which occurred after an extended illness, July 28, 1881. He was a man of sterling honor and integrity and a person of much more than ordinary intelligence. Although naturally rather backward and unassuming, his life was an active and useful one. He was first commissioned justice of the peace by Governor Johnston in 1850, an office he held continuously until his removal from the county, in 1869. In Chillisquaque township he served as overseer of the poor. He took much interest in educational matters, was a member of the school board for many years and was one

of the founders of the Pottsgrove Academy. He was executor or administrator of a great many estates. In politics he was a Democrat, in religion a Presbyterian, for many years a member of and elder in the old Chillisquaque Church. His father was one of the founders of that church. Hugh R. Montgomery is buried in the family plot in the upper cemetery at Milton.

On June 25, 1857, at Danville, Pa., Mr. Montgomery married Sarah S. Moll, who was born March 30, 1837, in Berks county, Pa., daughter of Daniel F. and Mary (Seidel) Moll, granddaughter of John and Mary Elizabeth (Foust) Moll, and great-granddaughter of Henry Moll. Little is known of the first Molls (or Mulls, as they spelled the name) in this country, but it is supposed they came from Germany. Children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh R. Montgomery: James R., May 15, 1858; John S., Aug. 21, 1859; Mary E., Nov. 20, 1860; Sarah A., Sept. 20, 1863; Daniel M., Sept. 27, 1865; William A., Sept. 2, 1867; Hugh Bryson, Aug. 27, 1868; Clara B., Nov. 29, 1870 (died July 23, 1900); Alice J., Dec. 17, 1873.

JOHN S. MONTGOMERY, born Aug. 21, 1859, on the Harvey farm in Liberty township, Montour Co., Pa., received his education in the public schools and in the academy at Pottsgrove, whither the family had moved in 1869. After his school days were over he learned telegraphy, which he followed for several years, being employed by the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company from 1883 to 1888. He spent some time at Danville and Beaver Valley. In August, 1888, he purchased a store in Pottsgrove, which he conducted alone for a time, but in the fall of 1889 he took his brother Daniel M. into partnership, which lasted until 1901. Then Daniel withdrew and another brother, William A., entered the firm, which continued to do a large retail business in the prosperous community in which the store was located. In 1894 the brothers purchased a lot on which they erected a large and substantial store building and residence. John S. Montgomery, the senior member of the firm, which was known as J. S. Montgomery & Co., withdrew from the business in 1905, and has since lived retired. He continues to make his home in Pottsgrove, where he has a fine residence. Mr. Montgomery is looked upon as one of the enterprising men of his town, taking an active part in all that concerns its welfare, though of late not so intimately associated with its business life. He sold his business and stock in 1905 to Mr. C. I. Rummage, and his brother William disposing of his interest in 1906 Mr. Rummage now carries on the business alone. The stand is one of the most important in this region, and during his active connection with the business Mr. John S. Montgomery served eight years as a trustee of Pottsgrove. Since 1903 he has



been assessor of East Chillisquaque township. He is a Democrat in politics, and fraternally belongs to Pottsgrove Lodge, I. O. O. F., and to Milton Lodge, No. 913, B. P. O. Elks. Few citizens of Pottsgrove have been more thoroughly identified with its best interests.

On March 14, 1902, Mr. Montgomery married Jane S. McWilliams, daughter of John Cruser McWilliams. Like the family generally, he is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

WILLIAM A. MONTGOMERY, born Sept. 2, 1867, on the Morgan farm in Liberty township, received his education in the Pottsgrove schools. After the death of his father, in 1881, he took charge of the old home and farmed the place, thus making a home for his mother and his younger brothers and sisters. In 1895 he bought the farm, and occupied it for some years. Unfortunately he sustained a severe sun-stroke, the results of which compelled him to forego the hard work and exposure to the heat of the sun incident to the life of the agriculturist. He rented his farm and removed to Pottsgrove, where he led a retired life until 1901, when he joined his brother, John S., in the mercantile business, from which he withdrew in 1906, shortly after his brother's retirement. He has since devoted his time to looking after his farm properties, having two fine tracts in East Chillisquaque township, one of seventy-seven acres, the other of 150 acres.

Mr. Montgomery has always been fond of travel, and on Jan. 22, 1909, he left for a pleasure tour of the Western coast, going by way of Harrisburg, Pittsburg, Chicago, Denver, Salt Lake City and Sacramento to Los Angeles, returning via Sacramento and Seattle, where he visited the fair then in progress. After a trip to Vancouver, B. C., he returned to Seattle, and thence East by way of Spokane, Yellowstone Park, St. Paul, Chicago, Niagara Falls and Buffalo, home to Pottsgrove, where he arrived Sept. 9th.

Mr. Montgomery is a member of the Odd Fellows fraternity and of the B. P. O. Elks, holding membership in the Milton Lodge of the latter organization. In religion he is a Presbyterian, and at present serving as a member of the board of trustees of his church. He is unmarried.

THOMAS H. GUFFY, who lives retired at Milton, has been a lifelong resident of that place, where he was born Feb. 10, 1859, son of Robert F. Guffy.

The Guffy family is of Scotch extraction. Alexander Guffy, grandfather of Thomas H. Guffy, was born in Scotland in 1750 and came to America in 1770, settling in Northumberland county, Pa., upon the site of McEwensville. He died July 15, 1816, at the age of sixty-five. He married Margaret Scott, daughter of James Scott, and she died Jan. 3, 1822, also aged sixty-five. They were

the parents of eight children, of whom we have the following record: (1) John married Agnes Grier, and died May 6, 1854, aged seventy-two; his wife Agnes died July 4, 1833, aged forty-eight. His children were: Mary married Aaron Miser; Alexander married Margaret Riddells; John married Eliza Crawford; Margaret married Charles W. Potts; Jane married Thomas Jones; Sarah married Alexander Koons; Emily married Jacob Crawford. (2) Eliza married Anthony (Armstrong), and they had six children: Jane married E. W. Derickson; Matilda married Judge John F. Dentler and had children, Mary E. (married Peter Melich), Henry Clay, Walter W., Jane E. (married J. W. Sloan), John M., James D., Jessie (married Alfred Bagney), Maggie (married Leidy Monloch), Sallie M. (Mrs. Gifford) and Julia (married William Withers); Margaret married John Sloan; Andrew married Angeline Watson; James P. married A. Guffy; G. W. married Elizabeth Withers. (3) Jane died young. (4) Andrew, born Aug. 13, 1792, died June 28, 1879. He married Eleanor Armstrong, who died Feb. 7, 1857, aged sixty-four years, six months. They had seven children: Margaret, born Dec. 28, 1821, married James P. Armstrong; Andrew Jackson, born near Turbutville May 31, 1823, married Mary M. Falls (he was well known as a surveyor and lawyer); James, born April 13, 1826, married Elizabeth Shannon, and died Oct. 3, 1891; Harriet, born Jan. 24, 1828, married Samuel Frymoyer, and died Feb. 6, 1875; Clarissa C., born in 1831, died April 12, 1884, aged fifty-one years, four months, twenty days; Richard A., born in 1836 (died Dec. 31, 1871, aged thirty-five years, three months, eighteen days), married Hester McKee (who died Dec. 21, 1871, aged thirty-two years, eight months, twenty-seven days); Eleanor S., born May 29, 1829, died in 1888. (5) Samuel married Mary Pollock and they had children: Alexander, Richard, Emanuel, Samuel Scott, Sheriff and Mary Ellen. (6) Alexander married Catharine Kerchner and they had seven children, Angeline, Susanna (married Joseph Money), Theodore, Ellen, Catharine, Elizabeth and John Andrew. (7) Emily married Jacob Crawford, and died July 27, 1894. Their children were Mary (married John Moyer), Ellen (married James Shell), Alfred (married Margaret Sheep), Ambrose (married George Taggart), Margaret (married George Reeser), William, and Louisa (married Alfred Cadwallader). (8) Robert F. is the father of Thomas H. Guffy.

Robert F. Guffy was born in 1831 and died Oct. 25, 1900, at Milton, Pa. He came to that town when quite a young man, and followed his trade, blacksmithing, for many years, also boating on the canal for many years. He was a well known man and very popular in his district. His wife,



Matilda (Overpeck), daughter of Andrew and Deborah (Housekeeper) Overpeck, born in 1829, died in 1905, the mother of children as follows: Laura, who died in 1859; Thomas H.; Milton F., born in 1862, who died in 1863; and Annie Lee, born in 1863, who married Wilson Werly (now deceased) and had three children, Ralph, Robert and Helen, she and her family residing at No. 511 Shakespeare avenue, Milton.

Thomas H. Guffy received his education in the Milton schools. For a period of fourteen years he was employed in the nail mill there, and later was with the J. B. Kester & Son Company for five years and with the Milton Manufacturing Company four years. He then took charge of the estate of his uncle, Milton Overpeck, which he looked after until it was closed, and in 1907 he retired from active labor. Mr. Guffy is an esteemed citizen of Milton, a member of the local camp (No. 188) of the P. O. S. of A. and, in religion, of Christ Lutheran Church.

On April 11, 1906, Mr. Guffy married Mrs. Catharine (Dreisbach) Berlin, widow of George Berlin, by whom she has one son, Harlos H. To her marriage with Mr. Guffy was also born one son, who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Guffy reside at the old Guffy homestead in Milton, No. 501 Shakespeare avenue.

Isaac Dreisbach, grandfather of Mrs. Guffy, lived principally in Luzerne county, Pa., though he died in Columbia county, where he made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Sherman. His children were Stephen, Catharine, Sophia, Christine, Rachel and Maria.

Stephen Dreisbach, father of Mrs. Guffy, married Mary Bittenbender, and they had a family of six children: Levi, Alice, Frances, Rosania, Catharine, and Julia (who died young).

James Scott, father of Mrs. Alexander Guffy, had children: Samuel; John; Andrew, who moved to Ohio in 1791; Margaret, who married Alexander Guffy; Rebecca, who married Peter Jones; and Eliza, who married James Boon. Of this family,

Peter and Rebecca (Scott) Jones had children: John, Samuel, Isaac, Matthew, Matilda and Sarah, of whom Isaac Jones married Jane Wilson and had Wilson, Samuel Scott, Joseph B., John J., Reuben J., Andrew, Matilda and Margaret. Mattie Jones, daughter of Peter, married Peter Clive and had four children: Philip, Hiram, Henry and Rebecca.

Dr. Thomas Pollock, great-grandfather of Eleanor Armstrong, who married Andrew Guffy, son of Alexander, was married in Ireland to a Miss Cochran and lived at Coleraine, where his children were born, viz.: John; Thomas, M. D., who died in Ireland, where he returned after studying medicine in America; Robert; James, born in 1728;

Charles, born in 1732, who married Agnes Teel, and died in 1795; Jane, Mrs. McClean, who died in 1797; Eliza, who married John Sheriff; Mary; a daughter who married (first) a Mr. Caldwell and (second) a Mr. Allison; Mrs. David Barber, of Northumberland, Pa.; and Elizabeth, who died in Ireland. Of this family,

John Pollock, born in 1724, died in 1794. He was twice married, his first wife being Catherine Campbell, his second Eleanor Snell, who was a niece of Benjamin Franklin. They had four children: Eleanor, born in 1760, married James Armstrong, and died in 1823; Thomas, born in 1762, died in 1812; Alexander, born in 1764, married Jane Sheriff, daughter of John and Eliza (Guffy) Sheriff, and died in 1801; John, born in 1765, died in 1772.

James Pollock, son of Dr. Thomas Pollock, born in 1728, died in 1812. He moved to the Ligonier Valley, in Westmoreland county, Pa. He married Mary Heron, and they had children as follows: Adam, born in 1767, married Elizabeth Gilen, and died in 1815; James, born in 1769, married Mary Steel, died in 1857; Thomas, born in 1772, married Mary Fruit, and died in 1844; William, born in 1773, married Sallie Fruit; Thomas, born in 1777, married Rachel Hendricks and (second) S. Henderson, and died in 1847; Charles, born in 1780, died in 1798; John, born in 1783, married Elizabeth Hamill, and died in 1862; David, born in 1784, died in 1807; Jane was born in 1784; Robert, born in 1785, married Mary Anderson, and died in 1844; Nancy, born in 1789, married William Lytle, and died in 1845; Elizabeth married John McCoy.

James Armstrong came to America in 1786, and died in 1829, at the age of seventy-five years. His wife Eleanor (Pollock), daughter of John Pollock and granddaughter of Dr. Thomas Pollock, died in 1823. They were the parents of ten children: (1) Anthony, born in 1788, married Elizabeth Guffy, and died in 1866. (2) Elizabeth, born in 1789, married George Blain, and died in 1861. Their children were Ellen (married Jacob Mausteller), Prudence (married John D. Britton), James (married Elizabeth Emaus), Mary (married Hiram Artman) and Eleanor (married Andrew Guffy). (3) Eleanor, born in 1791, died in 1794. (4) Eleanor, born in 1792, married Andrew Guffy, and died in 1857. (5) Catharine, born in 1793, died in 1863. (6) John, born in 1795, died in 1863. (7) Jane, born in 1798, died in 1844. (8) James Thomas, born in 1800, was a surveyor, and died in 1844. He married Mary Reeder and their children were Dr. Richard, Mary Ellen, George B., William W. and Mary (who married Frank B. McGee). (9) Mary, born in 1803, died in 1844. (10) Richard, born in 1805, was a missionary to the Sandwich Islands and died in 1860. He married Clarissa Chatman and they had

six children: Caroline; Carrie (married Ed. Bechurtle); Samuel (Gen.), founder of the Hampdon schools; William Nevins, who was attorney for the king of the Sandwich Islands; Ellen J.; and Clara A.

JOHN HAAS, late of Sunbury, Pa., long an influential and representative business man of that borough, was a son of Daniel Haas, whose father participated in the war of the Revolution.

Daniel Haas married Eve Reed: both were of Shamokin township, Northumberland Co., Pa. He engaged in farming there for some years, but in 1851 sold his farm and removed to Indiana, settling in Newtown, Fountain county, where he and his wife passed the remainder of their lives.

They had a family of eleven children, seven sons and four daughters. Their son John spent his younger days on his father's farm, but left home at an early age to engage in mercantile business. In 1857 he was clerk for Fagely, Seasoltz and Co., coal merchants at Sunbury, Pa., and in the fall of 1857 became a member of that firm, being associated for a time with William and Reuben Fagely, under the firm name of Fagely & Haas, the firm name later changing to John Haas & Co. They were most successful, conducting extensive coal operations until 1872, in which year they sold their personal property to the Mineral Mining Company. Mr. Haas continuing, however, to deal in coal until his retirement, some years before his death. During the Civil war period the firm shipped considerable coal to Baltimore and Philadelphia. While in partnership with Mr. Fagely Mr. Haas purchased four thousand acres of woodland in Lycoming county, Pa. They had large quantities of lumber cut and manufactured from that tract, selling it at a comparatively small profit. In 1883, when the Sunbury Nail, Bar and Guide Iron Manufacturing Company was organized, Mr. Haas became president, remaining as the executive head of that concern until he retired from the active management, in 1890, continuing to serve as president until 1894. To the upbuilding of this, one of the most important industrial establishments of the borough, he gave his principal attention and best energies, and much of its success was due to his efforts. Numerous other local concerns of considerable importance also counted him among their most effective promoters. He was one of the first directors of the Sunbury, Shamokin & Lewisburg railroad, now the Philadelphia & Reading road; a director of the First National Bank of Sunbury; and president of the Sunbury Water Company. Mr. Haas was a member of the Lutheran Church, serving as elder thirty-five years, being an important member of the church council, and as Sunday school superintendent thirty years. He was president of the board of directors of the Missionary Institute at Selins-

grove, Pa., now Susquehanna University, also a director of the Loysville (Pa.) Orphans' Home. Politically he was a Republican, and during the Civil war was a strong Unionist.

In 1846 Mr. Haas married Mary A. Geen, of Jersey Shore, Pa., who died in 1855. To this union were born four children: Jennie Clemetine, who married L. T. Rohrbach, of Sunbury; John Black Packer; Mary Alice, widow of Dr. C. M. Martin, and Louisa, who died in infancy. Later Mr. Haas married Mercy Ann Martin, daughter of Jacob and Henrietta Martin. Though past eighty-three years of age Mrs. Haas is a remarkably well preserved woman, a pleasing conversationalist, with an excellent memory. The residence at the corner of Chestnut street and River avenue where she resides was built by Mr. Haas in 1868. Mr. Haas was a Mason, holding membership in Lodge No. 22, F. and A. M., of Sunbury; Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M., and Crusade Commandery, K. T., the latter organization of Bloomsburg. He was also a member of the I. O. O. F. at Sunbury. He died March 10, 1899, in his seventy-seventh year, after a life of all-around usefulness such as falls to the lot of few men. His son,

John Black Packer Haas was born in Sunbury Sept. 30, 1849, and there began his education. He was a student at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, Pa., and later at Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa. Upon leaving school he was employed by his father at Sunbury. In 1875 he moved to Baltimore to engage extensively in the wholesale and retail coal business there. While residing in that city he purchased "The Knöx Hat Store"; also was appointed cashier of the Baltimore post office, May 16, 1881. Upon the expiration of his term in 1885 he returned to Sunbury, where he engaged in the iron business. He then accepted a position with the Pottstown Iron Company, with offices located at Syracuse, N. Y., and efficiently served in that capacity until the company closed the works, after which he returned to Sunbury and gave his time to his father's extensive private interests. His exceptional business ability and high sense of honor were recognized by all who had dealings with him in any of the relations of life. He was trusted implicitly, receiving many marks of the high confidence in which he was universally held. He was a thirty-second-degree Mason, being a member of Beauceant Commandery, No. 8, at Baltimore; an Odd Fellow; and member of the B. P. O. Elks. Though a staunch Republican in politics, he declined the nomination as candidate for representative from the Seventeenth Congressional district, though unanimously nominated from his county.

On Nov. 4, 1872, Mr. Haas married Sarah Schaffle, of Lewisburg, Pa., eldest daughter of Charles William Schaffle, and to them were born



three children, Mary Gheen, Gertrude and Jenny, the last named dying when seven months old. In 1897 Mary Gheen married Alonza J. Carter, of Waynesburg, Pa., now of Jeannette, Pa., where he is engaged in the furniture business and as funeral director; they have two children, John Pack-er Haas and Sarah Schaffle.

Charles William Schaffle, father of Mrs. Haas, was born in Lewisburg, Pa., in 1820. He was married in 1845 to Mary Wykoff, who was born in 1823, daughter of Peter Wykoff and Sarah Nevius, and a descendant of the Chamberlin family, well known in Union county, which was represented in the service during the Revolutionary war. To this union were born four sons and four daughters.

Charles Frederick Schaffle, grandfather of Mrs. Haas, was born in 1796 at Durmenz, Oberamt Maulbrum, in the kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany, son of Simon F. Schaffle and Mary Magdalene Kliner, who had a family of seven children, Charles Frederick being the youngest of five sons. Simon F. Schaffle was a man of influence and position, for eight years burgomaster of Durmenz. Charles Frederick Schaffle, his son, sailed for America Aug. 29, 1818, his twenty-second birthday, and the following year he settled in Lewisburg, Union Co., Pa., where he passed the remainder of his life, dying March 7, 1881. He had a superior knowledge of chemistry, and became a noted apothecary in that section, founding the druggist and chemistry establishment which he, his sons and grandsons conducted in turn for many years. He had a family of ten children, two of whom died in infancy. Two fought in the Civil war and died on the battlefield. He married March 12, 1820, Marie Caroline Dickes, daughter of Jean Guillaume Dickes and Marie Elizabeth Felme. She was born April 29, 1800, at One Mine, Alsace, France, and left her home on the German border the year her future husband settled at Lewisburg, April 29, 1819, with her parents and only brother, Joseph, who was Secretary to Joseph Bonaparte, ex-King of Spain, and held that position for fifteen years, until the monarch's death.

**GASS.** The Gass family, which has several representatives among the best citizens of the borough of Sunbury, has been identified with that section of Northumberland county since the founder, Jacob Goss, came hither from Berks county, Pa., where the immigrant ancestors apparently first settled upon coming to this country.

This family name was originally written Goss, and was anglicized to Gass about 1800. The immigrants of this name are recorded as follows: Carl Goss, ship "Christian," qualified Sept. 13, 1749; Stephan Goss, ship "Brothers," qualified Sept. 22, 1752; Johannes Goss, snow "Louisa," qualified Nov. 8, 1752; Johann Kraff Goss, ship "Edin-

burgh," qualified Sept. 14, 1753; Johan Georg Göss, snow "Good Intent," qualified Oct. 23, 1754.

The Gasses of Northumberland county are descended from one Frederick Goss, who was a taxable resident of Colebrookdale township, Berks Co., Pa., in 1754. He had among other descendants—these being probably sons—Jacob, Martin and Ludwig Goss, all of whom were living in Northumberland county when the Federal Census of 1790 was taken. At that time all were heads of families except Ludwig, who was married but had then no family. Jacob had wife, two sons and one daughter, all the children under sixteen years of age; Martin had wife and three sons, all under sixteen years of age.

Jacob Goss (or Gass) came from Berks county and as mentioned was settled in Northumberland county at the time of the census of 1790, living in Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, about one mile east of Sunbury. He was a farmer and owned a large tract (now the property of Horace Lenker). He was a member of the Reformed Church, and he and his wife spoke German. Mr. Goss died when about sixty-eight years old, and is buried in the old cemetery at Sunbury. His wife, Sarah (Lantz), sister of the venerable Samuel Lantz, late of Rockefeller township, survived him several years. They were the parents of the following named children: The sons, Henry, Joseph, William and Martin are all mentioned in turn below; Mary married William Kuebler; Sarah married Reeder Campbell and they moved to Red Bank, Pa.; Eliza married Jacob Thompson; Susan married Westley Bastian; Lydia married D. O. E. Maize.

Henry Gass, son of Jacob, born July 29, 1805, died July 1, 1897. He lived in the Plum Creek district and is buried at the Plum Creek Church, where many Gasses have found their last resting place. He was twice married, his second union being to Julia Ann Conrad, who died Dec. 16, 1857, aged fifty-four years. His son Jacob, now a venerable resident of Upper Augusta township, is living at Hamilton; during the early part of 1911 he married Susannah (Malick) Raker, widow of William Raker. Other sons were William and George, and there were daughters Maria, Susan, Louisa and Harriet.

Joseph Gass, Sr., son of Jacob, born Dec. 20, 1810, was a prosperous farmer and prominent citizen of his day. He lived in the Plum Creek section, owning a farm of 148 acres which he cultivated profitably, of which 100 acres is now owned by David Furman. A Democrat in politics, and prominent in the affairs of his party and in public matters, he served as county commissioner from 1863 to 1866. He died Dec. 28, 1879. On Aug. 12, 1834, Mr. Gass married Maria Raker, who was born Jan. 27, 1814, and died Oct. 25, 1874, and both are buried in the cemetery of Lantz's Ger-



man Reformed Church, in Rockefeller township. They had children as follows: Martin R., born July 6, 1836, died Jan. 12, 1888 (his first wife, Mary Ann, born Sept. 20, 1835, died Oct. 16, 1862; his second wife, Abigail, died July 26, 1892, aged fifty-five years, seven months, eight days); Samuel, born March 10, 1838, died Nov. 5, 1901, aged sixty-three years, seven months, twenty-five days (his wife Sarah died July 4, 1905, aged sixty-five years, four months, eight days); Mary Ann was born July 29, 1840, and died in Sunbury Sept. 18, 1900; Lucendia, born March 25, 1842, died in February, 1843; Joseph, Jr., is mentioned below; Barbara A. was born Feb. 24, 1847, and died in Snyder county; Isaac, born July 18, 1849, died Aug. 9, 1849; Rev. Richard F., born Nov. 19, 1852, graduated from Franklin and Marshall Theological Seminary at Lancaster, and at present is serving his old home church.

Joseph Gass, Jr., born Dec. 13, 1844, in Rockefeller township, is engaged in farming there. He married Ruth Shipman, daughter of the late Judge Abraham Shipman, of that township, and they have had four sons: Horatio Warren is mentioned below; George Nevin died in infancy; Rev. Richard Ira is a minister of the Reformed Church, stationed at Mainville; Foster W. married Rachel R. Grier, daughter of Albert C. and Catharine (Gann) Grier, who lived in Lycoming county, Pa., and a member of a family which numbers many ministers, doctors, teachers and editors among its members, Albert C. Grier's father having been Dr. John Wilson Grier, of Nippenose Valley, Lycoming county, and his grandfather a Presbyterian minister who lived and preached at Jersey Shore for fifty years.

HORATIO WARREN GASS, M. D., a successful physician of Sunbury, Northumberland county, was born Sept. 9, 1868, in Plum Creek, Upper Augusta (now Rockefeller) township. He received his early education in the schools of the home locality, later attending the Kutztown Normal school, after which he was engaged as a public school teacher in his native county for seven years. In the year 1894 he began the study of medicine, and in October, 1895, entered the Medico-Chirurgical College in Philadelphia, graduating therefrom with his degree of M. D. May 21, 1898. In June he passed the examination of the State Board and in August began practice at Mount Aetna, Berks county, where he located Aug. 8th. In 1901 he removed his office to Sunbury, where he is located at the corner of Fairmount avenue and Market street. Dr. Gass has not only acquired a large private practice, but other interests of a professional nature in which he has won wide repute and high standing. He was jail physician at Sunbury from 1906 to 1908, inclusive, has been medical examiner for the Mutual Life and Travelers' Insurance Companies, and for the Ancient Order of United

Workmen, and holds membership in the Northumberland County and Pennsylvania State Medical Societies and in the American Medical Association. He has various social connections, being a member of Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., at Sunbury; of Camp No. 194, P. O. S. of A., of Sunbury; and of the W. O. W. His church membership is with the Reformed denomination. Dr. Gass is a Democrat in political opinion, and he takes a genuine interest in public affairs, especially movements affecting the welfare of his home community, for whose good he has done much effective work. His unquestioned position and strong intelligence make him an influential factor in any enterprise which enlists his sympathies.

On June 28, 1900, Dr. Gass married Gertrude E. Kuebler, daughter of George E. and Sarah (Fasold) Kuebler, of Rockefeller township, and a descendant of Conrad Weiser. They have had one child, Mark Kuebler Gass.

William Gass, one of the four sons of Jacob Gass above mentioned, was a resident of what is now Shamokin township, Northumberland county, and engaged in agricultural pursuits, owning the large farm now the property of Alfred Schlegel. He served many years as school director of his township, was a Democrat in politics, and in religious matters a member of the German Reformed Church, which he served a number of years as member of the church council. He died March 23, 1897, aged eighty-one years, six months, eight days, and his wife, Susanna (Strickline), born Jan. 27, 1820, died May 29, 1888; they are buried at the Eden Church in the Plum Creek section. Their children were: Jacob, born in 1842, who died in 1858; Joseph A.; Simon W., who is out West; Isaac N., of Sunbury, Pa.; Harriet A., deceased, who was the wife of Francis Campbell; Emma J., who married John Taylor and (second) Charles Feese; and Annie E., who married Cyrus Tucker.

JOSEPH A. GASS, son of William, was born Sept. 8, 1844, in Shamokin township, and passed his early life upon the farm. When eighteen years old he became an apprentice to the carpenter's trade, which he followed for five years. Meantime, though he had no special educational advantages in boyhood, he had improved his mental acquirements by evening study and application, and in 1862 he began teaching public school, in Shamokin township, commencing at a salary of eighteen dollars a month. He taught thirty terms in all—nine terms in one school, and seven terms in Snyder town borough. All his schools were ungraded, and some idea of the amount of work expected from one teacher in those days may be gained from the fact that he had 114 pupils enrolled in Coal township, in 1864-65; 111 enrolled in Elizabeth township, Allegheny county; and 88

enrolled in Snyderstown borough. His school work was done for the most part in the winter season, his summers being devoted to farming in Rockefeller township. In 1889 he began dealing in fertilizers, being one of the first agents in his section, and in the spring of 1898 he removed to the borough of Sunbury, where he has since been engaged in business, being established on North Eighth street, off Market street. There, in addition to phosphates, of which he sells about four hundred tons annually, he is engaged as a dealer in and agent for buggies, runabouts and wagons of all kinds, agricultural implements, steam and gasoline engines, light plants, pumps, etc. He handles considerable International Harvester goods, machine mowers, reapers, etc. Mr. Gass was the chief organizer of the Augusta Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of which he was agent, secretary and director for fifteen years; it has grown to be one of the large and successful insurance companies of this region. In every way he has been a useful and energetic man, taking an active part in the various interests and organizations with which he has been identified. Socially he was connected with the Odd Fellows and Encampment, the P. O. S. of A. and the Knights of Pythias, which latter fraternity he helped to organize at Northumberland, Pa. Politically he is a Democrat, and he has served as school director of Sunbury, at present representing the Ninth ward on the school board. He and his family are members of Zion's Lutheran Church at Sunbury, and he has been active particularly in Sunday school work, having served as superintendent in his country district and in Sunbury, and he is now superintendent of the Union Sunday school at the East End of the borough. His services in this capacity have covered a period of fifteen or eighteen years.

On May 28, 1873, Mr. Gass married Isabella A. Hausewart, daughter of Samuel I. Hausewart and his wife Hulda (Farley), and they have had children as follows: Hulda Susanna, who has been engaged in teaching in Sunbury since 1895; Maggie S., wife of George S. Conrad, of Sunbury; Harriet A., a stenographer, at York, Pa.; Isabella M., wife of Charles Schlegel, of Sunbury; Samuel J., born June 27, 1883, who is now assisting his father; Francis C.; and Nellie P.

Martin Gass, another son of Jacob Gass, lived in Upper Augusta township, where he was engaged in farming at the Gass schoolhouse. He is buried in the old cemetery at Sunbury. By his first wife, Anna Hower, who was born Dec. 5, 1815, daughter of Jacob Hower, and died Jan. 22, 1859, he had four children: Elizabeth J. (deceased), who married William Mackett; Richard A.; Jacob F.; and George W., of Sunbury. His second wife was Mary Conrad, widow of Eli Conrad. No children were born to this union.

Richard A. Gass, son of Martin, was born Oct. 12, 1845, in Upper Augusta township, and obtained his early education in the local schools. Later he attended Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport, Pa., and afterward taught school for some time, in Upper Augusta township and East Sunbury borough. For several years he engaged in the mercantile business at Sunbury, until he became traveling salesman, being at present engaged thus for the Chase Brothers Nursery Company. He has been selling for a quarter of a century and has been highly successful. In politics Mr. Gass is a Democrat and has been active in his party, having served from 1905 to 1908 as county auditor. He and his family are members of the Reformed Church.

In 1872 Mr. Gass married Emily A. Garinger, daughter of Charles and Deborah (Haas) Garinger, of Sunbury, and to them have been born four children: Laura G., Carrie D., Charles M. and Edward F.

CHARLES M. GASS, D. D. S., now engaged in the practice of dentistry in the borough of Sunbury, was born there May 1, 1878. He received his literary education in the public schools, including the high school, and on Oct. 1, 1897, he entered the dental department of Pennsylvania College, from which institution he was graduated in 1900. Returning to his home town he opened an office at No. 805 Market street, where he has since been established. He has built up a lucrative practice and occupies creditable standing in his profession. Dr. Gass is a member of the Modern Woodmen and of the Reformed Church.

EDWARD F. GASS, member of the firm of Wetzel & Gass, of Sunbury, the leading electrical firm of that region, was born Dec. 12, 1883, at No. 805 Market street, Sunbury, and received his education in the borough. Graduating from the high school in 1900, he subsequently worked for the United Telephone Company, doing business in Sunbury and vicinity, for a period of six years, during which time he studied the science of electricity. On Aug. 28, 1906, he formed his present partnership with Arthur B. Wetzel, under the firm name of Wetzel & Gass, and they do the leading business in their line in Sunbury and the adjoining country, keeping four men regularly employed, besides working themselves. They also carry a full line of all kinds of electrical supplies and equipment, and are up to date in everything pertaining to their business.

On Sept. 3, 1909, Mr. Gass married Frances E. Brand, daughter of William F. and Laura (Taylor) Brand, of Sunbury, the Taylor family coming from near Laporte, Sullivan Co., Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Gass have had one son, Charles Joseph. They reside at No. 806 Court street, Sunbury. Mr. Gass is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, the American Club and the Reformed



Church, in which he has been quite active, having been secretary of the Sunday school since 1905.

Jacob F. Gass, son of Martin, was born Oct. 17, 1848, in what is now Rockefeller township, and at an early age began clerking in the store at Sunbury. In 1880 he engaged in the grocery business there on his own account, at the corner of Fourth and Market streets, where the Sunbury Trust Company is now located, but owing to ill health he gave up this business in course of time and took to carpenter work and contracting, in which he continued until his death, Jan. 25, 1909. He had been a resident of Sunbury for many years.

On June 8, 1880, Mr. Gass married Sarah Jane Keefer, daughter of George Keefer. They had no children. Mr. and Mrs. Gass worshipped at the first Reformed Church, Sunbury. In politics he was a Democrat.

**JACOB STRAUB**, a venerable resident of East Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, has spent his life in that section with the exception of the three years he was in the West, and there is no more respected citizen in the district. Born Oct. 19, 1826, in what was then known as Chillisquaque township, he is a grandson of Andrew Straub, the founder of what is now the prosperous borough of Milton.

Andrew Straub's father was born along the southern border of Germany, and as his parents desired him to become a priest he attended the Catholic schools of that country until he reached young manhood. However, he did not complete his preparation for the church, but coming to America became a land owner and farmer, settling at Columbia, Lancaster Co., Pa., where he took up land, cleared it and followed farming to the end of his days. He was a good neighbor and true friend, and was on very friendly terms with the Wright brothers, the founders of Columbia and Wrightsville. He married after his arrival in this country, and his children were: Andrew; Valentine, who settled along the Tulpehocken creek in Berks county, Pa.; Mrs. Hougendobler; and Mrs. Merkle.

Andrew Straub, son of the emigrant, was born Feb. 14, 1748, on his father's farm just back of the town of Columbia, in what is now Lancaster county. When a boy he was bound out to one Mr. Bashore, near Columbia, to learn the trade of millwright, but he remained with him only four weeks, his master making him work at the trade during the daytime and split rails at night. This was too hard for the youth, so he returned home, and the Wrights gave him employment in the same line, in which, being a natural mechanic, he soon became expert. Before the Revolutionary war Mr. Wright asked young Straub if he thought he could come up along the river to build a mill for the soldiers at Fort Augusta, and he agreed to do it.

Making the trip to Sunbury by team, he came up the river above Northumberland to the Chillisquaque creek, where he erected the first mill, the iron for which was poled up the river from Columbia in a canoe. He then built a mill on the White Deer creek, in what is now Union county. Returning to Columbia he enlisted in the Continental troops for service in the Revolution, but when the conflict was over his mind again turned to the new country in which he had worked and in April, 1784, he returned to this section, locating at what is now Milton, and engaging in work at his trade, going back to his former home, however, in the spring of the following year. On May 1, 1787, he married Mary Eveline Walter, and in 1790 took up his residence at Milton, where he built a log house on the lot now occupied by the Milton National Bank. Two years later he built a house near what is now the intersection of Center and Filbert streets and removed thither with his family. He obtained a large tract of land, and in 1795 had completed a residence upon the eastern part of his farm, at or near the corner of Center street and Turbut avenue, where he resided until his death, Aug. 2, 1806. One Christian Yentzer was originally associated with him in planning what is now the borough of Milton, but he bought Mr. Yentzer's interests in 1791 and laid out the town in 1792. An enterprising, farsighted and public-spirited man, his activity in promoting the interests of the new town was effective, and his name will ever be associated with its growth along the most beneficial lines. He made donations of ground for church and school use, established mills, encouraged local business and manufacturing enterprises, and lived to see Milton prosper, one of the most thriving towns in the valley of the West branch. He was kind to the poor, and a liberal supporter of every cause which was good and just, and no one citizen of the community has probably done as much as he did to place its fortunes upon a substantial basis. His children were as follows: Joseph; Andrew; Susanna. Mrs. Rhoads; Esther. Mrs. Lawrence; Rachel. Mrs. Jodon; Mary. Mrs. Smith; Abraham and Isaac, twins, born Dec. 9, 1794; Christian; and three who died young.

Abraham Straub, born in Milton, learned the tanning trade and followed the business until 1824, when he sold out and became associated with his twin brother in what was known as the Birchwood Mills, on the island opposite Milton. There they were engaged in milling and lumbering for many years. They invented and introduced into their mill the first reaction water wheel probably ever used in the State. They also had a railroad track to their mill and yard. In 1832 and 1833 they erected the first bridges over the West branch of the Susquehanna at Milton, carried away by the flood of March 17, 1865. In 1834



Isaac retired from the firm and went to Lewistown, where he engaged in merchandising, leaving that town in 1838 and going to Cincinnati, where he died Dec. 17, 1875. Abraham Straub continued to operate the mills until 1840, when he took down the gristmill and moved it to Muddy Run, two miles above Milton, where he continued the milling business until 1853. He then sold it and built a bridge across the Susquehanna at Uniontown, after the completion of which work he turned his attention to the invention of a centrifugal pump. Though a self-educated surveyor, he became one of the foremost in that profession in his section of the State. He laid out Harmony cemetery, at Milton. He died Aug. 21, 1864. On Nov. 29, 1821, he married Nancy Balliet, who was born in 1804, and whose father was a native of Lehigh county, Pa., and a settler in Limestone, Montour county. She died Dec. 25, 1861. They had children as follows: John Andrew, Ambrose White (died in infancy), Stephen Daniel, Elizabeth Caroline (married Rev. William Goodrich), Clement Calvin (born Nov. 23, 1833), Ambrose White (2), William Alfred and Mary Louisa.

Christian Straub, ninth child of Andrew, taught school and was a merchant in Schuylkill county, served as sheriff of that county, and was elected to represent his district in the State Legislature and in Congress. He died before the expiration of his term as Congressman, and is buried at Washington, D. C., in the Congressional burying ground.

Joseph Straub, son of Andrew, was born Feb. 10, 1793, at Milton, and in his early life followed tanning and distilling. He owned considerable land in what is now Chillisquaque township, and followed farming until his death. Like his father, he is buried in the Harmony cemetery at Milton. His first wife, Elizabeth (Follmer), daughter of Henry and Susanna (Stahl) Follmer, was the mother of these children: Susanna, who died unmarried; Mary, widow of Reuben Follmer, residing in Milton; and Jacob. To his second marriage, with Mrs. Maria (Bright) Orwig, widow of Dr. Orwig, were born the following children: Franklin died in Ohio; Joseph served in the Civil war; John was killed at the battle of Gettysburg; Charles died young, of smallpox; Barbara married Dr. Koenig; Kate married William Moyer.

Jacob Straub, or, as he is familiarly known among his large circle of relations and friends, "Uncle Jake," received such education as the pay schools of the home district afforded. He learned the trade of stonemason, which he followed only a comparatively short time, however. In 1864 he went out to Nebraska, where he remained for three years, living among the Indians still numerous in that region and following farming. At the end of

that time he returned to the homestead where he had been brought up, and bought fifty-three acres of the old farm, upon which he built his present home in 1869. He followed farming and trucking here for forty years, retiring in 1907, since when his son has conducted the farm. Mr. Straub is intelligent, and having a good memory has become well informed through reading, of which he is fond. He is an entertaining conversationalist, and though in his eighty-fifth year continues to take the deepest interest in all that concerns the community with which he has so long been identified. He has two heirlooms which he values highly, a grandfather clock that was made in the year 1786 and has been in the family for one hundred years, and an old secretary which was made in Milton in 1821, all the work done by hand.

On April 19, 1864, Mr. Straub married Araminta Agnes Schlebby, who was born April 21, 1836, and died April 30, 1904. She is buried at Milton. Two children were born to this union: Kate and John L. The daughter, born Aug. 22, 1872, now keeps house for her father. Mr. Straub is a Republican in political preference.

JOHN L. STRAUB, now engaged in farming in West Chillisquaque township, was born Sept. 11, 1873, in Chillisquaque township, son of Jacob Straub. He attended the Harrison school in his native township, and when old enough commenced to work with his father, with whom he continued to farm until 1909. He then removed to the old Dougal farm, in the same township, near the borough line of Milton, where he carries on general farming. He married Lois May Balliet, daughter of Charles Henry and Catharine (Hall) Balliet, and they have had two children, Annie Catharine and Andrew Jacob. Mr. Straub is a Republican in politics.

PARDOE. The Pardoe family of Northumberland county has long been one of prominence. It was planted here by Thomas Pardoe, a native of London, England, born March 4, 1795, who came to America with his parents in childhood. He settled in Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, where he became the owner of a large tract of land. At first his father bound him out, and for a time he lived in Point township. After his location in Chillisquaque township he devoted himself to farming, milling and distilling, and also had a general store. Naturally given to study, he acquired what education he could with the primitive facilities of those early days, and he was called upon to settle up many estates, wrote deeds, and performed similar offices. As justice of the peace he married many couples. He was school director in his district, and also held the office of supervisor. He died April 21, 1873. On March 2, 1824, he married Sarah Hause, born Oct. 13, 1801, who died Nov. 18, 1876. They were members of

the Presbyterian Church. Their children were: Elizabeth, born Nov. 26, 1824, married John Troxel, and died Feb. 23, 1859; William, born Jan. 28, 1826, is mentioned below; Charles, born Jan. 21, 1828, died Jan. 3, 1833; Peter H., born Jan. 25, 1830, died Sept. 5, 1850; Sarah A., born April 19, 1832, married William Fordsman, and died in 1906; Hannah H., born Sept. 6, 1834, married John H. Gotschall, and lived in Michigan (she died in 1910); Franklin C., born Aug. 28, 1836, married Margaret A. Rishel, daughter of Jonathan Rishel, and died in 1909 in Chillisquaque township; Joseph and Mary, twins, born March 15, 1839, died Oct. 16, 1899, and July 28, 1839, respectively; Jemelah, born June 14, 1842, died Jan. 1, 1844; and Thomas E., born Jan. 25, 1846, died March 24, 1875.

Joseph Pardoe, son of Thomas, born March 15, 1839, was a well known man in Northumberland county, making his home in Chillisquaque township. In 1890 he was elected county commissioner; in 1888-89 he served as tax collector. In politics he was a Republican. He married Susan, daughter of Andrew J. Fetzer, in 1860, and she resides at Montandon, this county. Their children were: Mary J., who married Charles Shearer, and has three children, Rupert, Susan P. and Joseph P.; Sarah E., who married Thomas Houpt, of Sunbury, and has a daughter, Grace J.; Thomas H., who married Bertha Kech, lives in Illinois, and has a daughter, Louisa R.; and Emma G., who married Frank Johnson, and lives in Montandon.

WILLIAM PARDOE, second child of Thomas and Sarah, born Jan. 28, 1826, attended the eight-cornered schoolhouse in Chillisquaque township—which school building is still standing, a famous landmark in the district. He applied himself assiduously to his books, and became fitted for teaching, a profession he followed for twenty-eight years. He then bought a sixty-seven-acre farm in Chillisquaque township, and engaged in farming. He served a long time as school director and for a time was treasurer of the board, and also filled the offices of tax collector and constable. In 1898 he removed to Milton, and amid new surroundings won new friends. Wherever he lived he had a high reputation for honesty and square dealing. After his removal to Milton he settled up several estates and filled the office of overseer of the poor. He died April 7, 1901. On Jan. 2, 1849, he married Lucy Louisa Troxel, who was born June 4, 1829, daughter of George Troxel. She now resides at Milton. This union was blessed with the following family of children: Ida L., born Jan. 13, 1850, died Feb. 20, 1852; Martha J., born Nov. 27, 1852, married Lee Bellas, who died in Williamsport, and she died July 9, 1890, in Chillisquaque township (she had two children, William and Bertha); Charles Edwin, born Aug. 31, 1855, a butcher at Milton, married Lizzie Newberry;

Sarah C., born Sept. 8, 1857, married Joseph Wolfe, of Milton; Thomas E., born Feb. 6, 1860, married Sallie Pflieger, and lives in Chillisquaque township; Lizzie T., born Oct. 5, 1863, married A. C. Yarger, of Milton; Franklin L., born Nov. 19, 1867, married Lola McClain, daughter of Charles and Maria (Berger) McClain, of Chillisquaque township, and they have two sons, Oscar W. and George W., and an adopted daughter, Nora E.

TROXEL. Abraham Troxel, grandfather of Mrs. Lucy Louisa (Troxel) Pardoe, was an early settler of Chillisquaque township, where he followed farming. He married Catherine Derr, and both are buried at Lewisburg. Their children were: Jacob, George, Benjamin, Abraham, Andrew, David, Andrew (2), Susan, Mary, Catherine and Elizabeth.

George Troxel, son of Abraham, was born in 1797 and died in 1884. He was the owner of a large farm in Chillisquaque township, which he successfully cultivated. He served as school director in his district. In his religious faith he was a Methodist. He married Catharine Kline, daughter of Henry Kline, and she died in 1872. Their children were: Reuben, John, Charles (who died in Chicago), Sarah (who married William Haupt), Lucy Louisa (Mrs. Pardoe), Catharine (who married Lenas Stoudt), Margaret (who married John Hassenplug, and lives in Milton), B. Frank (of East Lewisburg) and Aaron (of East Lewisburg).

JOHN F. WILSON, the well known photographer of Milton, where since 1903 he has been located in the J. R. Smith building, is a native of Lycoming county, Pa., born in October, 1863, son of Ellis B. Wilson and grandson of Joseph Wilson.

Joseph Wilson was born in Lycoming county, where he died, and was buried in Mill Creek township. He passed the years of his active life as a farmer. He and his wife had children as follows: Ellis B., William, Seth, Charles and Sarah.

Ellis B. Wilson was born in Lycoming county, where he died at the age of sixty-eight years, and was buried in Mill Creek township. For a few years he was engaged in the harness business at Montoursville, later taking up farming. He was twice married, first to Elizabeth Hite, daughter of George F. Hite, and their children were: Harry H., living in South Dakota; Ada F., who married Huston Wright, and died aged thirty-three years; and John F. Later Mr. Wilson married (second) Kate Hall, who is also deceased, and to this union was born one son, Rev. Rolland E., an Evangelical minister at Hallstead, Pennsylvania. George F. Hite, father of Mrs. Elizabeth (Hite) Wilson, was a native of Germany, and on coming to America settled in Lycoming county. He married Christian Lipp, also a native of Germany, and they had children: Jacob, Sarah Neff, Fred, Mary, Eliz-



abeth (who married Ellis B. Wilson), Emma Jones, John (died in the Civil war), Christian and George.

John F. Wilson attended the public schools of Montoursville, and made his home with J. C. Bryan until he was nineteen years of age, at which time he went to Williamsport, Pa., there attending the Williamsport Commercial College, from which he graduated in 1886. His school days over, he took up photography, for which he had always had a liking, and for a short time was located in Muncy; for several years he was at different places. In 1899 he came to Milton, and was first located on Lincoln street, on Dec. 1, 1903, opening his present studio in the J. R. Smith building, where he has since done a thriving business. He is a man of naturally artistic tastes, and his poses have none of the stiffness which mars so many photographs.

Mr. Wilson married Fannie Heddens, daughter of James and Fanny Heddens, of Washingtonville, Montour county, and they have a comfortable home at No. 57 Bound avenue, Milton. Mr. Wilson is a member of the I. O. O. F. and of the State Photographers' Association. His religious connection is with the Methodist Church. He has won many friends since he came to reside in Milton, and the prosperity that has attended his efforts here has been well deserved.

**MARTIN.** The oldest representative of this family living is Alexander Martin, of Montandon, Northumberland county, son of Hugh Martin, who founded the family in this county. Edward Martin, contractor and builder of the borough of Milton, is a grandson of Hugh, being a son of the late Robert Martin. The father of Hugh Martin was born in White Deer township, Union Co., Pa., and his wife, Mary Ambrose, was also a native of that county.

Hugh Martin was born April 5, 1810, at Lewisburg, Union Co., Pa., where he was reared, in his youth attending the local pay schools. When seventeen years of age he had earned and saved enough money, by working on the canal, to buy a house and lot at Lewisburg. Later he learned the trade of plasterer, which he followed about twenty-five years. He was a skilled workman, and many of the houses in his district showed his workmanship. In 1848 he moved to Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, where he purchased a farm of 120 acres of valuable land, which he cultivated for a period of eleven years. At the end of that time he removed to Montandon, residing there until his death, Dec. 11, 1893. Mr. Martin's business enterprise had turned out well, and he was a stockholder in the Lewisburg Bank, the First National Bank of Milton, the Lewisburg Nail Company and the Lewisburg Bridge Company. Mr. Martin was a Democrat, and in 1864 he

was elected Northumberland county commissioner, serving from 1864 to 1867. He also served as overseer of the poor for seven years, and held almost all the township offices, being a man who inspired the greatest confidence among his fellow citizens. He was a charter member of Lewisburg Lodge, I. O. O. F. Though not connected with any particular denomination he was a liberal supporter of all the churches. In 1831 Mr. Martin married Hannah Maurer, daughter of John Maurer, of Berks county, Pa.; she was born Nov. 11, 1807, and died Aug. 21, 1883. Mr. and Mrs. Martin are buried in Harmony cemetery, Milton. They had a family of four children, two sons and two daughters, namely: Alexander is living at the old homestead in Montandon, Chillisquaque township; Elizabeth married James Bannen, and had children, Rev. Hugh (a Lutheran minister, now of Illinois), Rev. Robert (a Lutheran minister, of Williamsport, Pa.), May (married Fred Swooper), Cora (married Miles Derr; she is now deceased) and Amy; Robert is mentioned below; Fannie is the wife of Elias Bieber and they reside in Chillisquaque township.

ALEXANDER MARTIN, son of Hugh, a retired farmer now living at Montandon, was born in Lewisburg, Pa., Aug. 5, 1834. He is the only surviving son of Hugh and Hannah Martin. When a young man he worked for his father on the farm in Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, and he has been a resident of that township for sixty-three years, now having the old homestead at Montandon. A man of quiet and unassuming disposition, he has followed the paths of integrity and industry all through his long life, and few men have won greater respect among their fellows for unpretentious but valuable services and solid worth. He has served his township as school director and in other offices.

Mr. Martin's first marriage was to Margaret Harper, who died aged fifty-two years, leaving one son, George R. Martin, who married Ellen Krause; they are the parents of two children, Earl and Blanche. On April 19, 1894, Alexander Martin married Mrs. Anna Wagley, widow of Allonza Wagley, and by this union had one daughter, Edna, now the wife of Curtis Slack, of Lock Haven; they have one daughter, Helen Elizabeth.

Robert Martin, son of Hugh, was born at Lewisburg March 4, 1842, and died Jan. 22, 1880. He is buried at Milton. In early life he assisted his father at farming, later coming to Milton, where he was employed by Lenas Stout, who was in the grain and coal business. There he remained till his death, which was caused by falling from a tree. His wife, Elizabeth P. (Hause), was born Aug. 3, 1840, and died Aug. 11, 1898. Her father, George Hause, was a native of Northumberland county, and was a merchant at Chillisquaque creek for several years, later engaging in farming. He died



upon his farm, and he and his wife are buried in Harmony cemetery at Milton. He married Mary Keefer, and they had the following family: Elizabeth P. married Robert Martin; Mary A. married William B. Galbraith; Lydia died in Michigan; George is living in California; Peter is living in New Columbia, Pa.; Frank lives in Corning, New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin had these children: Alfred; Fannie, who married James Stiver, of Montandon, Pa.; William; Edward; Catharine, who married Cyrus Trate, of Milton; Mary, married to John Neiler and residing in Philadelphia; and Melvin.

EDWARD MARTIN was born April 11, 1868, at Milton, and there began his education. When eleven years old he went to live with his uncle, James Bannen, near Turbutville, remaining with him till sixteen years of age. He was seventeen when he came to Milton, where he was employed as a nail feeder for three years, after which he learned the slating business, at which he was engaged four years. In 1892 he went to the carpenter's trade and followed it until 1897, when he engaged in the contracting and building business. He is now one of the largest contractors in the borough, employing from six to eight men, and has established a business which does credit to his executive ability as well as to his standing as a reliable workman.

Mr. Martin married Mary Catharine Murphy, daughter of James Murphy, of Milton, and they have a large family: William J., Edna M., Luther H., Robert B., Amy E., Elmer A., Mildred E., Catherine, Grace and Harold. The family reside at No. 25 Stanton avenue, Milton. Mr. Martin is an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church, which he has served as member of the council, and he has been a teacher in the Sunday school since 1905. Fraternally, he belongs to the Royal Arcanum.

JOSEPH C. KNITTLE, an engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad who makes his home at Sunbury, was born May 24, 1854. This family is of the same origin as the Knittles of Berks county, Pa. The history of the family in Pennsylvania begins back in the middle of the eighteenth century. The only one of the name recorded in the Pennsylvania archives up to Sept. 17, 1753, was Joseph Knittle, who came to America on the ship "Patience," which landed him at Philadelphia on the date named.

Michael Knittle, probably a son of Joseph, was a resident of Richmond township, Berks county. He made his will May 9, 1789, and it was entered June 13th of the same year. It is evident that he died between these two dates, and his sons, Michael and Daniel, were the executors. His children are given as follows: Frederick, John Adam, Michael, Daniel, Rosina and Catharine. John

Adam was a resident of Richmond township in 1785 and that year paid 18 s., 9 d., tax. In 1758 Michael Knittle was a resident in Maxatawny township, and in that year he paid £1, 1s., 6d., tax. In 1775 he is registered as taxable in Richmond township when he paid £5 tax. In 1815 Michael Knittle, Jr., was a tax-payer in Richmond township, paying 44s. tax.

Aaron Shultz Knittle, father of Joseph C. Knittle, lived in the vicinity of Catawissa, Columbia Co., Pa., and was extensively engaged in farming. He married Sarah Campbell, daughter of Obediah Campbell, and they had children as follows: Daniel, who is a merchant of Catawissa; Dallas, of Reading, Pa.; John, of New Mexico; Jennie, wife of John Frederick, of Pottsville, Pa.; Laura, widow of Silas Everet, of Mount Carmel; Mary, wife of Franklin Maurer, a carpenter, of Shamokin; and Joseph C.

Joseph C. Knittle has been engaged in railroad work since 1876, and throughout that period has been a resident of the borough of Sunbury. He has been an engineer since 1892, and is a member of the Engineers' Brotherhood and of the Veterans' Association, in both of which organizations he is well known, and he is highly respected by all his acquaintances. A man of steady habits and faithful to his duties, he has been a reliable employee throughout his connection with the railroad service.

Mr. Knittle's first wife, Celesta (Yeager), died in August, 1896, at the age of forty-two years. She was the mother of five children, of whom Miss Mabel now lives in New York; William is a druggist in Philadelphia; Clark is a carpenter at Sunbury, Pa.; and two died young. On April 19, 1906, Mr. Knittle married (second) Mrs. Annie (Fenstermacher) Bowen, widow of Joseph Bowen, who lived and died in Sunbury, passing away Nov. 15, 1897, at the age of thirty-seven years. Mr. Knittle and his family are Lutherans in religious faith.

The Fenstermacher family, to which Mrs. Knittle belongs, was founded in Berks county, Pa., by one Matthias Fenstermacher, a native of the German Palatinate, who crossed the sea on the good ship "Glasgow," which arrived at Philadelphia Sept. 9, 1738. On the original list of passengers his age is given as sixty years, and he was born in 1678. He was accompanied to America by his two sons: Jacob, who was then 29 years old, and Wilhelm, twenty-five years old. These three were preceded to the New World by a third son, Philip, who qualified at Philadelphia Aug. 30, 1737. He was then twenty years of age. He settled in Longswamp township, Berks county, and in 1759 he paid a federal tax of ten pounds in that district. His father and two brothers also lived in Longswamp township for some time. Tradition holds that one of the sons, probably Jacob, located near

Philadelphia. The name is also spelled Fenstermaker.

Philip Fenstermacher, son of Matthias, was a large property owner in Longswamp township and owned valuable land on which in later years was found iron ore in large quantities. Some of this land is still in the possession of his posterity. He died in 1790, and his will was probated July 9th of that year, his widow Elizabeth being the executor. The names of his sons John and Christopher were mentioned in his last will, and he also had a son Philip, Jr., a son Michael, and one named Joseph.

From this source probably came the family to which Mrs. Knittle belongs. Her grandfather, Joseph Fenstermacher, born March 28, 1798, died Oct. 18, 1875. He lived at Dalmatia, in Lower Mahanoy township, and followed the trade of cabinetmaker. His children were: Joseph; Augustus, who lived and died at Dalmatia; Annie, who married William Negley; Sarah, who was twice married, her second husband being Isaac Fetherolf; and Mary, who died unmarried.

Joseph Fenstermacher, son of Joseph, was a farmer by occupation. He moved to Sunbury in August, 1874. He married Barbara Kobel, and they had children: Charles, James, Milton, Alice, Annie and Howard. Of these, Annie, now the wife of Joseph C. Knittle, was born at Urban, in Jordan township, Northumberland county.

John Fenstermacher, brother of Joseph, above, was born Aug. 4, 1800, in Lynn township, Lehigh county, and came to Northumberland county before his marriage, settling in Lower Mahanoy township. He owned and cultivated a small farm at Georgetown, and owned a home in that village. He died April 3, 1869, and his wife Catharine (Michael), born June 15, 1802, died at Georgetown March 1, 1867, both being buried at that place. He and his family worshipped in the Lutheran Church there. Their family consisted of two sons and three daughters, viz.: Isaac; Katie, Mrs. Philip Spotts; Anna Eliza (1838-1862), Mrs. Abraham Hetrick; Michael, born July 26, 1830, died March 12, 1891, who married Rebecca Snyder (1839-1894), and another daughter whose name is not given.

Isaac Fenstermacher, son of John, was born at Dalmatia, and there passed all his long life, dying March 23, 1904, aged seventy-seven years, four months, two days. In his earlier life he followed boating, until he became a partner of John Bingham under the firm name of J. Bingham & Co., the firm establishing a large business at Dalmatia in the coal, grain, lumber and railroad ties trade. In time Mr. Fenstermacher became sole owner of the business, in which he was engaged for many years, at his death being succeeded by his son John A. He was a much esteemed man of his sec-

tion, served as school director, and was one of the active members of the Union Church at Dalmatia, in which he and his family held membership. He helped to build the present church edifice, held offices in the church for many years, and at the time of his death was treasurer. For many years he was superintendent of the Union Sunday school. Politically he was a Republican. His wife, Lenah (Reitz), died in December, 1909, aged eighty-one years, and they are buried at Dalmatia. Their children were as follows: Marietta, wife of D. F. Batdorf; Anna, wife of A. Moeschlin; Milton R.; John A.; Eliza Catharine, wife of John Otto; and Lizzie A., wife of William D. Witmer. All of this family are living, and all have families but John A., who has never married.

MILTON R. FENSTERMACHER, passenger, freight and baggage agent at Dalmatia for the Northern Central Railroad Company, was born in that town Dec. 14, 1861. He was educated in the public schools there, and when eighteen began to serve his apprenticeship as telegraph operator, at that point. On July 22, 1882, he entered the employ of the Northern Central Railroad Company as operator at Selins Grove Junction, whence after about nine months he was transferred to his native place. There he has since been stationed, and he is also agent at that point for the Adams Express Company. He has taught telegraphy to many young men and started them out in the service of the company. His satisfactory work has earned him the reputation of being one of the most reliable, as he is one of the oldest, employees in the Northern Central service. Painstaking, efficient and industrious, he deserves the high standing he enjoys.

On Jan. 8, 1885, Mr. Fenstermacher married Sarah E. Lenker, daughter of Jacob and Sarah Lenker, and they have had one child, Stella T., who died in her ninth year. Mr. and Mrs. Fenstermacher are Lutheran members of the church at Dalmatia, where he is at present serving as leader of the choir. He has been active in the life of the church in various ways. Mr. Fenstermacher occupies a home of his own at Dalmatia, and he also owns his father's old farm of forty acres, located near the town.

DANIEL K. RUCH, a veteran of the Civil war, and now engaged in business at Milton, Pa., as a dealer in wall paper and paints, was born in Augusta township, this county, in 1834, son of Abraham Ruch, and is of German ancestry.

Jacob Ruch, grandfather of Daniel K., was a native of Germany, who emigrated to America, and on coming to Pennsylvania settled in Augusta township, Northumberland county. He was a stone mason by trade, and this he followed in connection with farming. He became the owner of a large farm in Augusta township. In 1844 he



and his family started for what was then the Far West, their destination being Whitley county, Indiana, fourteen miles west of Fort Wayne. The journey was made by team and much of it was along scarcely formed wagon roads. Mr. Ruch bought a farm there, and was engaged in its cultivation as long as he lived. He is buried there. After his death his widow returned to Northumberland county, and here died and was buried. Mr. Ruch was a man of large proportions, weighing 347 pounds. To him and his wife were born eight children, namely: Abraham, Margaret, David, Charles, Susanna, Maria, Julia and Louisa.

Abraham Ruch, son of Jacob, was born in Augusta township, and accompanied his parents on their removal to Indiana. In 1848 he returned to Pennsylvania, and settled in Augusta township, near the old homestead, and engaged in farming. He was a tanner by trade, but all his later years were given over to agricultural pursuits. He is buried in the old graveyard at Sunbury, his death having taken place in 1849. He married Elizabeth Keefer, daughter of Daniel, who died in 1887, aged seventy-four years, and is also buried at Sunbury. Their children were: Peter B., of Nebraska; Daniel K.; Louisa; Charles; Catharine; Samuel, of Sunbury; and Elizabeth.

Daniel K. Ruch received the education afforded by the district schools in the neighborhood of his home. As a young man he learned the carpenter's trade, and in 1855 came to Milton, and here engaged in planing mill work and carpentering. In 1867 he added painting and this he followed until 1897, when he engaged in the wall paper and paper hanging business. He also does some graining. His place of business is at No. 177 South Front street. He has won his own way in the world, and has gained a high place in the estimation of the business men with whom he has had dealings. He is honest and upright, and gives conscientious attention to the work entrusted to him.

Mr. Ruch has an enviable record for service in the Civil war. There are three enlistments to his credit. He first served in Company B, 4th Pennsylvania Volunteers, and second in Company A, 3d Regiment of Emergency Men, and third in the Pennsylvania Veteran Heavy Artillery. He suffered from a few minor flesh wounds, but nothing very serious, and after two years of hard service received his honorable discharge. He has a keen sense of humor, and with the intervening years to soften the recollection of suffering and privation, he can relate many interesting and amusing stories. He delights in meeting with his comrades at arms, and is a popular member of the Henry Wilson Post, No. 129, G. A. R. at Milton. In politics he is a Republican.

Mr. Ruch married Louisa Burnman, daughter

of William and Eliza (Corey) Burnman, of Easton, Pa., but later of Milton. To this union has been born a son, James P., who is associated with his father in business, and who married Cora Holter, and has two children, Catherine and Harriet. Mr. Ruch resides at No. 165 Elm street.

EDWARD M. LEADER, senior member of the firm of Leader, Hamilton & Co., one of the oldest established clothing houses in Shamokin, has for many years been recognized as one of the successful and progressive business men of the city. His parents, Edward and Hettie (Wanner) Leader, were residents of Berks county, near Reading, Pa., where Edward M. was born June 2, 1859. At the age of nine he made his home with his brother, C. C. Leader, at Schuylkill Haven, Pa., being educated in the public schools of that town, and in the year 1875 accompanied his brother to Shamokin, being employed for several years by the firm of Leader, Muir & Co. After this he conducted successfully a dry goods and notion business on his own account on Sunbury street, later purchasing part of the interest of R. G. Eisenhart, of the firm of Leader & Eisenhart, and under the firm name of C. C. Leader & Bro. continuing the manufacture and sale of clothing, dry goods and ladies' wear, on Independence street, until the year 1889. The association was then dissolved by division of the stock, the dry goods being removed to a new building erected by C. C. Leader, while E. M. Leader remained in the old location, and occupied the entire building in the manufacturing of clothing and sale of men's wear. In 1899 Mr. I. Spencer Hamilton, a brother-in-law of E. M. Leader, became associated with him under the firm name of Leader & Hamilton, and in 1909 Mr. W. J. Salter became a member of the present firm of Leader, Hamilton & Co. This enterprising firm have few if any real competitors within the borough of Shamokin, occupying a store room 38 by 110 feet in dimensions on the first floor, stocked with men's clothing, furnishings, hats, shoes and ladies' garments, while the second and third floors are occupied by the merchant tailoring department, trunks, bags and surplus stock.

Mr. Leader has not confined his attention wholly to the mercantile business, but has been active in various enterprises that have been essential to the growth and advancement of the community, being a member of the Board of Trade, as also the Business Men's Association. Always active in the welfare of the town and the success of its industries, he was president of the Shamokin and Coal Township Light & Power Company from its inception, this company absorbing and consolidating all the light and gas companies of the town, later sold to a New York and Philadelphia syndicate now known as The Pennsylvania Lighting Company, of which Mr. Leader remains a director. He



was also president of the Middlecreek Electric Company, of Sunbury, Pa., who are operating plants at Sunbury, Selinsgrove and Northumberland, Pa.; is a director of the United Telephone Company and of a number of local telephone companies; secretary and director of the Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Company; treasurer and director of the Penn Mining Company of New Mexico; director of the W. P. Zartman Lumber Company; director of the Greenough Coal and Coke Company, of Kentucky, and interested in other industries.

Fraternally Mr. Leader is a Mason, a member of Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, Royal Arch Chapter No. 264, and Shamokin Commandery, No. 77; of Rajah Temple, of Reading; and a thirty-second-degree member of Williamsport Consistory. He is also a member of Camp No. 149, P. O. S. of A., of Shamokin. Mr. Leader is and has been for many years an elder and trustee of the Presbyterian Church of Shamokin.

On Oct. 10, 1888, Mr. Leader was united in marriage with Carrie L. Hamilton, daughter of George Hamilton, of Pottsville, Pennsylvania.

**ZIEGLER.** The Federal census report of 1790 records Dillman, Andrew and Jacob Ziegler as residents and heads of families in upper Montgomery county, Pa., Dillman with one son above sixteen years of age, one son under sixteen, and two daughters; Andrew with two sons above sixteen, two sons under sixteen, and one daughter; Jacob with two sons above sixteen, one son under sixteen, and three daughters. A number of Montgomery county families came in a sort of colony into Northumberland county, among them the Zieglers, Walts and Weisses; later came the Hallmans, who were from Skippackville, and the Fabiners also came from that county, but after the others named. Eli Neiman moved thence in 1896. There are a number of Zieglers now living in Herndon and the surrounding territory, Jackson township, people of high respectability and substantial worth, who are counted among the best citizens of their communities and do honor to a name long respected in this locality.

Peter Ziegler, the common ancestor of the Zieglers referred to in this article, was a native of Frederick township, Montgomery county, born Dec. 2, 1778. He was a stonemason, and owned a tract of land, living near Ziegler's church. He died June 2, 1856, three miles from Liverpool, in Wildcat Valley, Perry county, and is buried in that county, at St. James' church. His wife, Polly (Kehler), a member of an old Montgomery county family, died Nov. 10, 1876, aged ninety-two years, eleven months, six days. They had children as follows: Andraes or Andrew, Abraham, Alfred, Nancy (married George Neiman), Eliza (married

Isaac Heffelfinger) and Magdalene (married Wiloughby Walt).

Andrew Ziegler, son of Peter, was born Feb. 22, 1810, in Frederick township, Montgomery county, learned the trade of stonemason, and came with his father to Herndon, Northumberland county, where he passed the principal part of his active life. He acquired real estate in that town, where he died April 14, 1891, at the age of eighty-one years, and he is buried there. He and his wife, Catharine (Harner), were Lutherans in religious faith. She died when about forty-five years of age. They had a family of seven children, five sons and two daughters: Mary (deceased) married Samuel McKinny, of Herndon; Peter died at Herndon June 25, 1891, aged fifty-four years, twenty-two days; Alfred lives in Kansas (he visited Herndon in 1909); Andrew is a resident of Dalmatia, this county; Absalom is mentioned below; Catharine married William Brown, of Sunbury; Charles lives in the state of Washington.

ABSALOM ZIEGLER, son of Andrew, was born Jan. 12, 1849, below Dalmatia, in Lower Mahanoy township, this county, and in his seventeenth year began to learn the trade of stonemason in his native county. His parents moved to Herndon at that time and there he still resides. He followed his trade until 1907, when he became proprietor of the "Hotel Parrish," in that borough, the owner of the property being his nephew, S. H. McKinny, Burgess of Sunbury. Mr. Ziegler has been twice married. His first marriage, which took place in 1875, was to Maria Rebeck, daughter of Isaac Rebeck. She died in 1891, aged thirty-nine years, the mother of children as follows: Isaac I., Lizzie M., Edward, and Alfred N. and Henry B., twins. In 1904 Mr. Ziegler married (second) Malicca Ermogast Willard, widow of Daniel Willard, of Northumberland county, by whom she had three children: Annie, Edward and Milton. The Zieglers are members of the Reformed Church.

Abraham Ziegler, son of Peter, was born in Montgomery county, and came to Northumberland county about 1840. He was a stonemason and farmer, and operated a sawmill at Herndon. It burned down in 1874 or 1875, entailing a heavy loss, and he then moved out to Missouri with his wife, four sons and one daughter. In the new location he settled down to farming and prospered, retiring several years before his death, which occurred at Piedmont, Wayne Co., Mo., when he was ninety-two years old. He is buried out there. He married Catharine Walt, daughter of Solomon Walt, of Montgomery county, Pa., and they had a family of ten children, that reached maturity, namely: Henry, who went west; Peter; Andrew, who died at Herndon, Pa.; Catharine, who went West; Solomon and David, who went West; Dan-

iel, who died out West; Benjamin and William, both of whom went West; and Sallie, of Sunbury, wife of Fred Flemming. Two others died young.

Peter Ziegler, son of Abraham, was born June 21, 1839, was a farmer during his active years, and died Nov. 4, 1907, at Herndon, where he is buried. He married Charlotte Snyder, daughter of George Snyder, of Jackson township, who is now living at Herndon beside her son George E., the only child of this marriage.

GEORGE E. ZIEGLER, only child of Peter and Charlotte (Snyder) Ziegler, was born March 13, 1862, in Jackson township, Northumberland county, and was reared to farm life, following agricultural pursuits in his native township until 1897. In the year 1890 he built a nice residence on River street, in the borough of Herndon, where he has since resided. He still owns considerable farm land, owning half of White island, in the Susquehanna river, and a small farm in Jackson township. Mr. Ziegler has been a useful citizen of the borough, served as one of its first councilmen, and is especially well known for his activity in church and Sunday school work. He is a zealous member of the Reformed Church, has held all the church offices, has served as Sunday school superintendent, and since 1897 has been organist of the church. His wife is a Lutheran.

In 1882 Mr. Ziegler married Alice Tressler, daughter of Joseph and Polly (Peiffer) Tressler, who died in December, 1908, aged seventy-two years. To Mr. and Mrs. Ziegler have been born one son and two daughters: Tama married Nelson Wentzel, who is employed in the post office department at Washington, D. C., where they reside; Calvin graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1903 and is now in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Philadelphia; Jennie married Lloyd J. Tressler, of Herndon (died Oct. 18, 1910).

Alfred Ziegler, son of Peter and Polly (Kehler) Ziegler, was born May 6, 1825, in Frederick township, Montgomery county, was a stonemason and farmer, and lived at Herndon, where he owned his home. He died Jan. 20, 1897, and is buried at Herndon. Mr. Ziegler was a member of the Reformed Church, and in political matters was a Republican. His wife, Harriet (Batdorf), daughter of John Batdorf, was born Oct. 5, 1824, and died April 16, 1878, aged fifty-three years. She was first buried at Liverpool, Pa., but her remains have since been moved to Herndon. Ten children were born to their union, all of whom survive at the present writing (1911), the youngest now forty-two years old: Polly married John Zaring; Edward is mentioned below; William has been a railroad conductor for thirty-five years on the Philadelphia & Reading road; Elias and Samuel are residents of Herndon; John lives in Harrisburg; J. Monroe is mentioned below; Henry lives at Dal-

matia, this county; Alice married Albert Shuler, of Liverpool; Jennie married Cyrus Hornberger, of Philadelphia.

EDWARD ZIEGLER, son of Alfred, was born Feb. 3, 1849, in Lower Mahanoy, Northumberland county, and passed his early years in farming, to which occupation he was trained from boyhood. When twenty-one he commenced to learn cabinet-making, and when competent engaged in business as a cabinetmaker and undertaker, first at Shendoah, in Schuylkill county, later at Liverpool, in Perry county, and at Watsontown, in Northumberland county. From Watsontown he removed in 1874 to Shamokin, where he remained for three years, with R. S. Aucker, in 1877 settling at Herndon. There he carried on the business successfully for a period of twenty-five years, during which time he had charge of about three hundred funerals and did a thriving furniture business. He also built seven houses in the borough, where he has long been regarded as an intelligent, enterprising man, of good judgment and substantial qualities. He built his own nice residence on Main street in 1908. Mr. Ziegler is well thought of in the community, and has refused the candidacy for chief burgess. He is a Republican in politics, and with his family holds membership in the Reformed Church, which he served as deacon for twelve years.

In 1871 Mr. Ziegler married Luzetta Arnold, daughter of Augustus and Leah (Rine) Arnold, of Snyder county, the latter a daughter of Jacob and Catharine Rine. They have no children.

J. MONROE ZIEGLER, son of Alfred, was born Oct. 8, 1858, at Port Treverton, Snyder Co., Pa., and received his education in the schools of Perry county. When twenty-two years old he commenced to learn the trade of cabinetmaker, which he followed as a journeyman some years, working at that calling in his brother Edward's employ five years. He was also engaged as a house carpenter at Shamokin several years. For sixteen years he was porter at the "Herndon House" in Herndon. On Oct. 8, 1903, he purchased the building, stock, good will and fixtures of his brother Edward at Herndon, and has since continued the old established furniture business, carrying a full line. In connection with the store he has a repair shop, doing general repairing. He has managed the business with success, commanding an extensive patronage, and is one of the thriving merchants of the borough.

On Jan. 28, 1887, Mr. Ziegler married Laura Zimmerman, daughter of Peter and Rachel (Kebach) Zimmerman, of Herndon, and they have had two sons: Harry E. and Cloyd E., the latter still at school. Harry E. Ziegler is engaged as a printer at Herndon, employed on the *Star*; he married Mame E. Messner, daughter of Jacob and Emma Messner, of Millersburg, Pennsylvania.



Mr. and Mrs. Ziegler and their family are members of the Reformed Church. Politically he is a Republican, and interested in the local welfare, though he has not taken any active part in public affairs.

**FREDERICK.** The Fredericks have long been established in Pennsylvania, and Philip Frederick, the ancestor of those of the name with which this sketch is concerned, was born in Union county Feb. 18, 1788, in the early days of the settlement of that region. He was a well known man in the district in his time. His wife, Christian (Brown), born Aug. 6, 1786, died March 28, 1864, and he died Feb. 19, 1852. They are buried at the Dreisbach Church in Union county. In religion they were members of the Reformed denomination. Their children were born as follows: George, Aug. 10, 1809; Elizabeth, May 18, 1812; Joseph, March 11, 1814; Isaac, Feb. 3, 1816; John, Jan. 20, 1819; Jacob, Jan. 19, 1822; Abram, March 3, 1824; Elhs., June 19, 1826; Philip, June 5, 1829.

Joseph Frederick, son of Philip, remained at the old home in Union county until after he had attained his majority. His education was obtained in the pay schools in vogue in the neighborhood in his youth. About seventy-five years ago, with his brothers Isaac and George, he came to what was then Chillisquaque (now East Chillisquaque) township and purchased over three hundred acres of land, which at that time was low and swampy and covered with timber. They improved this tract greatly, clearing away the forest and draining the low places thoroughly, putting in seven miles of underdrains, with the result that the land is now equal to the best in the vicinity. The brothers burned brick, and each built a house and barn, two of the houses remaining to this day, monuments to their energy and skill. For some time they lived together in one house, as one family, and there were no quarrels or ill feeling to mar the pleasant relations for which these brothers were noted, for they were not only brothers in name but much more in the kindness which marked their association. No jealousy came up between them, though they were always intimately connected in business and home affairs. Each labored for the welfare of the other, and the happiness of their lives was proverbial among all who knew them. Joseph Frederick died March 11, 1892. His wife, Matilda (Myers), born April 18, 1819, died Sept. 18, 1866. They had two sons and one daughter: Samuel; Clara A. E., who married Rev. Aaron Hottenstein and (second) Franklin E. Krumm, and died in January, 1909; and David P.

DAVID P. FREDERICK was born Oct. 3, 1843, in what is now East Chillisquaque township, and there followed farming until his untimely death, Feb. 16, 1876, when he was but thirty-two years old, cut short what promised to be a busy and useful career.

He was a faithful member and conscientious worker of the Reformed Church of Lewisburg, and in politics adhered to the principles of the Democratic party. Mr. Frederick married Emma Caroline Kelly, daughter of David H. and Mary (Baker) Kelly, of Union county, Pa., and their union was blessed with four sons: (1) Joseph H., who lives at Montandon, married Emma M. Bellas and has children, William B. and Caroline E. (2) John Kelly, of Atlantic City, married Jennie Giffen, daughter of James Giffen, and their children are Watson K., Martha G. and Jackson B. (3) W. H. died in 1906. (4) David P., who resides in the old home, married Helen G. Leshner, daughter of Robert Leshner, and has one son, John L.

After her husband's death Mrs. David P. Frederick continued to live in the old home with his father, with whose kind and generous assistance she reared her family. In turn, she was permitted to soothe and comfort his last years, for he lived to the advanced age of seventy-eight, honored and beloved by all who knew him. The farm is now conducted by David P. Frederick, and the property is up-to-date in every respect, the house and barn supplied with pure spring water and lighted by gas, and all the surroundings bespeaking intelligent and thrifty supervision.

Isaac Frederick, son of Philip, was born Feb. 3, 1816, in Union county, and during his boyhood attended the local pay schools, in the summer seasons assisting his father at home. Upon reaching his majority he came with his two older brothers to Northumberland county, purchasing over three hundred acres of land, which they improved as previously related, converting a low, swampy and useless tract into valuable, fertile farm land by their energetic and well directed labors. When their work had progressed sufficiently to give them time for other things, they burned brick and built houses for each family and divided the land, Isaac, the youngest of the three, taking the middle portion. They were neighbors and remained upon the best of terms all their lives. Like his brothers, Isaac Frederick was a fine example of Christian manhood. His home was always open to strangers as well as friends, he had a kind and cheering word for those who were struggling to make their way, and whenever possible assisted those in need. He and his good wife will long be remembered and missed in the community. Mr. Frederick died Sept. 27, 1892. He married Julian Wolfe, born Jan. 18, 1817, who died Jan. 3, 1909, and they were the parents of five children, namely: Christian, born Sept. 29, 1839, married Hiram Dunkell (1833-1905), and died Dec. 9, 1906; they reared a large family. Catharine, born Aug. 5, 1841, married W. H. Mack and reared a large family. Sarah J., born July 11, 1847, married Joseph C. Rishel, who is mentioned elsewhere. Ada L., born Sept.



15, 1850, married Ephraim Datesman. John W. is deceased.

JOHN W. FREDERICK, son of Isaac, was born Sept. 29, 1853, in Chillisquaque (now East Chillisquaque) township, and died Jan. 29, 1904, in the prime of a useful and well spent life. He was diligent in looking after his business affairs, and active in the administration of local public matters, having served on the school board and in other township offices. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religion a Presbyterian, belonging to the church at Pottsgrove. Possessed of a kind and jovial disposition, he was loved and respected by all who knew him. No one in need ever left his door unaided, and he was never happier than when engaged in kind service. On Nov. 20, 1873, he married Jane E. Kelly, daughter of David H. Kelly, of Union county, Pa., and they had one daughter, Mary E., now the wife of Jonas E. Koch. Mrs. Frederick lives with her daughter in the old home which her husband purchased from the estate upon the death of his father. She is a member of the Pottsgrove Presbyterian Church. With the same kindly and charitable inclinations which made Mr. Frederick so widely beloved, she is an esteemed member of the community, commanding the respect of all who know her.

Col. John Kelly, grandfather of Mrs. David P. Frederick and Mrs. John W. Frederick, was a noted character of Revolutionary days. Born in February, 1744, in Lancaster county, Pa., this honored pioneer was in the full vigor of manhood at the time the oppressed Colonies decided to throw off the English yoke, and his quick intelligence and dauntless courage brought him into prominence from the first. He had already established a home in the wilderness in Buffalo Valley, then a part of Northumberland county, having settled there immediately after the purchase from the Indians in 1768, and before the opening of the land office in 1769. He was about six feet, two inches in height, with a vigorous, muscular frame, which easily endured the labors and hardships of pioneer life. He took an active part in the discussion of the wrongs of the Colonists, which led to the attempt at separation from the mother country, and in 1776 was a member of the first Constitutional Convention of the new State of Pennsylvania. He had had considerable experience as a member of the militia, and at twenty-seven had been appointed major in that service, and he was thus well prepared to assist in the tremendous tasks that confronted the Patriot forces. The fall of 1776 was a dark period. The loss of Forts Washington and Lee with their stores, and the defeat on Long Island, had brought the hopes of the Colonists low, but it was at this critical juncture that the rally was made to drive the British from New Jersey, the wrongs of that Colony being felt by the others as their own. A large force went from Pennsyl-

vania, Colonel Kelly being conspicuous among the number for his ability. Of the brave deeds performed history has a scant but significant record, and to the ordinary dangers of war there was added the prospect of an ignominious death as a rebel, belligerent rights not being acknowledged. We quote from an address made on the occasion of the unveiling of a monument to Colonel Kelly on April 8, 1835: "For three days at a time there was no regular service of provisions, and for more than thirty-six hours, at another time, they were constantly on the march, or in action, without a moment's sleep or giving up their arms. In the course of one of their retreats, the commander-in-chief, through Colonel Potter, sent an order to Major Kelly to have a certain bridge cut down to prevent the advance of the British, who were then in sight. The Major sent for an axe, but represented that the enterprise would be very hazardous. Still the British advance must be stopped and the order was not withdrawn. He said he could not order another to do what some might say he was afraid to do himself; he would cut down the bridge. Before all the logs on which the bridge lay were cut off, he was completely within the range of the British fire, and several balls struck the log on which he stood. The last log broke down sooner than he expected, and he fell with it into the swollen stream. Our soldiers moved on, not believing it possible for him to escape. He, however, by great exertions, reached the shore through the high water and the floating timber, and followed the troops. Encumbered, as he must have been, with his wet and frozen clothes, he, on his road, made a prisoner of a British scout, an armed soldier, and took him into camp. What did Curtius do more than this? If such an instance of devoted heroism had happened in Greece or Rome, the day would have been distinguished from all other days. A medal would have been struck, and every means used to secure the everlasting remembrance of such a deed. In England such a man would have been made a knight or a lord, with the thanks of Parliament. In our poor devoted land such instances were too common to receive especial notice. History mentions that our army was preserved by the destruction of that bridge; but the manner in which it was done, or the name of the person who did it, is not mentioned. It was but one of a series of heroic acts, which happened every day, and our soldiers then were more familiar with the sword than with the pen.

Major Kelly was present at Trenton, when the Hessians surrendered, and assisted in that most masterly movement on Princeton, by which the chain of communications of the enemy was broken, all their plans deranged and their army compelled to return to New York. After his discharge he returned to his farm and family, and during the three succeeding years the Indians were trouble-

some neighbors to this then frontier settlement. He became colonel of the regiment, and it was his duty to keep watch and ward against the incursions of hostile Indians through our mountain passes. At one time our people were too weak to resist, and our whole beautiful country was abandoned. Colonel Kelly was among the first to return—for at least two harvests reapers took their rifles to the fields, and some of the company watched while others wrought. Colonel Kelly had the principal command of the scouting parties in this valley, and very often he was out in person. Many and many nights has he lain among the limbs of a fallen tree to keep himself out of the mud, without a fire, because a fire would indicate his position to the enemy. He had become well skilled in their mode of warfare. One circumstance deserves particular notice. The Indians seem to have resolved on his death, without choosing to attack him openly. One night he had reason to apprehend they were near. He rose in the morning, and, by looking through the crevices of his log house, he ascertained that two, at least, if not more, were lying with their arms, so as to shoot him when he should open his door. He fixed his own rifle and took his position so that by a string he could open the door and watch the Indians. The moment he pulled the door open two balls came into the house, and the Indians rose to advance. He fired and wounded one, and both retreated. After waiting to satisfy himself that no others remained he followed them by the blood, but they escaped.

"For many years Colonel Kelly held the office of a magistrate of the county. In the administration of justice, he exhibited the same anxiety to do right, and the same disregard of selfish gain, which had characterized him in the military service of the country. He would at any time forego his own fees, and if the parties were poor, pay the constable's cost, to procure a compromise; while, by industry and economy, his own pecuniary circumstances were comfortable and easy, he seemed to desire the prosperity of all men, and most anxiously to desire that all neighbors should be friends. No man ever in vain sought his interposition to reconcile conflicting interests, to soothe angry passions, to stand as the defender and protector of the poor man, the widow and the orphan. He obeyed the injunction, 'be given to hospitality.' It is true that so general is the hospitality of his neighborhood that the want of it would be considered a great vice; but in him it was a part of the same character, indicating a freedom from selfishness, an inability to enjoy fully God's bounties alone; a feeling that a good thing is rendered far more valuable by participation; and a conviction that the diffusion of happiness is not merely right in itself, but the source of great joy to every well regulated mind. Colonel Kelly was an affectionate

husband and a kind and judicious father, as well as a friendly and hospitable neighbor. He was a sincere and an exemplary Christian, and adorned all his other virtues by exhibiting a pattern of humility well worthy of imitation. Having no anxieties who should be greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven, he had no striving who should be greatest in the Church on earth; his profession of religion was well sustained by his practice. He had that true characteristic of bravery, an indisposition to fight his battles over again, and that feeling of humility, that where a man has only done his duty, boasting has no place. It is in some measure owing to this reserve that our notice of his life must be so brief and so imperfect. He seemed not to know that other men would have done differently from him; but to believe that whatever distinguished him from others arose mainly from the circumstances under which he acted. We are of another generation, and his contemporaries have either gone down to the grave, or through lapse of time and failing faculties are unable to give particular details. From himself, but a few gleanings from a life long and full of incidents, have been obtained.

"His last end proved his character to be consistent. He met the grim messenger calmly: 'for he knew in whom he had trusted'; and he could 'walk through the valley and shadow of death, fearing no evil.' The frame was bent, and the muscles relaxed; but the mind—the immortal mind—could not be obscured. It brightened more and more 'unto the perfect day.' At the age of eighty-eight years he departed, leaving his memory to our care and his virtues for our imitation." Colonel Kelly's death occurred Feb. 18, 1832.

Colonel Kelly married Sarah Polk, who died Jan. 2, 1831, aged seventy-seven years, and they reared a numerous family, of whom David H. was the youngest; John, the eldest son, who settled in Penn's Valley, was the father of Hon. James K. Kelly, United States senator, of Portland, Oregon; James also made his home in Penn's Valley; William, who married a daughter of Archibald Allison, of Center county, died Jan. 27, 1830; Andrew, born Oct. 30, 1783, died Sept. 25, 1867, unmarried; Samuel settled in Armstrong county, Pa.; Elizabeth married Simeon Howe; Mary married John Campbell, of Lewisburg; Robert died April 12, 1865, aged seventy-seven; Joseph died March 2, 1860, aged sixty-six.

David H. Kelly was born Nov. 5, 1798, on the old homestead, in a house built by Colonel Kelly before the Revolutionary war. He was reared as a farmer boy, his father's extensive estates affording him plenty of work as his strength developed, and his education was obtained in the subscription schools of that time. His mind was of a high order, and the limited instruction of his early days was so supplemented by study and ob-



servation that he became well informed upon several topics, and his opinions were held in high respect by his associates. He was a staunch Democrat in politics, and held every office in Kelly township except that of justice of the peace. In 1859 he was elected county commissioner. In religious matters he was also active, adhering to the doctrines of the Reformed Church and attending regularly the Union Church at Mazeppa, in which he served many years as an official. He followed farming exclusively, and although he owned a gristmill at Kelly Cross Roads he did not operate it. He was six feet tall, and weighed 180 pounds, and his robust and well built frame enabled him to do much hard work as well as to perform some notable feats in hunting and fishing, of which sports he was very fond. His home life was pleasant, and he delighted in gathering about him a gay company of neighbors for whom he would evoke sweet strains from his violin, visitors often gathering at his house to dance an evening through. On Feb. 10, 1831, he married Mary Baker, who was born Feb. 8, 1812, daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Rockey) Baker, and resided until her marriage upon the same farm. Their first home was upon an estate in Kelly township given to David H. Kelly by his father, but in the spring of 1858 he bought another farm in Buffalo township which was at one time owned by Wendell Baker, a well known pioneer of Buffalo Valley. Both these farms descended to the heirs together with a large tract of mountain land. David H. Kelly died Feb. 11, 1875, and was buried in Baker's cemetery, where all the deceased members of the family have been interred except his son David S. Mrs. David H. Kelly, who survived her husband and reached an advanced age, died in her ninety-third year. We have the following record of the large family of children born to David H. and Mary (Baker) Kelly: John A., born in Kelly township Nov. 21, 1831, occupies the farm in Buffalo township, Union county, upon which his father spent his last years; Catherine R., born April 18, 1833, married Dr. L. B. Meyers, of Fremont, Ohio, who died Dec. 24, 1896; Jacob B., born Sept. 6, 1834, died June 7, 1891, in Kelly township; Sarah E., born June 14, 1836, is the widow of Joseph Kleckner, of Buffalo township; Robert H., born Feb. 14, 1838, was a student of pharmacy, and died Nov. 26, 1860, at Elmore, Ohio; William W., born Dec. 29, 1839, is a druggist at Ottawa, Ohio; Mary A., born Dec. 3, 1841, married J. S. McCreight, of Lewisburg, Pa.; James B., born June 28, 1844, died Feb. 8, 1884, in Buffalo township; Emma Caroline, born April 1, 1846, is the widow of David P. Frederick; David S., born Dec. 21, 1847, was a merchant of Fremont, Ohio, and died Sept. 10, 1887, at San Jacinto, Cal., while traveling for his health, and was buried at Ottawa, Ohio, where his widow, Mrs.

Annie (Hauk) Kelly, is living; Jane E., born Nov. 29, 1849, is the widow of John W. Frederick; H. Brady, born Oct. 17, 1851, resides in Buffalo township, Union county; Clara M., born July 25, 1854, died April 22, 1856; a son, born Feb. 27, 1858, died in infancy.

BECK. The brothers William H. and John A. Beck, of Milton, Northumberland county, both identified with the manufacturing concern of S. J. Shimer & Sons, in that borough, the former as secretary, and the latter also in business for himself as a florist, are descendants of a family which has been established in Pennsylvania for a century and a half.

Johann Thomas Beck, the common ancestor of this branch of the family, was born in Germany, in what was then the countship of Hanau. In 1752, with his wife Esther and children, he embarked for America, but he never reached the new land, dying at sea. The family landed at Philadelphia, where the widow again married, and the children became scattered. One son, Henry, went to Berks county, Pa., married Margaret Wolfgang, and reared a family of seven children. The other son, John, settled in Northampton county, where he lived and died. Three of his sons, Jacob, John and Henry, settled in White Deer Valley in the early part of the nineteenth century. Of these,

John Beck married Elizabeth Snyder, a native of Northampton county, and later they settled in Center county, where they reared their family, which comprised the following children: Daniel, John G., Sarah, Mary, Charles Simon, Catharine, Henry, Joseph, Margaret, Elizabeth and Susan.

Jacob Beck, son of John and grandson of Johann Thomas, settled in Lycoming county, near Alvira, Pa. He is buried at the Messiah Church near that place. He was a large land owner and followed farming all his life. His family was large, viz.: Charles lived and died in Lycoming county; Henry and Peter lived and died in Lycoming county; Benjamin is mentioned below; Catharine married John Breon; Mary married Mahlon Bower; George and William lived and died in Lycoming county; Hannah married Mr. Wenrick; Thomas lived and died in Lycoming county.

Benjamin Beck, son of Jacob, was born in 1814 in Northampton county and removed with his father to Lycoming county. In early life he learned stone cutting, which he continued to follow after he took up farming, having purchased a farm in Montour county, about three miles east of Pottsgrove, Pa. He was thus engaged to the close of his life, dying in his prime, April 16, 1863, at the age of forty-nine years. He married Eliza Darter, of Northampton county, born in 1818, who died Dec. 22, 1882, and they are buried at Center Church, in Liberty township, Montour county.



They were members of the Center Lutheran Church. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Beck: Matilda, who married William Gaskins, of Danville, Pa.; Catharine, who married William R. Miller; George A.; William H.; Ella, who married Charles Weinland; and John A.

WILLIAM H. BECK was born April 9, 1852, in Liberty township, Montour county, and there received his early education in the public schools, also attending the Franklin select school for one term, during the period it was taught by Charles Leshner. He was also a student at the Milton high school. For a time he was employed as clerk in the general store of Heinen & Schreyer, after which he took a course at the Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and on his return to Milton entered the employ of the Adams Express Company. He was engaged by that company as driver four years, at the end of that time being promoted to the agency, which he held for five years. In 1881 he resigned to accept a position as bookkeeper in the establishment of S. J. Shimer & Sons, with which concern, one of the most important in Milton, he has since been associated. A year after entering the employ of the firm he was sent, upon the death of the father of George and Samuel J. Shimer, to Northampton county to superintend the construction of a new plant, remaining there one year. Upon the completion of the plant he returned to Milton, where he took charge of the order department, in this capacity traveling widely for the firm. In 1903, when a corporation was formed without change of name, Mr. Beck was elected secretary, which position he has since filled. He has proved a valuable member of the corporation, the condition of whose business has a material bearing on the well-being of the borough.

In various relations outside of business Mr. Beck has proved a useful citizen, his aid and influence counting for much in the promotion of many desirable local enterprises. For six years he was a member of the Milton borough council, and as an active worker in the councils of his party, the Republican, he has assisted in securing creditable candidates for local offices, having served as committeeman and as borough chairman. For years he was a prominent member of the Lutheran Church, which he served as deacon, trustee and financial secretary, superintendent of the Sunday school and teacher of the Bible class, extending his Sunday school work to activity in the County Sunday School Association, of which he was recording and corresponding secretary, and is still a member of the executive committee. He now attends the Presbyterian Church, where he teaches the men's Bible class. For a number of years Mr. Beck was district president of the Y. M. C. A., his district embracing Northumberland, Union, Snyder, Lycoming, Montour and Colum-

bia counties, and he was also president of the local organization. Fraternally he unites with the Royal Arcanum and for six years was district deputy grand regent.

Mr. Beck married Anna M. Angstadt, who was born Nov. 28, 1850, daughter of Joseph and Eliza (Eckbert) Angstadt, and died Aug. 23, 1891; she is interred in Harmony cemetery, at Milton. Three daughters were born to this union: Lottie, who is married to Walter J. Nail and has one son, William; Lulu J., who is at home; and Elenora E., now a student at Wilson Seminary.

JOHN A. BECK, son of Benjamin and brother of William H., was born May 11, 1858, in Montour county, Pa. He received his education in the public schools, but his father dying when he was very young he has had to make his own way from an early age, and his education has been mostly of the practical kind. For several years after commencing to work steadily he was employed on farms in his own county and in Northumberland county, in 1876 locating in the borough of Milton, where he has since made his home. In 1879 he entered the employ of S. J. Shimer & Sons, as clerk, and has served in such position ever since, his long experience in this capacity making his services most valuable. However, he has also had other business interests, having for almost twenty years, since 1891, been conducting a greenhouse at No. 319 Hepburn street, where he also has his home. He makes a specialty of cut flowers and floral designs, and his taste for the work, combined with industry and good management, has made his venture profitable.

Mr. Beck married Ella Hill, daughter of Charles and Kate (Hause) Hill, and they have one son, Charles L. The family are Lutherans in religious connection. Mr. Beck has been quite active in borough affairs, having served eleven years as member of the council. He is a Republican in political affiliation, and socially is a member of the Royal Arcanum and the Knights of the Golden Eagle.

RAKER. The Raker family, to which the late Cornelius Raker, of Shamokin, belonged, is of German extraction, the founder of the name in America coming from Baden, near Wurtemberg, Germany, and settling in Montgomery county, Pa., where he lived and died.

Conrad Raker, son of the emigrant ancestor, was born in Montgomery county and came to Northumberland county among the pioneers. After his marriage he settled at Augustaville, in Rockefeller township, whence he moved two years later to Little Mahanoy township, following farming there until his death. He is buried at Raker. He was a prominent man in his day in public and church affairs, serving as county commissioner in 1837 and 1838, and helping to build two churches, the Emanuel's Lutheran in Little Mahanoy township

and the Stone Church at Augustaville. In politics he was a Democrat. Conrad Raker married Rebecca Dunkelberger, of Northumberland county, daughter of Frederick, and they had children as follows: John, who died in Ashland county, Ohio; Kate; Frederick; Jacob, who died in Little Mahanoy township; William, who died in Little Mahanoy township; Enoch D., who died in Little Mahanoy township June 23, 1888, aged sixty-six years, sixteen days, and is buried at Little Mahanoy Church (his wife died Sept. 25, 1903, aged seventy-six years, five months, twenty-one days); Isaac D., born Dec. 6, 1825, who lived at Shamokin and died March 11, 1907 (his wife, Phoebe A., born Dec. 6, 1834, died April 5, 1890); Barbara, who married George Sordogn and died in Upper Augusta township; Maria, who married Joseph Gass and died in Upper Augusta township; Esther, who married Daniel Zartman and died in Lower Augusta township; and Mary, who married Elias Peiffer and died at Raker. (N. B.: Conrad's wife's name is given Rebecca here, while in another account it appears as Barbara; if it was Barbara, then the following dates, from Little Mahanoy cemetery, apply to Conrad and wife: Conrad Raker, born in Montgomery county, Pa., June 7, 1778, died Sept. 4, 1849; his wife Barbara, nee Dunkel, born April 5, 1779, died Dec. 17, 1838.)

Frederick Raker, son of Conrad, was born Dec. 21, 1804, in what is now Rockefeller township, and spent all but three or four years of his life in his native county. He went to Lycoming county after his marriage and returning to Northumberland settled in Little Mahanoy township. He was a blacksmith by trade, and also followed carpentering and farming. He died in Little Mahanoy Aug. 4, 1844, and is buried at Raker. Like his father he was a well known and active citizen of his section, serving as justice of the peace and taking a prominent part in the work of the Lutheran Church. He was a Democrat in politics.

In 1825 Mr. Raker married Elizabeth Hoffman, daughter of John and Susanna (Drumbeller) Hoffman, who settled in Washington township, this county, in 1813. Mrs. Raker was born in District township, Berks county, in 1806, and survived her husband, dying at the age of eighty-seven. She is buried at Raker. The following children were born to this union: Conrad H. is mentioned below; Susanna died young; Jeremiah married Jane Martin; Harriet married (first) Israel Dunkelberger and (second) Samuel Dornsife, whom she also survived; Catharine married Samuel Frederick; John H. died Jan. 14, 1862, while serving in the Civil war, at Rolla, Missouri.

Conrad H. Raker was born Nov. 8, 1828, and was about three years old when his parents returned to Northumberland county. He attended the local schools and was reared to farming, at

which he assisted his father for a time, until he commenced to learn the gunsmith's trade. He followed that in connection with farming in Little Mahanoy township, where with the exception of four years spent in the Western States he always lived. In 1899 Mr. Raker removed to Shamokin, where he has since lived in retirement. He was quite active in local affairs while a resident of Little Mahanoy, serving as school director and auditor of the township, and was the first postmaster at Raker, holding the office seven years. Raker station and postoffice were named in his honor. He is a Democrat in politics and, like the members of the family generally, a member of the Lutheran Church, which he served as trustee.

On April 27, 1856, Mr. Raker married Susan Dornsife, who was born March 22, 1832, daughter of Daniel and Mary (Herb) Dornsife, and died Nov. 5, 190—; she is buried at Raker. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Raker, as follows: Dr. Frederick Daniel is a resident of Shamokin; Mary Elizabeth married Alvin Raker, of Shamokin, and they have three children, Florence, Helen and Walter; Rev. John Henry, a graduate of Muhlenberg College, at Allentown, is a Lutheran minister now stationed at Allentown, Pa. (he is married and has two children, Ruth and Reberta); Lydia J. married John Schlegel, of Shamokin, and has one child, Clarence; Ida married John Hilbush, lives in Shamokin, and has two children, Edward and Susan; Hattie, who married Samuel Moyer and lives in Shamokin, has two children, Francis and Lydia; Albert is living on the old homestead at Raker; Susan died in infancy; Conrad, twin of Susan, lives in Lower Mahanoy township, is married, and has one son, Frederick; Edward, who studied at Muhlenberg College, now an attorney at law of Shamokin, is married and has two children, Marion and Grace; one son died in infancy.

Jacob Raker, son of Conrad and grandson of the emigrant, was born April 26, 1808, in Little Mahanoy township, and was one of the well known citizens of that locality in his day. He followed farming, and died in Little Mahanoy Dec. 28, 1859, aged fifty-one years. His wife, Rebecca (Zartman), born Jan. 4, 1813, died June 12, 1883. They had children as follows: Lucinda, Harry, William, Enoch, Daniel Z. (died July 13, 1898, aged sixty-two years, two months, twenty-four days; his wife, Annie, died Aug. 20, 1905, aged seventy years, ten months, fourteen days), Abbie, Rebecca, Conrad, Samuel (deceased), Cornelius, Alice, and Joseph, the last named deceased.

CORNELIUS RAKER, son of Jacob, was born March 14, 1838, in Little Mahanoy, near Raker, and was reared upon the farm in his native township. When a young man he went to Washington, D. C., and there learned photography, in the



fall of 1865 locating in Shamokin, where he was the pioneer in his line of work. He followed it until his retirement in 1890, enjoying a steady and profitable patronage, and naturally was widely known in the borough and vicinity, where he had a high reputation for first-class work and courtesy to patrons which was his best advertisement in all the long years of his business career. Though a man of unassuming life and quiet habits he was considered a most useful and desirable citizen, and his death, which occurred June 1, 1901, was regarded as a loss throughout Shamokin, where he had many friends and well wishers. He is buried in Shamokin cemetery. Mr. Raker accumulated considerable valuable real estate: he bought his first lot, on Independence street, for \$55, and the advance in values is well illustrated by the statement that it is now among the most valuable property in the borough. Mr. Raker was a member of the Methodist Church.

On July 26, 1865, Mr. Raker married Mary E. Machamer, daughter of Israel Machamer, and three children were born to them: Emma, who married (first) Thaddeus B. Strine, by whom she had one son, Harry C., and (second) L. W. Smith, a druggist of Shamokin; Elizabeth, deceased; and Elmer E., who died April 26, 1911. Mrs. Raker resides at the old home, No. 148 East Independence street.

John Machamer, Mrs. Raker's grandfather, was a tailor, and followed his trade at Lewisburg, Union Co., Pa. Later he went West, where he died. His children were: Eli, an attorney, who died at Leavenworth, Kans.; Israel; John, who died in the West; Mary, and Julia.

Israel Machamer, father of Mrs. Raker, was born at Lewisburg, Pa., and learned the trade of his father, which he followed for many years. For a long time he was located at White Deer, Union county, removing thence to Trevorton, where he died in 1880; he is buried at Shamokin. Mr. Machamer married Susan Knauss, daughter of Benjamin Knauss, who died at the age of ninety-four years. Mrs. Machamer, born Oct. 16, 1820, is now the oldest resident of Shamokin. She enjoys good health and a clear, bright mind, discussing the topics of the day with interest and intelligence, and enjoying life as she deserves to do. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Machamer: Margaret married Peter Metz and died in Shamokin; Mary E. is the widow of Cornelius Raker; Clara became the wife of Herbert Ward, of Trevorton, where she died; Benjamin lives in Trevorton; Katie was the wife of John Smith, of Trevorton, where she died; John, Emma and Matilda all died young.

HENRY M. EMERICK, M. D., physician and surgeon, and a leading citizen of the borough of Milton in his private as well as his professional

capacity, has been settled there since 1892. He has established an extensive practice, and for real worth as a member of the community he ranks among the residents of the borough who have worked steadily along lines for its advancement.

Dr. Emerick's grandfather, John George Emerick, was the first of the family in Northumberland county, whither he came from Schuylkill county, Pa., with his brother Michael. They settled in Lower Mahanoy township, on adjoining farms. Michael married, but had no children. John George Emerick, besides following farming, built a tannery on his place and conducted it for many years, becoming particularly well known in that connection. He and his wife, Magadela (Zartman), died on the farm and are buried at the old Stone Valley church near Hickory Corners, in Lower Mahanoy township. Their children were: George died in Uniontown, Pa.; John died in Illinois; Elias was the father of Dr. Emerick; Michael died in Jordan township; Joseph, born in 1834, now living in Sunbury, married (first) Sarah Wert and had six children, Henry M., Charles L., George W., Sarah J., Mary M. and Minnie Alice, and (second) Sophrona Elizabeth Krosteder, by whom he had no children.

Elias Emerick, son of John George, was born in 1826 at the old home in Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county. In 1852 he moved to Lower Augusta township, this county, where he purchased the old Clark farm, upon which was the hotel called the "Lower Augusta Inn," or during his day more commonly known as "Emerick's Hotel," situated on the old Tulpehocken road. He conducted the farm and hotel until 1867, after which he gave all his time to farming for three years, at the end of that time engaging in the mercantile business, which he continued until he sold out, in 1875. He then moved to Selinsgrove, Pa., and engaged in the coal business, which he followed until his death, which occurred at Selinsgrove in 1892; he is buried at the Stone Church in Lower Augusta township.

Mr. Emerick married Anna Mary Stine, a native of Pine Grove, Schuylkill county, daughter of John Stine. Mrs. Emerick died in 1880, at the age of fifty-two years. She was the mother of eight children: Louisa J., who married John M. Boyer, their home being at Selinsgrove, Pa.; Henry M.; Benjamin Franklin, a well known druggist and leading business man of Carlisle, Pa., who died in 1910; Martin L., a physician, also of Carlisle, and four children who died young.

Henry M. Emerick, son of Elias, was born in 1861 in Lower Augusta township, and received his early education in the public schools near his boyhood home. Later he attended Susquehanna University, at Selinsgrove, and there also he began making medicine, under the well known Dr. J. W. Sheets, who was then located at Selinsgrove.



Entering the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, Md., he graduated in 1880, since which time he has been in continuous practice. He made his first location after graduating at Pottsgrove, Pa., where he remained twelve years, in 1892 removing to Milton, which has since been his home and field of practice. Dr. Emerick has won the confidence of his fellow citizens as much by his personal merits as by his medical skill, and his standing among his fellow practitioners is equally high. He holds membership in the Lycoming County Medical Society, the State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. His time has naturally been almost entirely absorbed by his professional duties, but he has served as school director at Milton, his interest in the cause of education and his high standards making him a valuable member of the board. In politics he is a Republican.

Dr. Emerick married Feb. 23, 1882, Anna M. Voris, daughter of Gilbert and Harriet (McWilliams) Voris, and granddaughter of John Voris. They have one daughter, Harriet A., who graduated from Bucknell Seminary in 1903, and subsequently attended Lasell Seminary, at Auburndale, Massachusetts.

COLEMAN K. SOBER, of Lewisburg, Pa., is as much a citizen of Northumberland county as he is of the former place. He belongs to a family which has been settled in this county for a hundred and fifty years, since pioneer times; he himself is a native of the county, and the care of the extensive landed interests he retains here has kept him in touch with the affairs of the locality, where his value to the community is universally recognized. Mr. Sober has been a successful man from the worldly standpoint. His profitable operations in lumber, covering many years of an unusually energetic career, would alone entitle him to that distinction. But he has led a life useful to others as well as to himself. His active intellect has enabled him to discover more than mere business opportunities in the pursuit of his various ventures; and his inquiring mind has led him into investigations which have yielded much of real utility and added definitely to the sum total of serviceable knowledge. In practical illustration of this tendency of Mr. Sober's may be mentioned his chief interest in Northumberland county, the extensive chestnut groves on the mountainsides that inclose the beautiful Irish Valley, the outgrowth of an experiment which has attracted attention all over the country. It is the only commercial chestnut grove in a sufficiently advanced stage of development to permit an estimate to be formed of the possibilities of such an enterprise.

Mr. Sober is a native of this region, born Nov. 24, 1842, at the old homestead of his parents in

Northumberland county, seven miles from Shamokin. His ancestors were among the pioneers of the county, where the family has been settled for a hundred and fifty years. His grandparents were Samuel and Isabella (Moore) Sober.

Isaac Sober, father of Coleman K. Sober, was a native and lifelong resident of Northumberland county, where he was a wealthy and influential agriculturist. He was born Feb. 23, 1814, and died June 12, 1882. His wife, Mary (Krihbaum), daughter of George and Barbara (Reed) Krihbaum, was also of Northumberland county birth, and ten children were born to their union, namely: Freeman W., who was a farmer in Virginia, where he died; Harriet, wife of Samuel Swinehart, of Northumberland county, Pa.; Coleman K.; Clinton D., a farmer and dairyman of Northumberland county (he is a great shot with the gun); Isabella, widow of F. W. Gilder, who died in Philadelphia, Pa.; Barbara Ann, widow of Mahlon C. Moyer, who died in Shamokin; Amanda, deceased, who was the wife of George Startzel, of Shamokin; Adeline, deceased, wife of A. J. Campbell; Martin Luther (another phenomenal shot in the family, and in whom Mr. Sober says he finds the nearest approach to a rival in game shooting); and Clara, wife of ex-County Treasurer D. S. Hollibaugh, M. D., a prominent physician of Shamokin.

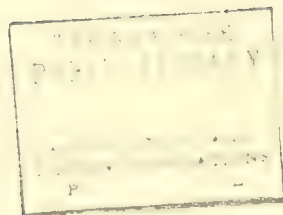
Mrs. Sober was not only an excellent rifle shot, but also an expert mechanic. She was the only child of a famous gunmaker of the Susquehanna Valley in his day—the latter part of the eighteenth and the early part of the nineteenth century—and many a time in her girlhood she assisted her father in his shop. Her skill in shooting was acquired in testing the guns turned out in the shop, and so adept was she that with her own hands she manufactured a gun that became the property of her future husband.

Coleman K. Sober remained at home up to the age of eighteen, his summers being spent in farm work, and his winters in study at the neighboring schools. So well did he improve these educational opportunities that he prepared himself for teaching, and on leaving home in 1860 he engaged in that profession with such success that he continued it for eighteen terms with increasing reputation. His vacations were spent in study at higher schools, or in various occupations, such as pumping oil in the oil regions of the State, working in a sawmill, in blast furnaces, or in the rolling mills at Danville, Pa. His industry knew no bounds, and when he had a "night turn" he would take contracts to unload coal boats or draw board rafts during the day.

Among the higher schools he attended was the Danville Academy. In 1854, at the close of his term there, he found himself obliged to look around for work of some kind, his circumstances,



Coleman K. Sober





financially, not being the best, and he was too proud to accept any assistance from his father. It so happened that one of his schoolmates, a lad by the name of C. R. Savidge (now judge of Northumberland county), having exhausted all his means, was obliged to seek some kind of employment before the term of school came to a close, and procured work at corn husking for a farmer named William Fox. Through this old school "chum" young Sober, now twenty-two years old, and of slight build, made application to William Fox for similar work. The latter, however, having "sized up" the youthful applicant, remarked that he was too light for such a task, and that his earnings thereat would be very meagre (the corn shocks were cut 7x9, or sixty-three hills). Nevertheless, the lad's application being favorably received, he began work on the following morning, at five cents a shock, and when night came it was found that he had husked no less than eighty-six shocks. Mr. Fox having left the farm for five days, a report was made to Mrs. Fox by some of the hands of the rapid work done by the new man, whereupon she immediately sent for Mr. Sober and informed him that he was discharged for the reason that he "would break her husband up!"; his commissions amounted to \$4.30 for this day's work. He thereupon demanded settlement and his pay; but Mrs. Fox being unprovided with necessary funds, young Sober was permitted to remain at work until her husband's return. On the latter's arrival home, and on his learning of this phenomenal record in husking, he at once set about to investigate whether or not the work was well done. In his examination he failed to find a single stalk with an ear remaining unhusked. All this might be counted a mystery were it not explained away by the fact that Mr. Sober accomplished with *two* motions what others required *four* to do.

Another anecdote, bearing on Mr. Sober's innate skill and natural adaptability to existing circumstances, is recorded of him in quite a different trend. "The hammer in the hand above all the arts doth stand" is a well known adage, and Mr. Sober's present expertness with the anvil is better known than is his boyhood experience with one, as here related. When he was a sixteen-year-old lad he had a long distance to tramp to school, and about midway between his home and the schoolhouse was a blacksmith shop or "smithy," where on cold days he would stop to warm himself and watch the smith forging horseshoe nails, etc. One day young Sober asked permission of this son of Vulcan to make a horseshoe nail, whereupon the latter laughingly asked the lad if he was aware that to learn to do such a job properly required usually a full year's apprenticeship. Nevertheless, the undaunted stripling insisted upon being allowed to try his hand, at least, and

after but five attempts he presented to the astonished blacksmith a perfect nail ready for use.

In 1880 Mr. Sober became employed by the day by Beecher & Zimmerman, lumbermen, who, quickly realizing his ability, at the end of the month offered to receive him into the firm. He accordingly purchased a one-third interest, and at the death of Mr. Zimmerman, a year or two later, he bought half of the deceased's interest, thus becoming half owner of the entire business. The firm, the Glen Union Lumber Company, which is one of the largest lumber concerns in the State, its offices and freight depot being situated at Glen Union, in Clinton county, now owns over 45,000 acres of the best timberland in the State of Pennsylvania, employment being given to a small army of one hundred men. The sawmills turn out each month one and a half million feet of sawed lumber, and at least 125 carloads of prop timber per month. In this connection it might not be out of place to cite an illustration of Mr. Sober's business acumen and foresight. His first purchase of prop timber was 1,100 acres bought "on the stump," and by the ton, at fifty cents per ton, and he immediately arranged for its transportation by rail, securing a reduction of fifty cents per ton (just the sum the timber cost him) from the regular rate; thus his purchase in reality cost him nothing, while at the same time he was the first in the United States to buy, sell and transport timber by the pound.

Mr. Sober became the head and front of this concern, everything being under his supervision, he giving his attention mainly to the field work of the company, his special province being the examination of timberland and the direction of operations in the woods. Independent of the Glen Union plant, he conducts an extensive personal business; his shipments for the fourteen years beginning Jan. 1, 1897, to Jan. 1, 1911, being 18,140 carloads, or an average of 1,295 carloads per year, of prop timber, pulpwood, lumber and hay. His administrative and executive ability is well exemplified in the generalship he displays in handling and controlling his many employees, something that in the lumber woods requires no little tact and discretion. He is a master of every detail of his business, and has never had a mechanic or his employer to whom he could not teach something, while he often finds points in the machinery of his plant upon which, perfect though it may seem, he could suggest some improvement. This comprehensive grasp of detail is characteristic of the man; and it is also said of him that wherever and whenever he sees an *effect* he is sure to find the *cause*; that is, in anything that may interest him. He is so thorough a business man, and so prominent as a citizen, that it would be injustice to him to give undue prominence even to his marvellous feats with the shogun, which will be full-

spoken of farther on. He has made his own way in the world with clear-eyed singleness of purpose which reminds one of his unerring aim at a target. In all his enterprises, great and small, he is precise and painstaking, and the strictest integrity marks his business dealings, every obligation being met promptly and fully. While he would not take an unfair advantage of an opponent in a shooting contest or an athletic game, and would not accept a penny that he did not consider his due, neither would he smother his sense of right and yield tamely to an infringement upon his own just claims. Thoroughness in everything is one of his strong points, and he will never allow himself to be excelled in any respect, if earnest, persistent thought and labor will win.

Mr. Sober is not only a marvel of ambidexterity with the shotgun, as the reader will presently discover, and an expert in work on the anvil, as above recorded, but he is also highly skilled in taxidermy, an art that cannot be learned in a day, yet one that came to him naturally and without any instruction. Some fine specimens of his skill in mounting birds, etc., including an eagle shot by N. B. Grugan, of Glen Union, and which measured seven feet from tip to tip of wings (prepared for Dr. B. H. Warren, the State zoologist), were exhibited at the World's Fair held in Chicago in 1893, and attracted much attention, winning many encomiums; while among other specimens he has in his possession some five deer heads, taken from noble animals of his own slaying, and mounted by himself. On his fifty-eighth birthday Mr. Sober shot a pheasant on wing, with a weasel attached to its neck taking its life blood, and he has same mounted; it is a question if this is not the only specimen of its kind in the world.

Then, also, as an engraver on gold and other metals, he excels, in this respect being not one whit behind professionals, though he never received instruction in the art, his designing and engraving of horses, dogs, violins, locomotives, on a ten-cent piece, etc. (from tools of his own making), being surprisingly clever.

Socially Mr. Sober is looked upon as a prince among men, exceedingly pleasant and affable, and he is a perfect gentleman, hospitable and liberal—in short, "a royal good fellow," as he is called by his closest acquaintances; and he always carries under his vest a big heart. He is a man of fine physical proportions, active, strong and quick, in height about five feet, ten inches, and weighing some 175 pounds; his complexion is somewhat sandy, much tanned by his outdoor life. Possessed of the bright blue eyes of a sure shot, he is in fact what might be expected in the makeup of a sportsman; and although in age he is now nearing the three score and ten mark, he only shows a better developed maturity of vigorous manhood. In his habits he is very abstemious,

using neither tobacco nor liquor in any shape. In his political predilections he had always been a Democrat until the campaign of Gov. D. H. Hastings (now deceased), and since that time has been a staunch Republican; but he has never found time to seek official preferment or recognition, save that in May, 1884, he was commissioned by Postmaster Walter Q. Gresham postmaster at Sober (Center county), which office was named in his honor, and of which he was first postmaster. He also was postmaster at Glen Union, Clinton county, from 1892 to 1897. In 1870 he was appointed by Gov. John W. Geary coal and iron policeman for the State of Pennsylvania, he being one of the six first commissioned in Pennsylvania, and clothed with all the authority of the city police. In 1878 he was appointed mercantile appraiser of Northumberland county, Pa., being chosen from among twelve applicants. He long ago received his first appointment as State game commissioner, and was reappointed in 1892. On Nov. 17, 1896, he was again appointed, by Gov. D. H. Hastings, and he has held the office continuously to the present, by successive reappointments. This is not a salaried position, but its duties, the propagation and conservation of game, are so thoroughly to Mr. Sober's liking and in accord with his principles that he takes pride and pleasure in their performance.

In 1864 Mr. Sober was united in marriage with Bernetta Anderson, of Northumberland county, a daughter of Jacob and Phebe Anderson. She died Jan. 4, 1906, and is buried at Lewisburg, Pa. Four children blessed their union, two of whom are deceased. (1) Mary B. has been twice married, first to Harry Grove, by whom she had one child, Helen Mary. After Mr. Grove's decease she married, Oct. 14, 1896, Martin H. Leshner, of Shamokin Dam, Pa., and they have five children, Bernetta Edna, Isabelle M., Martha S., Coleman K. and Thornton S. Mrs. Leshner is skilled in oil, pastel and crayon work, and excels in free-hand drawing. (2) Oswell Coleman and (3) Hudson Atwood both died young. (4) Waldron Bland married R. Elizabeth Bright, daughter of William H. Bright, and they have four children, Bernetta E., Mary B., Coleman K., Jr., and William Bright; the last named, born Sept. 6, 1908, celebrates the anniversary of his birth on the same date as his father and his grandfather Bright. While still a youth W. Bland Sober acquired marvelous skill as a trapshot, and as a sportsman few of the old hunters can "bag more game" in a day than he.

On Dec. 27, 1906, Mr. Sober married (second) Hannah Alvirda Cummings, daughter of James and Mary Rebecca (Stover) Cummings.

Mr. C. K. Sober maintains his residence at Lewisburg, Union Co., Pa., where he has a pleasant home, whose perfect appointments show his



attention to detail. Every part of the premises gives evidence of his careful management, and his stables, in which he keeps some fine horses, some of them being fast trotters, are sufficiently neat and comfortable for the habitation of human beings. He has a beautiful summer home on the large estate in Irish Valley upon which his wonderful chestnut groves are located.

The story of Mr. Sober's interest in chestnut growing begins in his boyhood. Brought up on a farm, he was but twelve years old when he persuaded his father, who was grafting fruit trees, to let him graft small chestnut trees. His father treated the matter as a joke, but the boy clung to it, and though it was not until forty-two years later that he put his ideas to practical test he never lost faith in them. Nor were his theories vain. The result of his experiments, the Sober Paragon chestnut, has attained such a degree of perfection that it is in demand everywhere that chestnuts find a market, and thousands of scions and trees from Mr. Sober's trees and nursery stock are sold yearly. Their pedigree is of interest as showing the beginnings of an industry that has already attained notable proportions, and that promises to be more generally engaged in as its advantages become known. Almost thirty years ago Mr. W. L. Shaffer, of Germantown, near Philadelphia, discovered a tree growing in his lot from an unknown source—it may have been from a foreign nut, which produced the Paragon chestnuts, about five times the size of the average American chestnut. Crisp and sweet, it differed from the Italian chestnut, which is either coarse and tasteless or possesses an unpleasant acorn flavor. The first scions used in grafting the Sober trees were of Paragon trees obtained from W. H. Engle, of Marietta, Pa. In the Irish Valley, six miles from Paxinos, and seven miles west of Shamokin, Mr. Sober has a property comprising about eight hundred acres. It is a beautiful and fertile depression, walled in on the east and west by parallel spurs of the Alleghenies, whose sloping, rocky sides were originally covered with oak, sap pine and chestnut timber. About half of this is now under chestnut cultivation. The pine and oak were cut down years ago, and subsequently some of the chestnut was marketed. A second growth of chestnut later sprang up. Such were the conditions on about half of Mr. Sober's large estate. Ordinarily this would be waste mountain land, soil that could not be utilized profitably even as sheep pasture. In the fall of 1896 he cut down the standing trees on the land where his first attempts at chestnut culture were to be made. By spring young shoots had appeared around the stumps of the fallen trees. These shoots were grafted with the scions of the Sober Paragon nut, before mentioned, which had been cut in February and laid away in sand until needed. The graft-

ing was begun early in the spring, and Mr. Sober, with the assistance of a farm hand or two, looked after all the work himself the first year. From this modest beginning has been developed an industry which requires a considerable working force and promises to make the land as profitable as it would be under ordinary agricultural conditions. The principal grove stretches along the bordering mountainside for over a mile on one side of the mountain, and comprises about 300 acres, the southern part of the farm. The hillside to the north is crowned with a 100-acre grove. Then there are three hundred thousand Sober Paragon Registered seedlings and grafted trees, from one to three years old, grown from the Sober Paragon nut ingrafted with the scions from the true Sober Paragon tree in bearing. Over two hundred bushels of Sober Paragon chestnuts were planted in the spring of 1911, thus adding more than a quarter of a million seedlings, which will be grafted at two years onto young chestnut seedlings growing on what would be waste land. The process of establishing a grove by planting nuts would be too slow, hence Mr. Sober has adopted this method of gaining time in the production of valuable trees.

In this country the popularity of the chestnut as a food is still in its initial stages. However, it is gaining recognition daily, so much so that arboriculturists are interesting themselves in its culture, with the view of presenting its attractions to owners of available land. The fact that chestnut trees may be cultivated successfully on land valueless for other purposes will undoubtedly influence many to attempt their cultivation. The interest has become so widespread that the national government through the United States Department of Agriculture, and the State government through the Department of Forestry, and Chestnut Tree Blight Commission, have seen fit to investigate his experiments and results thoroughly. Commission President Winthrop Sargent, of Philadelphia; Commission Secretary Harold Pierce, also of Philadelphia, of the Chestnut Tree Blight Commission; Hon. I. C. Williams, deputy State forestry commissioner; S. B. Detwiler, executive officer of the Chestnut Tree Blight Commission; Dr. J. W. Harshberger, professor of botany of the University of Pennsylvania, and Dr. Haven Metcalf and Professor Collins, of the United States Department of Agriculture, visited the farms and chestnut groves Sept. 7, 1911. Mr. C. A. Reed, special agent of United States Department of Agriculture, visited the farms and chestnut groves on Sept. 8, 1911.

Not long after commencing this work Mr. Sober realized that a nursery branch of his business would be a most necessary if others were to profit by his experiences, and the demand for nuts and young trees has far exceeded the supply. Rows



of young trees have been grafted to the Sober Paragon nut, and heavy shipments are made each season. At first the orders were mainly from the New England States, but now they come from all parts of this country and even from Europe. In 1908 a solid carload of the Sober Paragon nut went to Seattle, Wash. In the summer of 1910 a Seattle man who had an ambition to enter the business on a large scale offered to buy Mr. Sober's entire yield for that year. Several carloads of young trees are sold every spring. In 1910 Mr. Sober shipped and sold to one concern, Glen Brothers, of Rochester, N. Y., seven carloads of bearing trees, and in addition to this shipment sold to various other concerns over five thousand grafted trees (nursery stock, two and a half to three feet high). In 1911 he shipped to Glen Brothers two carloads (one shipment) of bearing trees, eight to twelve feet in the pit, and in addition to the same concern at various times over ten thousand trees.

So much for Mr. Sober's success in chestnut growing as a business proposition. As a benefit to those who have waste land to convert into paying property the value of his enterprise is inestimable. His idea for the reclaiming of waste land, of which there are hundreds of thousands of acres in Pennsylvania alone, is the transplanting thereon of young chestnut seedlings. The grafted trees begin bearing the second or third year, the yield increasing annually. There is comparatively little expense beyond the initial cost of grafting, but care expended in keeping a grove in apple-pie order is more than repaid in results. In the case of the Sober groves, scientific management prevails even in attention to apparently unimportant details. Every experiment is closely watched, and such reliable statistics have been kept that the Sober Chestnut plantation has become the object of observation by government experts, who have invited Mr. Sober to contribute to the department such advice and instruction as he thinks necessary for the guidance of those about to undertake chestnut culture. He is always ready to give others the benefits of the knowledge he has acquired. Special devices which he has developed or invented in the course of his work have been patented, but he is willing to explain his methods in any branch of the business, to share his ideas, to assist any who are earnestly interested in the subject. He invented a wax for holding in place the "tongue" or "whip" graft, which on his place has entirely superseded the old wedge graft, and has published the formula. Mr. Sober has this wax colored, arranging to have each man he employs at grafting use a different color, thus enabling him to follow up the work of any one man, when necessary. Mr. Sober's early experiences with the wedge graft were so discouraging, in spite of the fact that he engaged professionals to do the work, that he de-

termined to give the whip graft a thorough trial, and the process has been so improved that 90 per cent of the grafts are now successful.

Mr. Sober has devised an insect trap for night use that does notable work. He has made a close study of the various insects that blight or destroy chestnut trees, and has originated ways of exterminating them or protecting the trees against their ravages. He himself keeps a large flock of game chickens which he allows to run about in the groves to help make away with insect pests, and sheep are turned to pasture in the groves to keep the grass and undergrowth cropped close. The groves are protected against fire on two sides by fire roads, wide avenues denuded of timber and men burned over. Brush and debris of all kinds are gathered and burned to prevent accumulation of any waste matter that might endanger the trees in case of fire; and the employees on the property are fully instructed as to their duties. It is not always smooth sailing. In 1906 the crop was almost ruined by locusts, but one of the results of the calamity was that Mr. Sober applied himself more earnestly than ever to the study of this and other pests, their habits, etc., until his investigations covered the field thoroughly and yielded valuable information. There are other enemies of the chestnut, thieves for instance, which have to be guarded against, but with all these drawbacks the venture has paid and the profits are increasing steadily.

Chestnut Grove Stock Farm, the beautiful model farm of which the chestnut groves are a leading feature, has been described as "destined to be one of the most famous farms in the United States." There is an abundant water supply from numerous springs located on the tract, twenty-five of them, and one situated 160 feet above the house feeds a large reservoir from which the dwelling and buildings are supplied with running water. The main house, a beautiful three-story frame residence, is situated to the north of the main road leading to Sunbury, and there are four modern tenement houses. The big barn, 50 by 125 feet in dimensions, and 15 feet from the ground to the top of the cupola, is a model of convenience. Underneath are twenty box stalls of the most approved type. There is a hay shed of 100 tons capacity, corner ribs lined with galvanized wire netting and granaries lined with iron, practically rat-proof. Farm machinery in almost endless variety, for performing and facilitating the work, is at hand, and there is perhaps no better equipped blacksmith shop in the region than the one on this place. There is a large acetylene gas generator, of Mr. Sober's own manufacture, which lights the house and barn, and all the other buildings in which artificial light is useful. The chestnut groves border that part of the estate devoted to ordinary agricultural purposes, and be-

sides there are thousands of bearing fruit trees on the land, ranged along the public and private thoroughfares which intersect the property, apple, cherry, peach, pear and other fruits, all 10 feet apart, stretching along three miles of highway. These include over two thousand grafted cherry trees.

Mr. Sober has made a specialty of raising high-bred horses, and has a number of fine pedigreed horses, some with excellent track records. There is a full calf-male race course on the farm, uniquely located on a knoll a short distance south of the road.

Mr. Sober has made numerous experiments on his land, and he was one of the first in the State to become interested in alfalfa. He has also tried Alaska wheat, having put five acres under cultivation in the latter crop one season to test its possibilities in the neighborhood. He grows the finest cantaloupes raised in this region. He has demonstrated in numerous ways the possibilities of a well managed farm property.

The working force on this extensive domain has naturally been added to to meet requirements as the property has been developed, and in the month of October, 1919, when the chestnuts were being gathered, Mr. Sober had 115 helpers on his farm payroll. Ordinarily, twenty-five men are employed on the estate, and five teams of horses and mules are required to carry on the work. As previously stated, when Mr. Sober began grafting chestnuts he did all the work himself, having one or two farm hands to help him. From twenty to forty nurserymen, who graft on an average 300 to 500 trees per day each, are now engaged for several weeks in the spring. The property is under the management of Mr. Sober's son.

The farm has been the object of wide attention and many prominent men have visited the property, particularly to investigate the chestnut proposition, a number of the States having mentioned the Sober groves in their annual agricultural reports. Frequent mention is made in the National reports. A trip to this place is not only interesting, but instructive in the highest degree. There have been many press notices regarding it in the papers and magazines. A writer who visited the estate early in September, 1911, a man widely traveled and familiar with the beauties of art and nature in many parts of the world, after a drive over the four hundred acres of bending, bearing trees spoke of the scene as one passing description. At the season when the green of the chestnut burrs was changing to autumn tints, it was a picture which defied the best efforts of brush or pen.

Mr. Sober is the inventor, patentee and manufacturer of acetylene gas generators, conducting this business at Lewisburg, Pa. He has done much to popularize this method of lighting, and

the gas being also usable for cooking purposes, clean, economical, convenient, the business is in thriving condition.

Mr. Sober has always been a public-spirited citizen, ready to give aid and encouragement to worthy enterprises affecting the welfare of his community. He has been active in promoting agricultural fairs, and has been a prominent figure at such gatherings for years, not only as a land owner and stock breeder, but also as a "drawing card" in his capacity of expert marksman. This brings us to another side of his remarkable career. A fine shot and an enthusiastic huntsman from his youth, Mr. Sober has gone into the field of sport with the same zeal and keen intelligence that he brings to bear in all his other interests. So he has not only become an expert, but he has made it possible for others to enjoy hunting and similar pastimes under the most favorable conditions. In the pursuit of his lumbering operations, covering a period of forty years, Mr. Sober has found great opportunities to familiarize himself with the habits and habitat of game, and his keen powers of observation, together with his natural inclination for systematizing his knowledge on any subject, have made him a recognized authority on such matters. He took the position of game commissioner with an object. In this official capacity he has been able to influence the enactment of many of the wisest provisions now embraced in the game laws of Pennsylvania. The preservation and propagation of game have been guarded carefully, with the result that conditions are improving steadily, and hunting facilities are increasing yearly, adding much to the enjoyment of those who indulge in this recreation. Mr. Sober himself has purchased large numbers of birds, particularly quail, and liberated them in different localities in the various fertile valleys of the Susquehanna. His love for trout fishing has led him to stock numerous streams in Center, Clinton and Lycoming counties with brook and other varieties of trout. He is noted as a hunter throughout central Pennsylvania, in whose remotest recesses large numbers of bear, deer and wildcats are still to be found. For weeks during the open season he will desert his office, abandon the industries with which he is connected, and, seeking the seclusion of the forests or mountains, accompanied usually by another noted sportsman, will spend a large portion of the hunting season in rudely constructed camps far from the haunts of men.

A number of years ago his love for field sports led him to join a syndicate composed of prominent Pennsylvania capitalists in the purchase of a large game preserve, which is probably unequalled in the many advantages it possesses for the purpose. The syndicate purchased Wallop's island, on the eastern shore of Accomac county, Va., just



south of Chimcoteague island. Wallop's island has an area of twenty-five hundred acres and is said to shelter more game than any similar spot in the south—a section of this country which is highly favored with game—and the island has one of the finest sea beaches on the Atlantic coast, six miles in length. The men have on the island a clubhouse of thirty rooms and a good wharf; and with the oysters, fish, all varieties of shore birds, waterfowl, and the delightful climate for which Wallop's island is noted, they have every facility for enjoyable outings. Mr. Sober sold his interests in this property in 1911.

Mr. Sober's record as champion gunshot of the world, as "wizard of the gun," deserves more than passing notice, though it is only in a somewhat limited manner that we can speak of his marvelous skill, for his wonderful gun feats number over two hundred, and he can entertain a multitude of spectators three full hours with his fancy shooting alone. It is but just to say of him that he is not only the champion trick (or trap) shot of the world, but the champion all-round shot of the universe. We have here used the word "trick" as a sort of colloquialism, but it is not the correct term, as, in truth, Mr. Sober's feats with the gun are not mere "tricks," but the effect or result of scientific and skillful calculation. He says he does not know how he acquired his experience, but "guesses it was born in him." Indeed, inheritance, as has already been mentioned, has no little to do with his astounding skill of ours, in which he has no rival the world over, and this same inheritance has clung to him from early boyhood, through every change in occupation and fortune. His expertness in the use of the gun has been acquired through pure love of the sport. When, as a boy, he began to handle a gun, he determined to excel in its use, and often he would do his farm work at night in order to gain time for practice in the woods by daylight. Many an hour he has also spent at night in practicing some difficult feat, or some new method of handling his weapon. With such persistent exercise in rapid and accurate use, it is no wonder that he does marvels, and his constant travel in the forest in connection with the business enables him to continue his favorite sport almost constantly.

It will be seen that in 1875 he was but little more than a boy, and, to show that he has from early boyhood been a prodigy, we cite some remarkable local sweepstake exhibitions given by him between September, 1875, and August, 1877. During this time he participated in various contests—shooting at 481 live pigeons, and killing 440, an astounding record of more than 91 per cent! It must be remembered, also, that these birds were killed at twenty-one yards rise—and with the use of only one barrel; excepting that out of this number he shot nineteen doubles, standing midway

between the traps forty-one yards apart, shooting one pigeon from the left shoulder, the other from the right shoulder.

For several years past Mr. Sober has hunted ruffed grouse only, as that is the quickest bird in America to get in full flight upon discovery, and gives him the rapid work which he enjoys. During the fall of 1890 he shot thirty-two of these birds without a miss, and in the last fifty that he killed that year he shot at fifty-five only. The press of this and other States has often made extended mention of his wonderful feats, and from the "American Field" of Jan. 9, 1892, we glean the following:

"In the spring of 1880, he shot 537 wild pigeons in three days at Kane, Pa., while the birds were flying to and from their feeding grounds, and at no time did he kill more than one bird at a shot. For a number of years, however, the increased pressure of business cares has prevented Mr. Sober from attending trap shoots, from which fact some people think he cannot shoot over a trap, but his scores on record show he had no difficulty in winning when he did attend. He broke 452 King-birds straight, at the York fair. He has never killed 100 live pigeons straight, but he killed ninety-six out of 100, at twenty-one yards rise, using one barrel only. At a match, at twelve live bats to each man, in which seventeen shooters contested, Mr. Sober won with a score of eleven killed, it being the only match at bats in which he had contested.

"When he attended trap shoots he often made clean scores at glass balls, King-birds and live pigeons, often making from fourteen to thirty straight kills, and readily defeated all who shot against him. The most remarkable exhibitions of Mr. Sober's skill, however, are in trick shooting, or as he terms it 'rough and tumble shooting,' in which he handicaps himself in many different ways, shooting from all sorts of positions at King-birds, glass balls or live pigeons sprung from a trap, in which his scores are fully equal to those made by many trap shooters who shoot from the shoulder and are not in any way handicapped. Through long practice of these feats—many of which he originated—Mr. Sober has become so expert that he can perform more unique shots with the double-barreled shotgun than any other living man. He performs over two hundred feats, each shot being more marvelous than the preceding one, all from different positions or under new forms of handicap. He breaks glass balls or King-birds from either shoulder, with handkerchiefs tied around both barrels of his gun, with the barrels thrust through objects of different sizes, varying from a cigar-box up to a flour barrel, with his gun either side up, and in many other ways, with wonderful accuracy. He even springs his own target (single or double), and then breaks



the targets. He shoots from almost every conceivable position, standing or lying, holding the gun over his head, between his legs, at his neck or breast, etc.

"Mr. Sober commences with simple shots, single and double, and goes from one feat to another, handicapping himself, not only as we have described, but in many other ways. At Lewisburg, Pa., in the fall of 1886, he gave his fourth public exhibition, when he shot at 130 glass balls from fifty-one different positions, and missed but eight. At the tournament of the Emma (N. Y.) Gun Club, in July, 1887, Mr. Sober made a phenomenal record. He shot at 108 glass balls, from seventy-nine difficult positions, and missed but fourteen.

"The most difficult of Mr. Sober's shooting feats cannot be photographed for the purpose of illustration, such as placing his gun on the ground at a distance of eighteen feet, springing his own trap, then, after running and picking up his gun, breaking single or double targets—King-birds or glass balls. In many of the feats which he performs Mr. Sober can turn back to the trap, call 'pull,' pick up his gun with the box, keg or barrel on it, as the case may be, turn around and score 'dead bird' on either single or doubles.

"He can break double King-birds, one with his gun overhead and the other from his shoulder, or one from between his legs and the other from the shoulder. Scoring doubles, one from each shoulder, is to him but a simple pastime. The feats Mr. Sober performs in shooting with boxes, barrels, tables and similar obstructions around his gun barrels are rendered successful only by reason of the nicety of calculation which he has acquired by long practice. Many who see the King-birds, glass balls or live pigeons fall before his unerring aim wonder how he had got sight over or under such obstructions. He does not take sight, for that would be impossible. His success is due to remarkably accurate calculations. When it is remembered that there are at least two hundred different trick shots on his list, many of them more difficult than we have described, and the fact is considered that Mr. Sober's challenge to the world in his line of shootings remained open two years, and that he has never been defeated in that line in a match, it is not strange that he is called the champion of the world by many admirers in his native State."

There is hardly a sportsman in the State of Pennsylvania who has not seen him shoot, and few in the United States who have not read of his accomplishments with the gun. He takes pleasure in showing the world what perfection can be attained in the handling of the shotgun, and there is scarcely an exhibition of importance in the State to which he is not invited. To give a full detailed account of his exhibitions would

be unnecessary in this article; but his achievements cannot by any means be passed lightly over.

Mr. Sober has proved himself to be, beyond a peradventure, the champion all-round shotgun shot of the world, a title he does not assume, but which belongs to him by right, and by virtue of his challenge to the whole world to enter the lists with him. This challenge has never been accepted; but a critical view of Mr. Sober's marvelous shots will remove all doubts as to his ability to vanquish any other specialist in his line. The case stands as follows: In the "American Field" of Feb. 23, 1889, Mr. Sober "issued a challenge to any man in the world. Dr. W. F. Carver accepted to shoot an exhibition match against him with a double-barrel shotgun for a stake of five hundred dollars a side; and he offered to pay the expenses of any one who would meet him and shoot at Sunbury, Pa., the following May." Previously Mr. Sober and Dr. Carver had correspondence through the columns of the "American Field," and the former had deposited fifty dollars forfeit as an earnest of his sincerity. Subsequently H. C. Fuller and Mr. Sober had some correspondence through the same medium, but in neither case was a match made, and Mr. Sober's money was returned to him after the lapse of a couple of years. In this connection it must be borne in mind that he is not a professional shot, nor has he ever posed as such, notwithstanding his well known ability; and, moreover, he never performs for money, his public exhibitions being for the benefit of some public charity, or to aid in the attraction to State and county fairs, Grange picnics, Grand Army reunions, or similar affairs, and he is always sure to be a "drawing-card" as the wonder-shot of the world, thousands of delighted spectators witnessing with interest his bewildering feats. What adds a charm to the occasion is his modest, unassuming manner. He comes on the scene with a calmness and unobtrusiveness that at once win the attention of the spectators, then what he does is square business, with nothing to attract but the merits of the very fine work he does with the shotgun. An article in the *Meadville Republican* of September 10, 1894, written by an eyewitness of one of these exhibitions, covers in a few words what might be said of all Mr. Sober's performances, and we quote therefrom in part: "The members of the Gun Club visited him in large numbers, and got from him many points of instruction, which he seemed very much pleased to impart. His skill with the gun was even more than advertised. He shot with effect in almost every conceivable position, and the gun in every variety of place—under him, over him, to right, to left, sitting, standing, lying, with gun above his head, between his feet, upside down, thrust through his arms, boxes, tables, and in every position, ex-

cept with the muzzie in his hands. Loud applause greeted his numerous, wonderful shots." Indeed, we might quote page after page of similar encomiums, did space permit; yet a just tribute to "creation's greatest shot" we plead as excuse, were such necessary, for dwelling longer on this highly interesting subject. In addition to newspaper and other extracts in this article we quote the following:

"At Center Hall, in 1889, Mr. Sober commenced shooting. The wind was blowing a regular gale, and no one of the ten thousand visitors expected to see more than a few plain shots. But Mr. Sober is not built that way. He believes in giving every piece on the program, gale or no gale. All the fancy shots were made, and in all his shooting he missed but one King-bird, which was caught by the wind, and darted down in such a manner as to make it impossible to hit it. Everybody expressed astonishment at the remarkable work, no one having any idea that it was possible under the circumstances; and no one will believe hereafter that there is a man on the face of the earth that can compete with C. K. Sober, when it comes to fan y wing shooting." *Middleburg Telegram*.

"Dr. Carver, Buffalo Bill, Captain Bogardus, and many other renowned marksmen have given exhibitions, but none have excelled Mr. Sober's." — *Elmira Daily Advertiser*, July 2, 1887.

"He handles a shotgun as a boy would a tin rattle—is as quick as lightning and as sure as fate. He accomplishes all—even the most difficult—shots with the greatest ease and grace, and by the time the ordinary marksmen get through aiming Mr. Sober will have broken a barrel of King-birds."

*Middleburg (Snyder County) Post*, Sept. 24, 1891.

"But the greatest feature of the day was the shooting of Mr. Sober and his son. This was a revelation to the visitors to the fair. Mr. Sober is a wonderful marksman. He shot at 147 targets yesterday, from a great number of different positions, and at all sorts of disadvantages, yet he did not miss a single one. This is, perhaps, the greatest exhibition Mr. Sober ever gave and this is equivalent to saying that the York county fair grounds have been the scene of the greatest shooting ever done in the world. Nothing can prevent him from scoring. He shoots just as accurately with the gun turned upside down and thrust through a flour barrel as he does in the usual position."—*York Gazette*, October, 1894.

We will conclude our description of Mr. Sober's trap shooting with an account of a couple of amazing and almost incredible shots that he made: A bird is thrown from the trap thirty yards away from the shooter, who stands with his side toward the trap, with inverted gun, the barrel of which is passed right through a wooden box, 14x16 inches in size, the gun (with

barrel in the box as described) held at arm's length directly above his head. Thus handicapped, the marksman pulls the trigger and the bird drops to the ground. This feat has been accomplished by no other being, and reads like one of Baron Munchausen's fictions, but it is nevertheless true in every particular. Another remarkable feat Mr. Sober accomplishes with ease is to spring two King-birds from a trap, shoot one of them from between his legs while standing with his back toward the trap, then turn quickly and drop the second King-bird. We cannot avoid giving special emphasis to the four exhibitions given by Mr. Sober at the York county fair, before a multitude of fifty thousand people, where he shot at 588 targets with but five misses, two of which were made on his first day's trial, three being lost on the fourth day toward the close of his final exhibition. At one of Mr. Sober's shooting entertainments given at Brook Park (Lewisburg), in October, 1897, he killed 65 pigeons without a miss and broke 200 targets without an error. And it must be borne in mind that not a shot was made without some form of handicap—shooting from both shoulders; gun inverted, and above his head; with gun thrust through powder kegs, flour barrels, boxes, etc., yet he seemed to experience neither hindrance nor inconvenience. It was like the legend of some great wizard.

For several years past Mr. Sober has passed most of his time in the forest, hunting out timberlands, and superintending lumber operations. These pursuits have rendered it possible for him to follow his favorite sport of shooting ruffed grouse (*Bonasa umbellus*) almost uninterruptedly during the proper season, and a gentleman who has accompanied him on such expeditions says that, although he has hunted with many expert wing shots, it has never been his privilege to meet any one in field or cover who was able to demonstrate the phenomenal skill which Mr. Sober displays at different times when grouse shooting in the wilds of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Sober, it would seem, shoots by instinct rather than by sight. The number of ruffed grouse, alone, killed by him during the last few years is astonishing. In 1884 he shot 95; in 1885, 87; in 1886, 108; in 1887, 40; in 1888, 117; in 1889, 116; to Dec. 15, 1890, 148; to Dec. 21, 1891, 103; in 1892, 105; in 1893, 79; in 1894, 97; in 1895, 84; in 1896, 92; and in 1897, 106—a total for the fourteen years of 1,377 birds, or an average of over 98 each season. On Nov. 5, 1897, he killed seven ruffed grouse out of eight fired at and many a day he shot at and killed every grouse he would see. In a two days' hunt, in December, 1880, at the foot of Shade Mountain, near Adamsburg, Pa., he shot sixteen pheasants (ruffed grouse), twelve rabbits, four wild turkeys, and one gray squirrel.



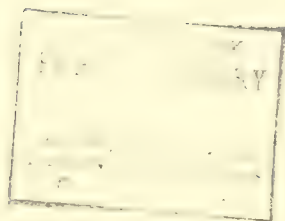


## *Coleman R. Sober*

AN UNPARALLELED RECORD

Game Killed by C. R. Sober, the Champion Hunter of the West, in Sixty  
 at the World, in a two days' hunt in December 1890, at foot of Santa  
 Mountain, near Adamsburg, Texas. Seven antelope, pheasants, twelve  
 rabbits, four wild turkeys, and one prairie dog.





Mr. Sober says that most of his birds were killed on his own lands during his business tramps, and that one of his best shots he ever made at ruffed grouse was at follows: He had been on the mountains chestnutting and was returning home with a bag of chestnuts on one shoulder, his gun with a basket hanging from the barrels slung over the same shoulder, with an ax in the other hand; while walking along a lumber road a ruffed grouse suddenly flushed from the side of the road. Mr. Sober dropped the ax, bag and basket in time to shoot the bird. He has never met any one who had the requisite endurance to stay with him an entire day in field or cover shooting when he traveled at the gun he usually takes while hunting alone. To still more fully set forth the wonderful ingenuity of our subject, it is proper here to speak of a simple device he invented and always carries with him on his hunting expeditions. It is an implement for exterminating game birds, and whenever he kills one he immediately, or as soon after as he may have opportunity, uses the little instrument. It is very simple, merely a little twig, sharpened at one end, with a small spur near the pointed end. This he inserts under the tail of the bird, then gives a twist of the arm and the entrails are at once ejected. The larger part of the game he kills goes to the tables of his friends and the bedside of the sick. In hunting the ruffed grouse (which, by the way, he claims is the gamest bird in America) he uses pointer dogs trained by himself to such a marvelous degree of perfection that their intelligence seems almost human. He has no use for setters in that pursuit, for, as he says, they are too headstrong and fast and not sufficiently cautious.

About his guns we must also say something. The first one he used was, when he was a lad, an old "flint-lock" owned by an elder brother, and with that the boy killed squirrels and rabbits by the hundreds (game was plentiful in Pennsylvania then), and with it he downed quails, occasionally on the wing, as well. The first gun he owned he bought for \$1.50 and it was a 28-inch, 20-gauge, single barrel, which he says was made from pot metal for all he knows; but with it he did great work on quails and pigeons (ruffed grouse) on the wing and he still has that old gun. Next he had another single 28-inch, 14-gauge gun made to order, with which he did fine shooting also. His third gun was a double barreled (30-inch barrels), 14-gauge, that weighed six pounds, and with it he defeated the best shots in Pennsylvania, at the trap in pigeon shooting. The next gun he bought was a Parker Brothers make. He still uses their guns, and says he will do so until he finds a better arm; for shooting game he uses a cylinder-bore, 28-inch barrels, of either 10-gauge or 12-gauge. In his "den," as he calls it, a room which he has appropriated to his exclusive use in

his beautiful home in Lewisburg, there are suggestions, from the number and variety of guns, of a small arsenal. But after long experience with various makes of shotguns he has arrived at the conclusion that American-made arms are equally as good as and he believes superior to, those of foreign manufacture, for shooting in the field and cover.

KEEFER. There are a number who bear this name residing in the borough of Sunbury, Northumberland county, in and about which region the name is particularly well known for the reputation those members of the family who have engaged in contracting and building have made for skillful work and honest construction. In this connection the Keefers have been famous in their locality for many years, and numerous buildings—public and private—and bridges testify to the important part they have taken in the material upbuilding of this section of Northumberland county, though their work has not been confined wholly to that neighborhood. Moreover, the number of contracts which come into their hands shows that their work has stood the test of time, the confidence of their fellow citizens being well deserved. At the present time four of the family, George W., Philip W., John S. and Peter R. Keefe, are established as contractors and builders in Sunbury. Jacob J. Keefe, owner of the original homestead farm, of Keefe's station, in Upper Augusta township, is a cousin of the latter first named, and a second cousin to Peter R. Keefe.

The Keefe family came to Northumberland county from Berks county, Pa., where Jacob Keefe, the first of whom we have record, lived in Richmond township, near Lyons, owning there an excellent farm known as the original Keefe homestead and now the property of his grandson, Nicholas Keefe. He married Annie Sell, and to their union were born: Peter; Rebecca, wife of Jonathan Bieber, a prosperous farmer of Maxatawny, Berks county; and Valentine, a farmer of Richmond township, who married Maria Merkel.

Peter Keefe, son of Jacob, was born in Berks county, and came thence to Northumberland county about 1806-07, with wife and two children. He was among the early settlers in Augusta (now Upper Augusta) township, where for the remainder of his life he followed farming and prospered, owning a tract at Keefe's station which has now been in the family for over one hundred years, being owned at present by Jacob J. Keefe. He died on his homestead about 1850, and is buried at Sunbury. He married in Berks county, and his children were: Daniel, George, Peter (a deaf mute, who lived at Keefe's station, in Northumberland county), John, Catharine, Molly, Elizabeth and Hannah. Two of the daughters married and lived in Berks county.

The following interesting article concerning the Keefer farm appeared in the *Sunbury Daily*: "On Saturday, Sept. 7, 1907, the Keefer farm, at Keefer's station, about five miles from Sunbury on the creek road, was in the possession of the Keefer family for the period of one hundred years, a fact demonstrated by deeds shown a reporter of this paper by Mr. Calvin Keefer, one of the attaches in the office of the county commissioners.

"The deed of this tract of land, amounting to about 173 acres, was originally issued from the surveyor general's office of the Province under the Penns. in 1769 to Samuel Pearson, after whose death it descended to his son George, who, in 1786, conveyed it to William Clark, of Catawissa township, and in the same year Clark deeded it to Alexander Porter, of Harrisburg, at the price of 410 pounds, which in the present currency would be about \$1,693. Porter being unable to pay the value of the stipulated price the tract was seized by Sheriff Martin Wittington, and sold at sheriff sale on Jan. 6, 1789, to Christopher Reed, of Tulpehocken township, Berks county, for 106 pounds and 10 shillings. Reed sold it until Sept. 7, 1807, when he deeded it to Peter Keefer, for the sum of 1,100 pounds, or about \$5,346 in present currency. It was in this way that one hundred years ago this well-known property came into possession of the Keefer family, remaining in that ownership for that long period without a break. In 1829 Peter Keefer conveyed it to his son, John Keefer, who retained the ownership of it for about fifty years and then transferred it by deed to Jacob Keefer, grandson of the original Peter Keefer, who is the present owner and occupant of the land.

"This farm has been the birthplace of a number of generations of Keefers, among whom were William, David, Eliza (wife of Joseph Wolverton), Benjamin F., Charles and Joseph, all of whom are deceased, and surviving are Mrs. George W. Stroh, of Sunbury; Amelia McCloughan, of Rushtown; Peter Keefer, of Danville, and Jacob, who now owns and occupies the old homestead. The fourth generation is living in the house, which was built by Christopher Reed, who bought the land at sheriff sale in 1789, making it one of the oldest houses in this section of country."

Daniel Keefer, son of Peter, had children as follows: Mary married George Hile and (second) Samuel Savidge; Elizabeth married Abraham Ruch and (second) Benjamin Kreigbaum; Catharine married Joseph Savidge, and died in 1909 in her ninety-sixth year; Hannah married Fred Reigel and (second) Thomas Van Kirk; Julia married Andrew Hoover; Samuel died in the West; Michael died in Sunbury; Margaret married Benjamin Hoover, brother of Andrew; Amelia married James Farnsworth; Rosanna married Jeremiah Weaver. The only survivors of this family

are Mrs. Margaret Hoover and Mrs. Amelia Farnsworth.

George Keefer, son of Peter, was born in 1796 in Oley township, Berks Co., Pa., and came to Northumberland county with his parents when eight years old. After his marriage he moved to Lower Augusta township, settling near Lantz's Church, and he owned three farms in that township, becoming very prominent in the business and public affairs of his locality. He was a miller by trade, and continued to follow both farming and milling until 1864, when he disposed of his gristmill; he farmed until his death, which occurred Oct. 16, 1879, in Augusta township, when he was eighty-two years old. He is buried at the Lantz Church, having been an active member of the Reformed congregation of that church, which he helped to build. He served many years as trustee and elder. He was a well-known member of the Democratic party and active in its councils and held township offices. He was twice married, his first union being with Rebecca Lantz, daughter of Samuel, by which marriage there were six children: Hannah married Isaac Albert; Samuel L. is mentioned below; Margaret married Henry Arnold; Molly married John Zimmerman; Peter, born March 3, 1838, is deceased; Mary died young. Mr. Keefer's second marriage was to Elizabeth Weiser, daughter of Philip Weiser, who served as a lieutenant in the Revolutionary war from Northumberland county. There were also six children by this marriage: Catharine married William Fegley; George W. is mentioned below; Philip W. is mentioned below; Sarah J. married Jacob Goss, of Sunbury; John S. is a well-known contractor of Sunbury; Lucy Alice married Luther Coomer.

SAMUEL L. KEEFER, son of George and Rebecca (Lantz) Keefer, was born March 29, 1829, in what was then known as Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, and was reared to farm life, which he followed throughout his active years. Upon his retirement, in 1886, he moved to Sunbury, where he owns the property at No. 816 Market street. He still spends his summers in Rockefeller township, however, owning a farm of fifty-six acres there, part of the old original homestead of his grandfather, Peter Keefer. Mr. Keefer always preferred to devote his time and energies to his own affairs, refusing offices at various times, but he has nevertheless done his duty as an intelligent, public-spirited citizen, having served eight years as school director in Rockefeller township and two years as overseer of the poor after his removal to Sunbury. He is a Democrat in politics and in religion an active member of the Reformed Church, to which he has given valuable service as deacon and elder and in the church council. He helped to erect the parsonage of the Augusta charge, assisting in the work to a considerable extent. His family have also



belonged to this church. Mr. Keefer joined the P. of H. grange at Seven Points.

In 1850 Mr. Keefer married Barbara Ann Savidge, daughter of George Savidge, of Plum Creek, and three children were born to them: William G., who died in infancy; Anna, now the wife of John Rebuck, of Lower Augusta; and Peter R., of Sunbury, mentioned below. The mother died in 1861. Mr. Keefer's second marriage was to Harriet Malick, daughter of William Malick, and by this union there were five children: Jennie (deceased), who married David Wolf, David Franklin, of Sunbury; Charles M., of New York; Harry Otto, who is engaged as clerk in the railroad office at Sunbury; and Eva, who is at home.

PETER R. KEEFER, son of Samuel L., was born Aug. 1, 1859, in Upper Augusta township, and lived on the farm until he reached the age of seventeen years. He then began to learn the carpenter's trade in the employ of his uncle, George W. Keefer, working as journeyman some years before he formed his partnership with Samuel Ruterauff. The firm, known as Ruterauff & Keefer, lasted for seven years, and since its dissolution Mr. Keefer has been in business alone, his home and business being in Sunbury. He builds from five to ten houses yearly, and has as many as twenty-five men in his employ. Mr. Keefer frequently does the designing and drafting as well as the construction work of his various contracts, and there are some very creditable specimens of his craft in this locality, he having erected the Moses Kauffman building on Market street; the East End Hardware Company's building; the Clemmer building; an addition to the "City Hotel"; and the Lemuel Rockefeller home—a large private residence of eighteen rooms.

On Feb. 21, 1881, Mr. Keefer married Emma R. Crowl, daughter of Jacob and Susan (Huey) Crowl, of Sunbury, formerly of Elysburg, and they have had one daughter, Mary Belle. Mr. Keefer and his family are members of the Reformed Church. He is a Democrat in his political preferences, and fraternally belongs to several local organizations, holding membership in Fort Augusta Lodge, No. 620, I. O. O. F.; Maclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M., and the Royal Arcanum, all of Sunbury.

GEORGE W. KEEFER, eldest son of George and Elizabeth (Weiser) Keefer, has been established in business in Sunbury as a contractor and builder since the early seventies, and has made a wide reputation in that line of work. He was born April 22, 1815, near Lantz's Church in Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, and there received his education in the public schools. He was reared upon his father's farm and continued to assist with the work at home until he reached the age of sixteen, when he began to learn the carpenter's trade, working four years as a journeyman. In 1863 he

engaged in the mercantile business at what was known as "Hill's store" in Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, he and his brother Peter doing business there for a year and a half, at the end of which time they sold out to Jeremiah Fasold. They then moved to Herndon, where they were in the same line of business for another year and a half, George W. Keefer coming to Sunbury in 1869. There he established himself in business at the corner of Fourth and Market streets, where he was located for nine years, but within a comparatively short time he became interested in what has proved to be his life work, taking up contracting and building in 1872. The important contracts for buildings in and around Sunbury which he has filled are many, and he has achieved especial success in the building of bridges, in different sections of the State of Pennsylvania. In 1881 Mr. Keefer built the present high school building in Sunbury, and also erected the Zion's Lutheran Church, for which he also did all the designing and drafting; the Harrison building, now the First National Bank building of Sunbury, is of his construction; as are the Episcopal Church and many fine residences in and around Sunbury. Mr. Keefer has built nine bridges across the Juniata river; the Northumberland bridge across the Susquehanna (1876); the bridge across the Susquehanna between Milton and West Milton; and about one hundred other bridges, large and small, in various parts of Pennsylvania. He has built a number of schoolhouses in Sunbury, Altoona, Berwick and other cities, at times employing as many as seventy-five men. He is still active in the contracting business, and does his own designing and drafting. Meantime he has also acquired other business interests, having become president of the Sunbury Mutual Life Insurance Company upon its organization in 1896 and president of the Sunbury Board of Trade upon the organization of that body, in 1891. In this connection, as well as in his capacity of chief executive of the borough, a position he filled for three terms, he has had considerable influence in the progress and welfare of Sunbury. In fact, he has been a leader in almost every line, social, political or business, in which he has taken any interest. He is a Democrat in politics, served a number of years as member of the town council, and as stated was chief Burgess for three terms. He and his family were at the First Presbyterian Church of Sunbury, where he was a member of the choir for many years. Fraternally he is a Mason, holding membership in Shamokin Lodge, No. 256, F. & A. M., and he is a charter member of the Temple Club at Shamokin. For many years he continued his membership in various secret societies, but of late years has relinquished these associations.

On Nov. 16, 1869, Mr. Keefer married Isabella M. Zeigler, daughter of George W. and Mary A.

(McQuiston) Zeigler, the former of whom was at one time a prominent attorney at Sunbury, retiring in 1895. Mr. and Mrs. Keefer have no children.

PHILIP W. KEEFER, son of George and Elizabeth (Weiser) Keefer, was born Nov. 22, 1816, in Lower Augusta township, where he attended public school. He worked on the farm until he reached the age of seventeen, when he came to Sunbury to learn the trade of carpenter, serving his apprenticeship with Solomon Brosius. After remaining in its employ six years he went West, for a year working in Chicago, Ill., whence he went to Wisconsin, in which State he spent six years. Returning to Pennsylvania in 1846 he settled at Sunbury and followed his trade and also took contracts on his own account, building houses and bridges, in which work he is still engaged. Many fine residences in Sunbury are of his construction and he has built many bridges in Northumberland, Mifflin and Juniata counties, this State, his work being substantial and of workmanlike execution. He has been successful from a financial standpoint and has been able to make a number of good real estate investments in Sunbury, where he owns considerable valuable property. Mr. Keefer was formerly a member of the Odd Fellows fraternity. In religion he unites with the Reformed Church.

Mr. Keefer married Annie H. Kemp, of Milwaukee, Wis., who died in 1899, at the age of forty-six years, and is buried at Sunbury. Two children were born of this union: George H., of Mount Carmel, who is fully mentioned elsewhere in this work; and Elizabeth A., wife of Ernst F. Beals, of Sunbury (they have three children, Georgiana, Gordon and Marford).

JOHN S. KEEFER, son of George and Elizabeth (Weiser) Keefer, was born July 13, 1850, in Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, and was there reared. He began to help with the farm work at an early age, and was thus engaged until he went to learn the carpenter's trade, when a young man of eighteen. He has followed this work from 1868 to the present time, having been employed as a journeyman until 1880, when he began to take contracts for himself. At that time he entered into a partnership with his brothers George W. and Peter and Richard Gass, under the firm name of Keefer Brothers & Gass. This firm built and operated a store, which they sold out after three years to C. W. Bossler, the brothers George W. and John S. Keefer continuing the contracting and building business. Mr. Keefer has, like his brothers, done considerable work in the way of bridge-building in his day. Among his contracts have been the annex to the "Central Hotel" and school buildings in Sunbury; the large cap factory at Northumberland which was destroyed by fire in 1909; and oth-

er important structures. He has about twenty skilled mechanics in his employ. Mr. Keefer has been quite active in a number of movements affecting the progress and upbuilding of the borough. He was a member of the first Board of Trade organized in the borough, which body was instrumental in influencing the Susquehanna Silk Company to establish its plant in this place. He is a director of the Sunbury Mutual Fire Insurance Company, having served as such since its organization, in 1896. His enterprise and executive ability have made him a factor of value and influence in encouraging and promoting movements for the advancement of the welfare of the community.

Mr. Keefer is a Democrat in political faith and has long been active in the councils of the party, having served a number of times as ward committeeman. He served two terms as overseer of the poor and two terms as councilman from the Fourth ward. At one time he was active in the Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias fraternities.

In 1877 Mr. Keefer married Annie Beidelspach, daughter of Judge Isaac Beidelspach, of Northumberland county, and two children have been born to them: Maud, now the wife of Dr. H. M. Becker, of Sunbury; and Edna M., at home. Mr. Keefer and his family are members of the First Reformed Church of Sunbury.

John Keefer, one of the sons of Peter Keefer, who came from Berks county, was born in Berks county in 1801, and died Aug. 7, 1882, aged eighty years, nine months, two days. By his first wife, Mary (Martz), who died young, he had two children, David and William. His second wife, Susan (Martz), a sister of the first, died July 7, 1845, aged sixty-six years. To this union were born children as follows: Eliza, who married Joseph Wolverton, of Snyderstown; Sarah, Mrs. George W. Stroh; Benjamin F.; Jacob J.; Amelia, wife of Samuel McCloughan, of Rushtown; Charles, of Sunbury; Joseph, of Sunbury; and Peter, of Danville, Pa. Jacob J. and Peter are now (1911) the only survivors.

CAPT. BENJAMIN F. KEEFER, son of John, was born Aug. 3, 1838, on the old home place at Keefer's station, a short distance from Sunbury. When a young man he went to Shamokin, where he learned the trade of carpenter, and upon the outbreak of the Civil war he answered the first call for volunteers, becoming a private. He served as such three months. Returning to Shamokin he remained there only a short time, going thence to Muncy, where he organized Company H, 131st Pennsylvania Volunteers, going to the front in command of that company. He served nine months with credit and distinction, being mustered out with the rank of colonel. At the close of this period of service he returned to Muncy, in 1863, and was there married to Caroline Johnson,

of that place. They moved to Sunbury in 1865 and ever afterward made their home in that borough. Captain Keefer was not only a carpenter and contractor of recognized ability, but also an architect, and built up such an excellent patronage in the borough that it contained many evidences of his skill in his chosen field of work. He was a man of active mind, progressive and public-spirited, and took part in the affairs of the municipality for many years, serving twelve years as a member of the school board and from 1893 to 1896 as chief burgess. He was influential in promoting many of the most beneficial changes in the administration of local affairs and was instrumental in the advancement of the local school system to an appreciable extent. A man of cheerful and sunny disposition, inclined to look on the bright side of life though practical in his habits, warm and sincere in his friendship, genial and hospitable, his death, which occurred at his home on Spruce street, in November, 1902, was mourned by many beyond his family circle. He was buried in the lower cemetery at Sunbury. Captain Keefer was a member of the G. A. R. and of Local No. 838, Carpenters' and Joiners' Union. He was survived by his wife and four sons, Clyde, Harry, Frank, and Edward, all residents of Sunbury.

Clyde Keefer, son of Capt. Benjamin F. Keefer, was born Nov. 16, 1864, at Muncy, Pa. He was educated in the public schools of Sunbury, graduating from the high school, and when sixteen years old began doing clerical work as clerk in a general store conducted by D. H. Snyder & Co. With that concern, which changed ownership and style several times during this period, he continued until April, 1908, when three of the oldest clerks, Mr. Keefer being one, bought the business. His partners are S. H. Snyder and T. A. Layman, and they are associated under the firm name of S. H. Snyder & Co. Thus Mr. Keefer has been connected with the same establishment throughout his business career. The firm does a large general business, dealing extensively in country produce, groceries, flour, carpets, rugs, etc., and employment is given to ten people. Mr. Keefer is a respected citizen of Sunbury, and has served four years as auditor of the borough. He is a Republican in politics.

On June 23, 1896, Mr. Keefer married Carrie DeHaven, daughter of John and Mary (Douglass) DeHaven, and they have one son, Harold DeHaven, born May 20, 1897, now a student at the Sunbury high school. The family reside in a comfortable home at No. 149 Chestnut street, Sunbury. They are members and supporters of the Presbyterian Church, in which Mrs. Keefer is an active worker.

JACOB J. KEEFER, son of John, the farmer on the original homestead at Keefer's station, in Up-

per Augusta township, was born March 12, 1840, at the place where he now lives. The common schools of the township afforded him his educational privileges, and he was reared to farming, which he has followed at the same place all his life. He purchased the property in 1882, after his father's death, and now owns 102 acres. The present house was erected by Christopher Reed prior to 1806. The barn was built by John Keefer in 1844. Jacob J. Keefer has been a successful general farmer and is one of the prosperous and substantial residents of his locality. He has been school director and served some years as overseer of the poor.

On Feb. 12, 1867, Mr. Keefer married Susan Neidig, daughter of Michael Neidig, of Little Mahanoy township, whose wife was a Wagner. On their fortieth wedding anniversary Mr. and Mrs. Keefer had their pictures taken, he in his wedding coat and vest and she in her wedding dress, in which she was buried. She died May 12, 1910, aged sixty-seven years, five months, five days, and is interred near Snyderstown. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Keefer: (1) Howard E., born April 3, 1868, assists his father on the farm. He is unmarried. (2) Calvin E., born Aug. 16, 1875, took a business course in the Shamokin business college and subsequently began clerking for a lumber concern. For three years he was engaged as clerk in the county commissioners' office, and he is now employed as clerk in the Susquehanna Silk Mills at Sunbury. He married Mary A. Pfahler, who was a school teacher before her marriage, and they have one child, Frances. (3) Lloyd C., is mentioned below. (4) Dennis E., born Dec. 26, 1884, received a public school education, graduating in 1902, and then took a course at the Sunbury high school, from which he was graduated in 1906. In 1908 he was appointed regular letter carrier on Route No. 7, in Sunbury.

Mr. Keefer and his family are members of St. John's Reformed Church, near Snyderstown, and he has been elder and one of the pillars of the church for years. He is still serving as elder and also as treasurer. Politically he is a Democrat.

LOYD C. KEEFER was born Feb. 7, 1882, at Keefer's station in Upper Augusta township, and obtained his early education in the township public schools. Later he attended Susquehanna Academy, at Lewisburg, from which he was graduated, and then for several terms was a student at the Freeburg Music Academy, after which he took a course at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, Pa. Meantime, in his eighteenth year, he began teaching school in his native township. He taught five terms, in all, two in Upper Augusta township, one in Rush township and two in the grammar school at Snyderstown. In the spring of 1906 he engaged in farming, with which he has been familiar all his life, on his own account in Rush



township, where he has since lived, near Klinesgrove. He has a tract of 150 acres, upon which are two sets of new buildings. On April 19, 1905, he married Grace Eckman Savidge, daughter of Harman and Clarissa (Eckman) Savidge and niece of Judge Savidge, and they have had one daughter, Dorothy Gladys. Mr. Keefer and his family attend the Lutheran and Methodist Churches. He is a Republican in political faith, and socially a member of the Odd Fellows (Snyderdertown Lodge, No. 527) and Modern Woodmen (Camp No. 8678) at Snyderdertown.

**MURDOCK.** William Murdock, the progenitor of the Murdock family of Northumberland county, was a native of Scotland and came to this country about the middle of the eighteenth century. He served under General Braddock at the time of his defeat at the hands of the French and Indians in 1755. He was afterward a member of the garrison at Fort Augusta, and continued to reside there after his term of service had expired. In June, 1772, he was one of the men employed by Surveyor General Lukens in laying out the town of Sunbury. In the earliest list of taxables of Northumberland county, 1774, he was assessed as the owner of 300 acres of land, probably granted him for military services. From 1785 to 1790 he was tyler of Lodge No. 22, Ancient York Masons, at Sunbury. He died in 1790. His wife died in 1793.

Robert Augustus Murdock, son of William Murdock, was born at Fort Augusta. He was the first white male child born in Northumberland county. In 1799 he married Mary Fisher, of Chillisquaque, a daughter of William Fisher, one of the early Chillisquaque settlers, who had obtained a patent from the proprietaries in 1774 for a tract along Chillisquaque creek. This tract he afterward sold to Samuel Bond and in 1790 bought 241½ acres for 540 pounds, known at the present time as the Frederick and Rissel farms. William Fisher was second lieutenant in the Northumberland county militia organized in 1777. He also filled various township offices and was one of the original subscribers to the Chillisquaque Presbyterian Church. He died in 1794. He was a native of Cumberland county, as was also his wife Mary, daughter of Alexander Murray, of Cumberland county. Robert A. Murdock continued to live on part of the Fisher farm, where he followed his trade, that of cabinetmaker, to the time of his death, in 1845. He took an active interest in politics and filled various township offices. In 1834 he, with a number of other Chillisquaque men, vigorously protested against the removal of the public deposits from the Bank of the United States. His wife, Mary Fisher Murdock, died in 1857. They were the parents of nine children.

Thomas Murray Murdock, second son of Robert

A. Murdock, was born in Chillisquaque township in 1803. He was a contractor and builder. In 1834 he was married to Eleanor Wilson, daughter of Nathaniel Wilson, Jr. (1779-1826), who lived near where Pottsgrove now is, and who for many years was a justice of the peace and paymaster in the militia (48th Regiment), and whose father, Nathaniel Wilson, Sr., was born in 1747 and died in Chillisquaque in 1807. Nathaniel Wilson, Sr., was married to Eleanor McAllister in 1774. He was one of the original subscribers to the Chillisquaque Presbyterian Church. Nathaniel Wilson, Jr., was married to Sarah Bond (1781-1832), a daughter of Samuel Bond (1754-1838) who emigrated to Chillisquaque in 1790 from Maryland, and who afterward became prominent in Northumberland county politics, being commissioned justice of the peace in 1797, and serving as county commissioner from 1806 to 1809, and as member of the State Legislature from 1811 to 1813, and, again, representing Columbia county in the Legislature from 1816 to 1818. Samuel Bond was a grandson of Sir Richard Bond, of England.

Thomas M. Murdock was politically a Democrat. In 1845 he rebuilt the Susquehanna river bridge, which had been swept away by a flood. His wife, Eleanor Wilson Murdock, died in 1872. They were the parents of six children: Sarah, wife of the late C. W. Tharp, Esq.; Robert Hammond, who is still living, and who for many years was the agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Corry, Pa.; Jane, wife of Williamson Marsh, deceased; Nathaniel Wilson, who died in 1860, in his eighteenth year; Thomas A.; and Elizabeth Ellen, who married George Barclay, of Milton.

THOMAS AUGUSTUS MURDOCK, son of Thomas Murray Murdock, was born in Milton June 20, 1847. After attending the Milton Academy for a time he learned telegraphy and went to work for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in 1864, and was with that company continuously to the time of his death, Dec. 3, 1909, a period of nearly forty-six years. From 1866 to 1872 he was located in Sunbury, when he was made station agent at Milton, which position he filled for twenty years, after which he was supervising agent of the division, the position which he held at the time of his death. Mr. Murdock was a staunch Republican, but the only office he ever held was an appointment from the judge as school director in 1891. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and while living in Sunbury was superintendent of the Sunday school. He was retiring in disposition and was a well informed man and pleasing conversationalist. He was a member of the International Association of Ticket Agents. He founded the Milton Circle of the Protected Home Circle and was its treasurer for many years.

In 1870 Mr. Murdock married Margaret L.

Gray, daughter of P. W. Gray, a merchant of Sunbury, Pa. P. W. Gray (1816-1894) was the only son of William M. and Elizabeth (Watson) Gray.

William M. Gray (1792-1858) was a lieutenant in the war of 1812. After the war he returned to Sunbury and engaged in merchandising. In 1830, 1831 and 1832 he was worshipful master of Lodge No. 22, Ancient York Masons. In 1841 he organized the first Lutheran Sunday school in Sunbury and was its first superintendent. William M. Gray was the son of Capt. William Gray, who was born in Belfast, Ireland, in 1750, and emigrated to America on reaching his majority. A short time before the Revolution he settled in Sunbury, where he followed his profession, surveying, and where for a time he kept a general store. In 1776 he enlisted in the Continental army and was taken prisoner at the battle of Long Island, Aug. 27, 1776, and on the 8th of the following December he was exchanged for Lieutenant Thompson of the 26th British Foot. He continued in active service until 1781, when he returned to Sunbury. Captain Gray was prominently identified with the history and development of his town and county. In 1778 he accompanied General Sullivan's expedition, and his draft of Col. William Butler's march and a letter to Robert Erskine are printed in the Pennsylvania Archives, Second Series, Vol. XV. He was made paymaster of the county militia in 1781; collector of excise in 1783; and deputy surveyor in 1791; he was auditor of Augusta township in 1787 and overseer in 1791; in 1796 he was one of the trustees appointed to purchase a schoolhouse for Sunbury. Captain Gray was a Presbyterian and in 1787 he and Abraham Scoot, representing the congregation of Sunbury, united with the representatives of the Northumberland and Buffalo congregations in extending a call to Rev. Hugh Morrison, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Root, Ireland, who had been admitted to the Presbytery of Donegal in 1786; this call resulted in the establishment of the first Presbyterian Church in Sunbury. He was a member of the Pennsylvania State Society of the Cincinnati, and was made a Mason in Royal Arch Lodge No. 3, at Philadelphia, during the Revolution. He first appears in Lodge No. 22, at Sunbury, as a visitor on Aug. 31, 1781, and on Jan. 7, 1784, was elected a member of that lodge. He was elected worshipful master of the Lodge Dec. 27, 1784; Dec. 27, 1791; June 24, 1793; Dec. 28, 1795; Dec. 27, 1797; June 28, 1798, and Dec. 27, 1799. He was an enthusiastic Mason and some of the meetings of the lodge were held in his house, which was a large two-story log house standing at the southeast corner of Second and Walnut streets. The tax records at Sunbury show that in 1795 he was assessed as the owner of 760 acres of land, sixty town lots, five horses, one house and lot and one slave. Captain Gray was drowned in the Bloody

Spring, near Sunbury, July 18, 1801; he had been working in the harvest field and sustained a stroke of apoplexy while leaning over drinking from the spring.

Capt. William Gray was married to Mary Brady, daughter of Capt. John Brady, who had served in the French and Indian and Revolutionary wars, and who was shot by the Indians near Muncy in 1779. Captain Brady was a son of Hugh Brady, of Cumberland county, Pa. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Quigley, was a daughter of James Quigley, of Cumberland county.

P. W. Gray, the father of Mrs. T. A. Murdock, was married in 1847 to Margaret Frantz, of Selinsgrove, Pa., who was born in Reading, Pa., in 1819, and died in Sunbury in 1891. Margaret Frantz was the daughter of John and Mary (Fricker) Frantz. After her mother's death in 1824 she was taken and raised by Mrs. Simon Snyder, of Selinsgrove, widow of ex-Governor Snyder, and a friend of her mother's. John Frantz, her father (1781-1834), was a hotel-keeper in Reading. In 1805 he married Mary Fricker, daughter of Anthony and Margaret Fricker, of Reading; Mrs. Margaret Fricker was a daughter of Conrad Weiser, the Indian interpreter of Colonial Pennsylvania.

Thomas A. and Margaret L. (Gray) Murdock were the parents of five children: Edna G.; Helen Margaret, married to William B. Godcharles, of Milton (they have two children, Charles Augustus and Margaret); Donald; William G., and Frances.

William Gray Murdock was born in Milton, Pa., July 27, 1881. He graduated from the Milton high school in 1898 and after working several years in the office of the American Car & Foundry Company he attended Bucknell University and Dickinson Law School; was admitted to the bar in 1907, and in 1909 succeeded to the office of his preceptor, the late Clarence G. Voris, Esq. In politics Mr. Murdock is a Republican, and in 1910 was a delegate to the State convention which nominated John K. Tener for governor, and was a member of the notification committee. On May 16, 1911, he was appointed postmaster of Milton. He is a director and secretary of the Mountain Water Company, and is secretary of the Milton Fair and Northumberland County Agricultural Association, and treasurer of the Protected Home Circle of Milton. In 1908 he served as worshipful master of Milton Lodge, No. 256, F. & A. M., and is the present scribe of Warrior Run Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, at Watsonstown. He is also a member of Williamsport Consistory and Adoniam Council of Williamsport. He is a member of the Milton Lodge of Elks and of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon college fraternity. In 1908 he published a History of Freemasonry in Milton and in 1909 a History of the Brady Family. He has written a number of articles on local history and



is a contributor to the "Pennsylvania German" magazine and the "Sigma Alpha Epsilon Record."

FRANKLIN E. KRUMM, who died June 22, 1910, resided on his farm in West Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, from 1814, until his death, and he was one of the most active and respected citizens of that section. He was a native of Orange township, Columbia Co., Pa., born Dec. 10, 1831, son of Jonas Krumm and grandson of Henry Krumm, the latter born in Northampton county, Pa., whence he moved with his family to Columbia county. Henry Krumm was a shoemaker, and followed his trade throughout his active years, his children operating the farm which he owned. He married Mary Elizabeth Wertman, and to them were born the following children: Jonas, Eli, Daniel, Philip, John, Benjamin, Jacob, Susan, Lydia, Kate, Phoebe and Annie.

Jonas Krumm, son of Henry, was born in Northampton county and accompanied his parents to Columbia county. After assisting his father for some years he learned the trade of blacksmith, which he followed for a number of years. He then farmed for some time in Columbia county, later living in Montour county, and he died at Turbutville, Northumberland county. His wife, Catharine (Ernst), was a daughter of Henry Ernst, whose wife was a Gietner. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Krumm: Franklin E.; Henry, who died at Bloom; Daniel, who died in Michigan; Nathan, deceased, who lived at Catawissa, Pa.; Amos, living at Bloom; George M., deceased; Lloyd, who lives at Danville, Pa.; and John, of Turbutville.

Franklin E. Krumm attended public school in his native county and remained with his father until he reached the age of twenty-one. He then learned the carpenter's trade, at which he was engaged for twenty-one years, assisting in the construction of most of the important buildings at Williamsport, Pa., and many of which went up in his own district. In 1860 he helped to put up a fine barn for his future father-in-law, Joseph Frederick, in his day the most prominent man in this part of Northumberland county. In 1874 he located on the farm of 103 acres in what is now West Chillisquaque township which was ever afterward his home. It was formerly a Nesbit farm. Mr. Krumm was as successful at farming as he was at mechanical work, and he was one of the most esteemed citizens of his community, having proved himself worthy of the confidence of his fellowmen in all the associations of life. He was a member of the Reformed Church, and in politics identified with the Republican party. He died June 22, 1910, and was buried at Lewisburg.

In 1873 Mr. Krumm married Mrs. Clara A. E. (Frederick) Hottenstein, daughter of Joseph

and Elizabeth (Myers) Frederick, and widow of Rev. Aaron Hottenstein. She passed away in January, 1909, and is buried at Lewisburg. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Krumm: Ida C., who is the wife of John Zearfaus; Sarah A. E., who married John DeFrain and (second) T. H. Hannah; Bessie, who is the wife of Newton Raup; and Frederick Myers, now engaged in farming the homestead, who married Mary Snyder.

IVANHOE STEES HUBER, cashier of the Shamokin Banking Company, of Shamokin, was born Oct. 4, 1845, at Pine Grove, Schuylkill Co., Pa., son of Levi and Margaret (Stackpole) Huber.

Mr. Huber's great-grandfather was born in one of the German Cantons of Switzerland, and emigrated to the United States about 1763 or a few years later. He settled in Lebanon county, Pa., where he was married. His son, Michael Huber, the grandfather of Ivanhoe S. Huber, was born April 28, 1769, in Tulpehocken township, Lebanon Co., Pa., and followed farming. He was a major in the State Militia and took a very active part in such affairs. He married Regina Elizabeth Uhler, who was born in Lebanon county, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Uhler. Michael Huber and his wife were members of the Reformed Church, and both died in Pine Grove township, Schuylkill Co., Pa. They were the parents of these children: John, Jacob, Michael, George, Philip, Solomon and Levi, and one daughter who died in infancy.

May, Levi Huber, son of Michael and Regina Elizabeth (Uhler) Huber, was born Nov. 9, 1818, in Pine Grove township, Schuylkill Co., Pa. The public schools of Pine Grove township and the Academy of Myerstown, Lebanon Co., Pa., were the sources through which he obtained his education. Leaving school he learned the tailor's trade at Pine Grove, and for four years did journey work in New York City and London, England. In 1844 he went into the tailoring business in Pine Grove on his own account, continuing it up to 1849. Meantime, from 1847 to 1849, he was a school director. For five terms, from 1849 to 1854, he was engaged in teaching in the county. He was town clerk from 1853 to 1857. In the spring of 1854 he was elected justice of the peace, but had not yet completed his term when he was, in 1857, elected county recorder of deeds, etc., for the term of three years, having been nominated on the Democratic ticket, the Republicans declining to name an opponent. Shortly after his election the family moved to Pottsville, the county seat. He was a soldier during the Civil war, having been mustered into the service as second lieutenant of Company B, 96th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, to rank from Sept. 23, 1861; promoted to first lieutenant June 27, 1862;



to captain July 30, 1862; to major Jan. 18, 1864. He participated in the following operations: Peninsular Campaign, Seven Days battles, engagements at Gaines's Mill, Chickahominy, Savage Station, Malvern Hill, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Salem Church, Gettysburg, Rappahannock Station, Wilderness, Spottsylvania (where he was slightly wounded), Bloody Angle, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Shenandoah Valley Campaign, battle of Winchester and others of lesser note. He was mustered out Oct. 21, 1864. After coming out of the service he, in November, 1864, accepted a position in the extensive establishment of D. G. Yuengling (now D. G. Yuengling & Son), as office manager and confidential agent, which position he held until his death, April 26, 1900. He was one of the incorporators and a director from 1871 to 1896 of the Shamokin Banking Company. In the spring of 1865 he was elected a school director of the borough of Pottsville and served continuously as such for over thirty years, and fully half that time as president of the board. Upon the re-organization of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, some years after the war, he served for some time on the staff of Maj. Gen. J. K. Siegfried, as assistant adjutant general of the division. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the Royal Arch Chapter and Knights Templars, in both of which he passed the several chairs; to the Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; the Odd Fellows, lodge, encampment and Patriarchs Militant; and Knights of Pythias. He was an active member of the G. A. R., Union Veterans Union, and Pennsylvania Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. By appointment he was for many years the D. D. G. Master, E. and A. M., of District No. 11, comprising twelve lodges in Schuylkill county, Pa. Politically Major Huber was all his life a Democrat.

On Oct. 15, 1844, at Pine Grove, Pa., Levi Huber was married (Rev. Aaron Kern performing the ceremony) to Margaret Stackpole, who was born April 4, 1826, in McVeytown, Pa., daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Stees) Stackpole, and died at 1:30 o'clock on the morning of Dec. 31, 1894; she was buried Jan. 2, 1895, in the Charles Baber cemetery, of Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church of Pottsville. They had children born as follows: Ivanhoe Stees, Oct. 4, 1845; Regina Elizabeth, March 17, 1847 (wife of F. R. Carpenter, of Bloomsburg, Pa.); Alice Ruth, Aug. 12, 1849 (died in infancy); Frederick Thomas, Sept. 9, 1850 (who married Amelia M. E. Beyer, daughter of George Henry Beyer, of New York City, and died in New York City); Isabella, Feb. 21, 1853 (who was a public school teacher in Pottsville, Pa., where she died Aug. 27, 1876); Amelia Rebecca, March 29, 1857 (of

Kingston, N. Y., wife of Prof. John E. Shull); Katharine Louisa, Nov. 13, 1858 (died in infancy); Sara Margaret, Jan. 16, 1866 (unmarried, living at Kingston, N. Y.). The two last named were born at Pottsville, Pa., the others at Pine Grove. The family have all been Presbyterians, except Frederick T., who was a Lutheran.

Ivanhoe Stees Huber, son of Levi and Margaret (Stackpole) Huber, lived at his native place until 1857, when, his father having been elected recorder of the county, the family removed to Pottsville. He received his early education in the public schools of Pine Grove and Pottsville. In 1862 he entered the law office of Hon. Francis W. Hughes, at Pottsville, where he was engaged until December, 1864, when he was appointed teller of the First National Bank of Mahanoy City, Pa., filling that position until 1868. He then became secretary and superintendent of the Ringgold Coal and Iron Company, at New Ringgold, Schuylkill county, holding this position ten months, and resigning to accept the appointment of deputy prothonotary of Schuylkill county, which he occupied until Sept. 1, 1871, when he was appointed cashier of the Shamokin Banking Company, of Shamokin, serving as such continuously until now. He also was for many years a director of that company. Mr. Huber's interests, of a business, social and religious nature, have been varied and numerous, and all looked after in the capable manner for which he is noted. Since 1883 he has been a director and treasurer of the Building and Loan Association of Shamokin, and he is a member of the Shamokin Board of Trade. From June, 1881, to 1902 he was treasurer of the borough of Shamokin, and also served as member of the school board from 1882 to 1885, acting as president of that body in 1883 and as treasurer in 1884. His ability as a financier is so generally recognized that he has been intrusted with financial responsibilities by almost every association with which he has been identified. For many years he was treasurer of the Shamokin Bible Society, and treasurer of the local advisory board of the Children's Home Society of Pennsylvania. He is a prominent member of the Protestant Episcopal denomination, a lay reader and warden of his home church, Trinity, in Shamokin, and is superintendent of the Sunday school. He is a member of the Laymen's Club; of the Church club of the Diocese of Harrisburg (Pa.), being one of its founders; and of the Church Historical Society; is a member of the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Harrisburg and has been since its organization, in November, 1904; is a member of the national council (United States) of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and president of the Local Assembly of the same of the Archdeaconry of Williamsport. Other organizations in which he holds membership are the

Pennsylvania Forestry Association, the Schuylkill County Historical Society, the American Red Cross, the National Geographical Society, the Art Collectors' Club and the Shamokin Fire Department. In politics Mr. Huber is a Democrat. In 1863, when the Confederate army under Lee invaded the State, he enlisted in Company A, 27th Pennsylvania Volunteer Emergency Men, and served during the crisis.

On Sept. 8, 1869, Mr. Huber was married at Columbia, Lancaster Co., Pa., to Mary Bloomfield Houston, daughter of John W. and Mary Bloomfield (Martin) Houston, of Columbia. She was born Jan. 10, 1845, and was educated in the public and other schools of Columbia, Pa., taught school in Lancaster county, and later conducted a select school in Mahanoy City for several years. Mr. and Mrs. Huber are the parents of five children: (1) Levi Houston Huber, born at Pottsville, Pa., Jan. 20, 1871, was educated in the public schools of Shamokin, leaving the high school in 1888 to enter the employ of the Shamokin Banking Company, where he remained until May 1, 1896. He enlisted June 14, 1898, in Company E, 121st Regiment P. V. I., and served during the Spanish-American war. In 1899 he was with the United Gas Improvement Company, Philadelphia, and was drug clerk at various places until 1903, when he was appointed to the Government Printing office, Washington, D. C. He attended Georgetown University, Medical Department, 1902-1903, and entered George Washington University, Medical Department, Washington, D. C., 1903, and graduated therefrom June 6, 1906. He was appointed Feb. 29, 1908, physician, in the U. S. Indian Service, Fort Peck Agency, stationed at Wolf Point, Mont. He married at Culbertson, Mont., July 6, 1910, Beulah Ethel Greenwald, daughter of the Rev. Daniel J. Greenwald, D. D., and Judith (Bleiler) Greenwald. (2) John Houston Huber, born at Shamokin, Pa., Feb. 2, 1873, graduated from the Shamokin high school with the class of 1891. He was for some time in the service of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, and then served for ten years as night shipper for the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, at Shamokin. In 1906 he had a position at Seattle, Washington, and the same year was appointed to the United States Arsenal, at Pittsburg, Pa., which place he resigned in 1909 on account of ill health and came back to Shamokin, where he died May 19, 1911. He was a member of the Laymen's Club, Brotherhood of St. Andrew and Liberty Hose Company. (3) Margaret Elizabeth Huber, born Dec. 17, 1874, in Shamokin, Pa., graduated from the Shamokin high school, class of 1893, and attended the Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, in 1897 and 1898. She was married Oct. 18, 1905, to William Kirk Heffelfinger, son of Elmer and Kate (Cleav-

er) Heffelfinger, and they have one son, William Kirk Heffelfinger, Jr., born at Shamokin, Pa., March 22, 1907. (4) Mary Bloomfield Huber, born Feb. 10, 1878, at Shamokin, Pa., was educated in the public schools, leaving the high school before the completion of the course. (5) Gertrude Stees Huber, born at Shamokin, Pa., July 29, 1885, graduated from the high school, class of 1904. She was married June 17, 1909, to Thomas Francis Downing, Jr., son of Thomas F. and Sarah (Forester) Downing, and they have one daughter, Annette Huber Downing, born March 16, 1910.

In the maternal line Mr. Huber is descended from James Stackpole, a native of Ireland, who married Dorcas Holt, a native of England, and they had the following children: James, Margaret, Thomas and John. All this family were Presbyterians but Margaret, who was a Methodist.

Thomas Stackpole, son of James, born Oct. 3, 1797, one mile below Waynesburg (now McVeytown), Mifflin Co., Pa., was a contractor. He and John Stees (his brother-in-law) were the contractors who built the Union railroad, and it was in the trial trip that he met his death. He was a jolly fellow, a great huntsman, and a member of the military company. In politics he was a Whig. He married June 10, 1824, Elizabeth Stees, and their children, all born in Waynesburg (now McVeytown), Wayne township, were: Margaret, born April 4, 1826; Dorcas, born Dec. 25, 1828; Frederick (no record of birth or death); and Amelia Elizabeth, born Nov. 1, 1831. Margaret, Dorcas and Amelia were Lutherans conditionally at Pine Grove, the two former afterward becoming Presbyterians. Thomas Stackpole died Nov. 6, 1833. His death was caused by a train of cars on the Union railroad between Loherry and Pine Grove, Pa. (at a point two to two and a half miles above Pine Grove), running over his right leg at the knee joint, death ensuing almost instantly. The cars were drawn by horses and he was in the act of getting on or off the cars when he met his death. His remains were interred in the Pine Grove burial ground of St. Peter's Lutheran and German Reformed Church, Pine Grove, Schuylkill Co., Pa., on Nov. 8, 1833, and were accompanied to the grave by the military and a large concourse of the citizens. His wife, Elizabeth, died April 26, 1852, at 12 o'clock at night, at Pine Grove, Pa. Her remains were deposited in St. John's Lutheran burial ground, Pine Grove, April 29, 1852. Mrs. Thomas Stackpole's parents, Frederick and Barbara (Moor) Stees, lived in Union county, Pa., where their children were born, as follows: Jacob, Jan. 25, 1790; John, Jan. 31, 1792; Frederick, April 28, 1794; Maria, April 9, 1796; Benjamin, July 16, 1798; Catherine, Sept. 4, 1800; Elizabeth, June 5, 1803 (at Middleburg, Pa.). All of the Stees family were Lutherans.



John Houston, the first ancestor of Mrs. Ivanhoe S. Huber of whom we have record, was of Scotch-Irish descent, came to the United States in 1740 from County Tyrone, Ireland, and settled in the Pequea Valley, in Lancaster county, Pa. He had eight children, among them Dr. John Houston, born in 1747, who was a surgeon in the American army during the Revolutionary war.

Dr. John Houston married May 6, 1773, Susanna Wright, born Aug. 24, 1752. They had a son, James Houston, born May 24, 1779.

James Houston married Jan. 7, 1805, Anna Rhoda Wright, and they had two children, John Wright Houston (born at Columbia, Pa., Aug. 12, 1807) and Susan Eleanor.

John Wright Houston on Sept. 26, 1833, married Mary Bloomfield Martin, who was born at Muncy, Pa., Feb. 2, 1809, and they were the parents of these children: Anna Rhoda, who married Gen. Lewis Merrill, U. S. A.; James Wright, who died in infancy; George Martin, who married Mary May; Eliza Brown, who married Capt. Charles N. Warner, U. S. A.; Emily Wright, who married Col. Richard H. Alexander, U. S. A.; Susan Eleanor; Sarah Wright; Mary Bloomfield, who married Ivanhoe S. Huber; Rachel Vincent; James, who died in infancy; William Augusta, who married Laura Detweiler; and Eleanor Wright, who married Dr. Carl L. Spethmann. John Wright Houston in early life was a druggist, and later on a civil engineer, having helped to lay out and construct the Broad Top railroad near Huntingdon, Pa. During the Civil war, he was connected with the quartermaster's department of the "Merrill Horse," a noted cavalry command. Mr. Houston died July 24, 1869, and Mrs. Houston, Aug. 31, 1878. Her grandfather, Robert Martin, married Mary Bloomfield. They had a son, William Augusta Martin, who about 1806 married Eliza Brown, born Feb. 13, 1786, and they were the parents of these children: George, Mary Bloomfield, Thomas Williamson, Edward, Robert Davidson, Courtland Yardley, Elizabeth Brown, Sarah Wright, Rachel Vincent, William Augusta and Franklin Wright.

**HARRY R. DEETER**, superintendent of the Lewisburg, Milton and Watsonstown Passenger Railway Company, at Milton, was born in Paradise, this county, April 11, 1872. The Deeter family has lived in Pennsylvania for several generations.

Jacob Deeter, the grandfather, was born in Montour county, Pa., and on reaching manhood took up farming in Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, where he died in 1850. He was a deacon and elder in the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife also belonged. He married Eliza Ann Barr, a native of Locoming county, Pa., born April 3, 1821, died June 17, 1859,

and buried at Paradise Church. To this union were born two children: William A., mentioned below; and George M., who died unmarried. After Mr. Deeter's death his widow married Daniel Karchner, born March 26, 1814, died April 27, 1889, and buried at Paradise Church. To her second marriage were born Russell K., vice president of the Reid Tobacco Company, and residing at Milton; Martha J.; Anna R.; Nora, deceased.

William A. Deeter, son of Jacob and father of Harry R., was born in Chillisquaque township, Jan. 19, 1846, and followed farming all his active life. In politics he was a Democrat, and he always took a great interest in the welfare of his party. He was twice a candidate for county commissioner, being the nominee of his party both times, but was both times defeated by small majorities at the polls. He served as tax collector in his district. Mr. Deeter was a deacon in the Lutheran church many years. In 1892 he came to Milton where his death occurred July 18, 1894, and his remains were interred in Paradise cemetery. In 1871 he married Margaret Gouger, daughter of John R. Gouger of Montour county. She now makes her home in Milton. This union was blessed with two children, Harry R. and May N.

Harry R. Deeter received his education in the local schools in Paradise, and for one term attended the Milton schools. For five years he was employed by the Reid Tobacco Company, at Milton, and for one year was traveling salesman for a Philadelphia house. On June 1, 1899, he entered the service of the L. M. & W. Passenger Railway Co., as chief clerk, and was advanced to superintendent on Jan. 1, 1911.

Politically Mr. Deeter is a Republican, and he has served on the election board of the Second ward of Milton. He is a member of the Lutheran church. His fraternal connections are with Milton Lodge, No. 256, F. & A. M.; Warrior Run Chapter, No. 246, R. A. M.; and the Improved Order of Heptasophs.

Mr. Deeter married Ida M. Lowe, daughter of Thomas J. Lowe, of Watsonwn, and they have one daughter, Margaret R.

**MENGEL.** The Mengel family with which this article deals is a Schuylkill county family and many of its members still reside in that region, where the founder, Adam Mengel, settled upon coming to this country. Dr. John S. Mengel, of Trevorton, Northumberland county, is descended from this pioneer through his son Conrad, and Frank J. Mengel, of Sunbury, Northumberland county, is descended through his son John. The family hold reunions, which are well attended, and the officers of the association are: Dr. J. S. Mengel, of Trevorton, Pa., president; M. D. Mengel, vice president; H. S. Mengel, secretary; W. R.



Fehr, treasurer; J. M. Hoffman, of Reading, Pa., historian. The second reunion was held on Labor Day, Sept. 6, 1909, at Bowen's Park, Schuylkill Haven, Pennsylvania.

Adam Mengel, the first of the family in this country, came from Germany, and settled in Schuylkill county, Pa., where Port Clinton is now located. He was one of the promoters and organizers of the old Pine Dale church there, being one of its original members, and he is buried at that church. His children were: George (who lived to the age of ninety years), Conrad, Adam, Philip, John, Jacob, Barney and Catharine (married Michael Hartman).

Conrad Mengel, son of Adam, was born upon the Mengel homestead in Schuylkill county and followed farming. For some time he taught private school. His wife was Susan Rishel, and both died when about seventy-seven years old. They are buried at Auburn, Schuylkill county. They had children as follows: Esther married Dewalt Paff; William R. died in Nebraska, at the age of ninety years; Sophia married Joseph Delander; Kate married George Matz, (second) Adam Gabey and (third) Abraham Loose; Benjamin married Dorothy Fink; Peter married Mary Faust; Manasses, mentioned below; Lucy married Francis Hoffman and has children, Rosie (wife of William Ailleck), Jeremiah M. (who married Laura A. Kantner), Lillie (married Lewis A. Mengel) and Jacob of San Francisco.

Manasses Mengel, son of Conrad, was born in 1828 at Auburn, Schuylkill county, and died Sept. 6, 1908. He was employed upon the canal for a time, but farming was his principal occupation through life, and he purchased a farm in Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, upon which he settled, cultivating that place until his death, which occurred there. He married Angeline Seltzer, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Faust) Seltzer. Mr. and Mrs. Mengel are buried in the cemetery of the Church of God, at Auburn. They had a large family, as follows: Francis S. (born in 1856, died in 1907) married Rebecca Helm and had children, Robert, Oscar, John, Francis, Howard, Walter and Edith; John S., mentioned below; Manasses, who resides in Reading, Pa., married Ida Fahl, by whom he had two children, Harvey and Eva, and (second) Isabella Schwartz, by whom he had one son, Clarence; Ellen married William Fehr, now of Easton, Pa., and they have children, Howard, Bertha, William, Charles and Lester; George, who is living upon the homestead in Wayne township, Schuylkill county, married Lucy Jamison, and they have children, Charles, Amy, Foster, Minnie, Elsie, Jennie, Abner, Lucy and Dorothy; Howard, now living at Friedensburg, Schuylkill county, married Sallie Reed, and their children are William, Lester, Ellen, Amelia and Irwin; Minnie J. is the wife of Prof. Samuel

G. Smith, a teacher in the high school at Trevorton, and they have children, Carolyn, William, Howard, Herman and Esther; Ida (deceased) married Reuben Mengel, her second cousin; Allen married Jennie Nagel and their children are Miriam and Delina; Bertha married Milton Patchett and is living in Schuylkill county; Bessie married George Sheaffer and has children, Lillie, Edith, Effie and Herman (they live in Schuylkill county).

JOHN S. MENGEL, M. D., of Trevorton, Northumberland county, was born March 7, 1869, at Auburn, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and there received his preliminary education in the public schools. Later he attended the State Normal at Kutztown, Pa., and he received his medical training at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated in 1887. Locating at Greenbrier, Northumberland county, he practiced there until his removal to Trevorton in 1902. Here he has since continued in general practice, having a large circle of patrons in the town and surrounding territory, and he also has the only drug store in the place. Dr. Mengel has, by his useful citizenship and participation in the affairs of the community, become one of its respected and influential members. He is well known among the fraternal orders, belonging to the I. O. O. F. (he is president of the Odd Fellows Hall Association at Trevorton), the P. O. S. of A., the K. G. E., the F. O. E. and the Woodmen of the World. The Doctor has been very active in the Mengel Family Association ever since its organization, and was its first president. Its first reunion was held at Friedensburg, Schuylkill county, in 1908; the second at Schuylkill Haven, in 1909; and the third at Landingville, Schuylkill county, in 1910.

On Feb. 16, 1892, Dr. Mengel married Mary E. Goss, daughter of Andrew and Abbie (Herdner) Goss, and they have three children: Willard G., John G. and Annie G. The family attend the United Evangelical church.

John Mengel, son of the Adam Mengel who came to this country from Germany and settled in Schuylkill county as above related, was a farmer, and lived in the vicinity of Red Church, in West Brunswick township, that county, and he is buried at that church. He and his wife, Elizabeth, were advanced in years when they died. Among their children were: John, Adam, Peter, Joseph, Seth and Jacob.

Mengel records at the Red Church show the following: Johann Phillip, born Nov. 9, 1771; parents Conrad and Catharine; Johannes, born March 15, 1793; parents Adam and Elizabeth. John Edwin, born April 2, 1799; parents John and Elizabeth.

John Edwin Mengel, son of John above, was

born April 2, 1799, and lived and died in Wayne township, Schuylkill county, where he followed farming. He had a farm of 150 acres. He was a member of the Church of Christ, and served as one of the officers of that church. His wife, Rebecca (Moyer), daughter of Jacob and Catherine Moyer, was born Dec. 28, 1809, and died Feb. 8, 1897. Mr. Mengel died in 1876, and they are buried side by side in the cemetery of the Evangelical church at Reedsville, in Wayne township, Schuylkill county. They were the parents of thirteen children, namely: Sarah, who married Joseph Moyer; Dianah, who married Henry Gerhard; Priscilla, who died in youth; Rebecca, wife of J. B. Reber; Emma, wife of Seth Lenhart; Louisa, Mrs. Daniel Moyer; Thomas; Frank; Edward; John; Daniel; and one son and one daughter, who died young.

Rev. Edward Mengel, son of John, was born May 6, 1837, and died April 25, 1897. He is buried in the cemetery of the Reformed Church at Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county. Mr. Mengel was a farmer by occupation, owning and operating a farm of ninety acres, but he devoted much time to religious work, being noted for his pious and Godly life. He was a leading member and local minister of the Church of Christ, frequently preaching sermons, held various offices in the church and was also an enthusiastic Sunday school worker, serving as superintendent of the Sunday school. Mr. Mengel married Priscilla Gerhard, who was born May 1, 1837, daughter of Henry and Salome Gerhard, her people coming from the Tulpehocken Valley, in Berks county. Mrs. Mengel died Aug. 9, 1874. Her funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Leise. Eight children were born to their union: Esther V. married John Werner; James A. is a resident of Mount Pulaski, Ill.; Annie P. died in 1907, unmarried; Sallie married William H. Blackton; Thomas E. lives in San Francisco, Cal.; Albert M. died July 6, 1906, at Orwigsburg, Pa.; Emma L. (deceased) was the wife of Harry Charles; Frank J. is a resident of Sunbury.

**FRANK J. MENGEL**, son of Rev. Edward, was born Dec. 27, 1871, in Wayne township, Schuylkill county, and there received his education in the public schools. He spent his early life in his native place, and was reared on the farm. When seventeen years old Mr. Mengel learned the art of telegraphy in the service of the Reading Railway Company, at Auburn, Schuylkill county, working for that company about four years. In 1892 he changed to the Pennsylvania Railway Company, in whose employ he has since remained, and he has been located at Sunbury since 1894. In 1902 he was promoted to his present position, that of train dispatcher at that point. Mr. Mengel is a reliable worker, and has the confidence of his superiors, gained by conscientious service and

trustworthiness in the discharge of all his duties.

Since becoming a resident of Sunbury Mr. Mengel has traveled very extensively in North America. In 1901 he crossed the continent and spent some time on the Pacific coast, visiting the Catalina islands and the old historic bay of Monterey, scaling Mount Lowe in California, and on his return trip ascending Pike's Peak in a snowstorm on Aug. 7th. In 1906, with his wife and daughter Esther, he made a trip to Canada. In 1907 they took a trip along the New England coast, visiting Bunker Hill and other places of historic interest. In 1908 they made a trip to the Gulf of Mexico and as far west as Salt Lake City, on July 1st of that year scaling Pike's Peak, where Mr. Mengel had his second experience of a snowstorm in summer. In 1909 they traveled through the Middle Western States. In 1910 business matters prevented them taking their annual trip. It has been Mr. Mengel's aim to visit and study the marvels of North America rather than go abroad, yet he would very much like to make a journey to Prussia, the land from which his ancestors were exiled for their religious activities during and following Luther's reformation.

On Dec. 11, 1902, Mr. Mengel married Laura Shipe, daughter of Freeman and Mary (Hallman) Shipe and granddaughter of Solomon Shipe, of Rockefeller township, this county. Freeman Shipe is a carpenter and lives in Sunbury. Mr. and Mrs. Mengel have one child, Esther Luella. Mr. Mengel is a leading member of the Catawissa Avenue Methodist church, in whose life he has been most active. He was chairman of the building committee that had in charge the rebuilding of the present edifice, in 1910, is a member of the board of trustees, and teacher of the men's Bible class. Socially he is a member of the Royal Arcanum and in political connection he is a Republican, though independent in his support of candidates.

**KLOCK.** The first ancestor of this old family in America was Peter Klock, a German by birth, who came to this country about 1750. His first location was somewhere in Berks county, in the Province of Pennsylvania, according to some in Bern township, according to others near Womelsdorf, and again in Oley township. It is probable that the last named location is more nearly the correct one. At any rate, Oley township was the home of one Peter Kluck in 1756, on March 24th of which year the house of Peter Kluck, about fourteen miles from Reading, was set on fire by the savages, and the whole family killed. (Berks County History, 1909, says Peter Kluck and family, of Albany, were killed by the Indians in March, 1756.) While the flames were still ascending the Indians made an assault upon the house of one Lieberman, in which there were two men and



one woman, all of whom ran upstairs, where the woman was killed by a shot which went through the roof.

John Peter Klock, the ancestor of the Klocks in Northumberland county of whom we write, was born Jan. 1, 1743, and as tradition has it that he came to America when seven years old this substantiates the date of 1750 for the emigration of Peter Kluck, whom the Indians killed. Rupp's History makes the statement that the "whole family was killed," which is probably inaccurate, as John Peter Klock is said to have been and undoubtedly was a son of Peter Kluck. He died Dec. 9, 1817, aged seventy-five years, less twenty-four days. His wife, Margareda, born April 10, 1747, died April 4, 1832. They had the following children: John Peter, Jr., was the grandfather of Dr. Henry A. Klock, who died at Mahanoy City, Pa., in 1908, aged fifty-nine years; George had a son Abraham, who is buried at St. Peter's church, Mahanoy, and whose son Noah was county commissioner of Northumberland county; Henry located in Indiana, where his descendants still live; Jacob settled in Virginia before 1790; Valentine is mentioned below; Mrs. Peter Starr lived near Rough and Ready, in Schuylkill county, Pa. According to another account there was also a son David, who lived in Pike township, Berks county, where on Aug. 13, 1818, his son David K. was born. On Feb. 25, 1793, David Klock received a warranty deed for a tract of 343 acres of land, called "Beauty," located on the Little Mahantango creek, near the line of Northumberland and Berks counties. The name in the deed is written Peter Kluck, but in the body of the document it appears as Cluck. It is now pronounced as if written Clock, from which we obtain the spelling Klock, in the German style. The name has been spelled Kluck, Cluck, Clock and Klock, the latter being the commonest and probably the correct form. The descendants of David Klock reside in the northwestern part of Schuylkill county and in Washington and Jackson townships, Northumberland county. The late Dr. Henry A. Klock, of Mahanoy, devoted considerable attention during 1907 to tracing the family history, but he died during 1908 before the completion of his laudable undertaking.

In the foregoing account Valentine Klock, the ancestor of the Klocks to which this article is specially devoted, is given as a son of John Peter Klock. According to another account he was probably a son of David Klock, Sr. He was born March 27, 1786, lived in Jackson township, and was a blacksmith and farmer, owning a tract of many acres, which has since been divided into different farms. Felix Klock, one of his grandsons, owns forty acres of this old homestead. Valentine Klock was engaged in blacksmithing near Mahanoy. He died Sept. 11, 1870, and is buried

at St. Peter's Church, at Mahanoy, of which he was a Lutheran member. His wife, Maria Zerbe, was born Oct. 17, 1788, and died May 30, 1866. They had children as follows: Felix died unmarried; Peter lived near Mahanoy Church on the farm now owned by Felix Klock (he married Esther Schlegel and their children were John, Daniel, Frank, Joseph, David, Harriet, Clinton and Andrew); John is mentioned below; Daniel settled in Illinois; Rebecca married a Mr. Krebs and they also located in Illinois; Catharine married Jacob Zerfing and they lived in Washington township, this county; Sallie married John Schlegel; Judith died unmarried.

John Klock, son of Valentine, was born Aug. 11, 1818, in Upper Mahanoy township, and died Aug. 3, 1863. He is buried at St. Peter's Church, Mahanoy, of which he was an official member. Mr. Klock owned a tract of twenty-seven acres in Jackson township, and he was a carpenter by trade, during the winter time working in his shop. He built a number of houses and barns, and had a thriving business, teaching the trade to a number of apprentices and employing as many as five men during his busy seasons. He had an excellent reputation as a mechanic, and was known to all as a useful citizen, worthy of the esteem which he enjoyed among his fellowmen. On Oct. 19, 1862, Mr. Klock enlisted in Company D (Capt. George Ship, Jr.), 172d Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia, for nine months' service, and he is described as being five feet, ten inches in height, of dark complexion, and with gray hair. He was discharged from the service Aug. 1, 1863, at Harrisburg, where he died two days later, Aug. 3, 1863, while marching with his regiment; he is buried at St. Peter's church in Mahanoy.

Mr. Klock married Elizabeth Rebuck, who was born June 8, 1826, daughter of Peter Rebuck; his mother's maiden name was Stepp. Mrs. Klock died Aug. 31, 1871, the mother of the following named children: Felix is mentioned below; Frank R. is mentioned below; Sarah Webster Leffler; Galen R. is mentioned below; Clinton is deceased; Wilhelmina, unmarried, lives at Berrysburg, Pa.; Miranda, unmarried, who lives at Sunbury, has been an invalid since 1874; Samuel is a resident of Washington township.

FRANK R. KLOCK, a retired farmer, now living in the borough of Sunbury, Northumberland county, was born Oct. 30, 1849, in Jackson township. He attended the schools at Mahanoy, in that township, and from his earliest years was trained to farm work, which he continued to follow throughout his active years. Living for a time in Jackson township, and then for three years in Little Mahanoy township, in 1882 he settled in Lower Augusta township, where he has a tract of seventy acres, his son Calvin now renting and operating this place. Upon his retirement, in



1908, he moved to Sunbury, where his home is at No. 809 East Market street, owning that place and another piece of property in the borough. Mr. Klock has always taken an interest in the public affairs of the community, and while a resident of Lower Augusta township he served three years as school director. In Little Mahanoy township he was constable for one year. Politically he is a Democrat, and in religion he is a Lutheran, his family also belonging to that church. During his residence in Lower Augusta township he served the church in an official capacity.

On Feb. 29, 1882, Mr. Klock married Harriet Dunkelberger, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Malick) Dunkelberger and granddaughter of Christopher Dunkelberger, of Little Mahanoy township. They have two children: Howard D., of Lower Augusta township; and Calvin D., who farms his father's old place in Lower Augusta township.

GALEN R. KLOCK, a farmer near Mahanoy, in Jackson township, was born in that township April 18, 1853, and when nineteen years old commenced to learn the trade of miller. After following it about three years, he went to Ogle county, Ill., in 1874, and there remained for three months. Proceeding farther west, he lived at Milton Junction, Iowa, for three years. Returning to his home in Pennsylvania Christmas day, 1877, he soon went to Shamokin, where he was in the hotel business for one year, and then for two years he returned to the occupation of his youth, farming, in Jackson township. For six months he was United States mail driver between Dornsife and Pitman, and after his marriage, which took place in 1880, he worked on the railroad for about six years. The next three years he was an employee of the National Transit Company. In July, 1895, Mr. Klock purchased the J. H. Hoffman homestead, near Mahanoy, where he has since made his home, having moved to this place soon after it came into his possession. This farm consists of seventy-five acres located along the State road from Herndon to Mahanoy. Mr. Klock has interested himself in local affairs to some extent, has served six years as supervisor, was roadmaster for three years, and is at present overseer of the poor. He is a Democrat in political faith.

In 1880 Mr. Klock married Amanda Agnes Kulp, who was born in Berks county, Pa., daughter of John and Caroline (Rhoad) Kulp, of Jackson township, and they have had children as follows: Thola M., who married Frank Selgrath, of Mahanoy City; Dora J., John H., Mary E., George L., Katie E. and Anna M., all of whom reside at home. Mr. Klock and his family are members of the Lutheran congregation of St. Peter's church, at Mahanoy, and he has served as deacon of that organization.

FELIX KLOCK, a farmer near Mahanoy, now

Red Cross, in Washington township, was born Jan. 16, 1847, on the farm of his grandfather, Valentine Klock, in Jackson township. He was reared to farm life, and in his twenty-first year went to learn shoemaking, which trade he followed for twenty-three years, in Jordan and Jackson townships. In 1890 he began farming at his present home in Washington township, a farm of 145 acres formerly owned by one of his uncles. It is good land, and under the management of the present owner has yielded an excellent income. Mr. Klock built a large frame dwelling house there in 1903. He has always been energetic and ambitious, and for sixteen years he followed threshing as well as farming, being regarded as one of the best threshers in his end of Northumberland county. He operated an up-to-date outfit, and has threshed as much as 47,000 bushels of grain in one season. In this connection he became particularly well known. Mr. Klock is a Democrat and served one term as school director of Washington township. He is a Lutheran member of St. Peter's church, where many generations of the Klock family have worshipped, and many of the name are buried in the cemetery there.

On May 16, 1869, Mr. Klock married Sarah Adelia Bordner, and they have had twelve children: Alice, wife of Jerre Spotts; Lizzie M., who died young; Jonathan E., of the State of Washington; George F., who died when twenty-five years old, leaving three children, Charles H., William E. and George F.; Susan B., wife of Francis W. Hoffman; Dorsey L., of Washington township; Charlena J., who died in infancy; Carrie A., who married George Schaffer; J. Cleveland, of Herndon, Pa.; Francis M.; Minnie A., who has been an invalid all her life, and William A.

BORDNER. The Bordner family, to which Mrs. Felix Klock belongs, is descended from Balthaser (Baltser) Bordner, who at the age of thirty-four years, together with his wife Marilles, aged thirty-seven years, and three children—Jacob, Hanna and Mela, aged ten, eight and seven years, respectively, sailed from Rotterdam on the ship "Adventurer," and landed at Philadelphia Sept. 22, 1732. Balthaser Bordner settled in Tulpehocken township, Lancaster (now Berks) county, immediately after landing, and died there in 1747.

Jacob Bordner, son of Balthaser, was born in 1722. He was executor of his father's estate, and on April 10, 1761, was naturalized as a citizen of Tulpehocken township, Berks county, at the Supreme court of Philadelphia. On June 20, 1761, he purchased from Thomas and Richard Penn the present Bordner homestead, which had been leased to Jacob Hoffman, who was unable to pay his rental. Since that day the homestead has been owned by a son of each successive generation. Jacob Bordner married Sarah Balt, and they

reared a family of seven children: Jacob (2), John, William, Daniel, Peter, Anna Maria and Barbara. The father died in 1792, and by his will the homestead passed to his eldest son, Jacob (2).

Jacob Bordner (2), son of Jacob, was born in 1754, and spent his whole life upon the homestead. He was married to Anna Maria Brosz, seven years his junior. They had a family of six children: Jacob (3), John, Catharine, Elizabeth, Julian and Susanna. Jacob Bordner (2) died in 1837, willing the homestead to his eldest son Jacob (3). The widowed mother survived her husband two years.

Balthaser Bordner, grandfather of Mrs. Felix Klock, was of this stock. He was born in the Tulpehocken Valley, in Berks county, and at an early date settled in Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, acquiring a large tract of land, which has now been divided into four farms. The original homestead now belongs to the Hain estate. Mr. Bordner was a lifelong farmer. He was born Feb. 21, 1778, and died Jan. 13, 1853, and is buried at Zion's Stone Valley church. His wife, Mary Magdalena Emerich, daughter of Jacob Emerich, a pioneer of the Tulpehocken Valley, was also of old Berks county stock. She was born April 22, 1782, and died Nov. 1, 1870. Their children were: Jacob, John, Jonathan (born Nov. 23, 1806, died Oct. 27, 1887; wife Leah Keihl, born May 28, 1809, died May 10, 1877), Peter, Molly, Elizabeth, Lucy, Catharine, Joseph, Isaac, Philip (died unmarried at the age of sixty-one and is buried at Stone Valley church) and George.

Jacob Bordner, one of the sons of Balthaser and Mary Magd. (Emerich) Bordner, died Nov. 23, 1845, aged forty-one years, one month, four days. He was a butcher by occupation. His wife, Magdalena (Wolf), died June 29, 1844, aged thirty-six years, two months, twenty-nine days. They were the parents of nine children, as follows: (1) George is mentioned below. (2) Lucian, born Jan. 20, 1827, died May 7, 1831, and is buried at Williamsville, Erie Co., N. Y., from the cemetery at which place many of the dates in this article have been obtained. (3) Augustus, born Jan. 9, 1829, lived at Burr Oak, Mich., was a cooper and mason by trade, and during the latter part of his active life was occupied as a drayman. He died April 13, 1909. On June 8, 1858, he married Catharine Lavin, born Sept. 20, 1839, died Jan. 14, 1905. They had children: George E., born Aug. 15, 1859, a jeweler of Mason, Mich., married Nettie Breed and they have one daughter, Lenigene; Benjamin F., born April 18, 1861, married Carrie Betcher and they have one daughter, Hazel. (4) Sarah, born April 2, 1832, in Erie county, was married July 8, 1850, to A. N. Hill, a cooper, who lived at Three Rivers, Mich. She died Feb. 13, 1907. Three daughters were born to this union: Martha, who married John

Packard (a cooper) and died several years ago (no children); Emma, unmarried, who lives with her father; and Ida, who married Alex. Hall, a painter, of Three Rivers, Mich. (they have no children). (5) William, born June 6, 1833, died April 18, 1857. (6) Elias, born May 21, 1836, died April 10, 1848, and is buried at Williamsville, N. Y. (7) Henry is a farmer at Onawa, Monona Co., Iowa. (8) Benjamin F., born Aug. 2, 1841, is a farmer by occupation. During the Civil war he served in Company K, 11th Michigan Infantry. He married Mary Dunlap, who was born Oct. 28, 1842, and they had children: Ralph, born Nov. 14, 1870, a farmer, married Viola Everet, who was born July 19, 1879, and they have three children, Clare (born Nov. 30, 1897), Zada (born April 2, 1903) and Irene (born Oct. 24, 1909); Guy D., born May 4, 1876, cashier of the First National Bank of Burr Oak, Mich., married Vinnie Woodman, born Sept. 25, 1876, and they have three children, Howard (born July 23, 1903), Dorothy (born Aug. 25, 1907) and John Benjamin (born Nov. 18, 1909); Mark, born July 19, 1879, a carpenter, married Mamie McKee, born Dec. 30, 1877, and they have two children, Isabel (born Jan. 20, 1903) and Rea (born March 7, 1906). (9) Martha, born July 19, 1843, married Hiram Pyle, a blacksmith, of Burr Oak, Mich., and they have three daughters, all married: Mrs. Mary Watson, the eldest, lives in Coldwater, Mich.; Mrs. Sarah Plant lives on a farm at Burr Oak, Mich.; Mrs. Mina Stewart lives in Sturgis, Michigan.

George Bordner, eldest son of Jacob, was born Feb. 28, 1825, in Erie county, Pa., and died May 20, 1903. He lived at Burr Oak, Mich., and followed the trade of mason. Fraternally he was a Freemason. He was married Sept. 29, 1850, and his wife, Catharine (Phillips), died July 19, 1896. They had children as follows: Lucius A., born Aug. 10, 1851, died June 1, 1852, and is buried at Williamsville, N. Y.; William H., born Dec. 10, 1853, is mentioned below; Charles A., born June 7, 1855, lives at Pasadena, Cal., and is engaged at manual labor (he married Audra Morgan); Hattie C., born March 7, 1859, still lives on the place at Burr Oak, Mich., where she was born.

William H. Bordner, son of George, was born Dec. 10, 1853, at Williamsville, Erie Co., N. Y., and is a blacksmith and machinist of Burr Oak, Mich. He is the patentee and manufacturer of the "Hold-Fast" marsh or mud shoe for horses, and follows blacksmithing in all its branches, wood working, and machinists' work of all kinds, also dealing in junk. Mr. Bordner married Addie S. Gregg, who was born Nov. 27, 1854, and they have three children: (1) Mabel C., born Nov. 29, 1879, married Harry Van Etta, a druggist, born July 21, 1869, and their home is at



Orland, Ind. They have two children: Maxon, born July 29, 1904, and Richard, born June 22, 1908. (2) Elmer Lloyd, born Dec. 21, 1883, is a machinist and is now in Chicago, Ill. (3) Gela B., born Aug. 7, 1888, married Alpheus J. Miller, a farmer, who was born March 1, 1887, and they live at Sturgis, Michigan.

Jonathan Bordner, son of Balthaser, and his wife Leah (Keihl) had nine children, as follows: Katie married Isaac Duttry; Lizzie married Moses Heckert and died Sept. 15, 1910; Sarah died unmarried; Louise married George Lahr; Corlina married Adam Daniel; John married Lovina Weary (buried at Shamokin); Emanuel married Mary Dreigo and is buried at Miser's Church in Snyder county; William married Polly Derrick and died in May, 1908 (he is buried at Zion's Stone Valley Church; his widow lives in Georgetown); Leah, born Sept. 4, 1839, married John Tressler (who is serving as justice of the peace in Washington township, an office he has held for the past fifty years) and they have had eleven children, David (born Oct. 12, 1858, died aged four months, seven days), Mary Ann (born March 17, 1860, died Nov. 12, 1863, buried at St. Peter's Church), Sarah Alice (born July 12, 1861, died Nov. 23, 1863, buried at St. Peter's Church), Minnie Minerva (married Daniel Schlegel and has one son, Jay), Adam B. (married Amelia Stepp, died Oct. 6, 1908, and is buried at St. Peter's Church, Mahanoy; they had two children, Curtis C., of Trevorton, and Gertrude M., who lives with her mother at Mahanoy—now Red Cross), Henry (born Oct. 11, 1864, married Katie Harris and has two children, Carrie E. and Ann), Jacob F. (born Dec. 19, 1866, married Nora Beyerly and has five children, Charles L., Daisy N., Mary E., John Jacob and Goldie; of these, Charles L. married Mary A. Spotts, granddaughter of Felix and Sarah A. Klock, and they have three sons, Norman L., Luther I. and an infant), Anna (born Nov. 4, 1870, married Maurice Bower), Almeretta (born May 9, 1871, married John Kressinger and had four children, of whom Katie died June 18, 1911, Bertha is at home and Edgar is deceased), Katie S. (born in 1872, died May 21, 1893, and is buried at St. Peter's; she married Samuel Diehl and had three children, Harvey E., Gertie and Mabel) and Charlie J. (born July 15, 1873, graduated from the Kutztown school and taught many years, and is now cashier of the Sunbury Trust & Safe Deposit Company; he married Louise Geise).

Isaac Bordner, son of Balthaser and Mary Magd. (Emerich) Bordner, was born May 7, 1822, and died Aug. 15, 1899. In 1849 he married Mary Magdalena Eyster, who died in 1871. Their children were: John, mentioned below; Amelia Catherine, born Sept. 26, 1853, who has never

married and has always made her home with her brother John; and Henrietta, born Feb. 10, 1857, who married Joseph Kauffman in 1873 and died Feb. 23, 1875. All these children were born in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania.

John Bordner, born Oct. 28, 1849, was a farmer throughout his active years, on the place now cultivated by his sons John S. and William H. Bordner, and he and his wife, sister Amelia and two daughters now live just a half mile from that place. In 1876 he married Catherine Ann Dohmer, and they have five children: (1) John S., born Feb. 23, 1877, was married June 10, 1908, to Stanta Dora Lung. (2) William H., born Sept. 12, 1879, is in business in partnership with his brother John. (3) George E., born June 7, 1881, married Nov. 26, 1902, Edna May Stutsman, and their children are Russell (born Aug. 4, 1903) and Kenneth (born Dec. 15, 1906). (4) Ida Elizabeth, born Sept. 21, 1883, and (5) Mabel Bernice, born July 5, 1899, reside with their parents. All the children and grandchildren of John Bordner have been born in Elkhart county, Ind. John S. and William H. Bordner are now on their father's old farm at Bristol, that county, engaged in scientific agriculture, specializing in the scientific raising of farm crops and also of stock. Their place is known as The Bordner Plant and Animal Breeding Station. Both brothers are college men, John S. of Indiana and Michigan Universities, and William H. of Purdue. While the former was a student at Indiana University he formed the acquaintance of several families of Bordners of Brookston, Ind., who knew considerable about the early history of the family. They claimed the Bordners were Swiss Germans, and said their brother, a professor in some eastern Pennsylvania College, had in his possession the original deed received by the first ancestor on this continent and his bachelor brother (the latter never married). The land was located in one of the counties south of Northumberland.

Joseph Bordner, son of Balthaser, married Susanna Michael and had seven children, four of whom died in infancy. The others were: Henry, a sailor, who died at Harrisburg, unmarried; Catharine, wife of Joseph Klock, son of Peter Klock (died at Urban); and Susan, who married Daniel Shappell, died at Shamokin, and is buried at St. Peter's Church, Mahanoy.

Molly Bordner, daughter of Balthaser, married Paul Lahr, of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

Elizabeth Bordner, daughter of Balthaser, married John Dockey, of Stone Valley, and had seven children, five of whom died in infancy; Lucetta married John Michael, and died in 1903; John died unmarried in 1863.

Lucy Bordner, daughter of Balthaser, married Daniel Michael, a blacksmith, and is buried at



Zion's Church, Stone Valley. She had eight children: Isaac, John, Daniel, Emanuel, Franklin, Henry, Harriet and Elizabeth.

Catharine Bordner, daughter of Balthaser, married Eliah Enderson, lived in Snyder county, and is buried at Chapman, that county. She had eight children, James B., Mary P., Sarah A., Cornelia J., Josephine B., Eveline C., Mahala N. and Benton.

Peter Bordner, son of Balthaser, born Feb. 3, 1811, in Lower Mahanoy township, died in 1904 and is buried at Zion's Stone Valley Church. He was a blacksmith. His wife, Polly (Hepner), born in 1813, died in July, 1876, and is buried at Stone Valley Church. They had twelve children: Sarah married Henry Kemble; Polly married Hiram Brown; Rebecca married Jonathan Bobb; Catharine married Jonathan Hoffman; Elizabeth died in infancy; Jane married Daniel Engle; Mary married John Richenbach; Isaac married Harriet Richenbach; Benjamin married Sarah Rose; Samuel married Rose Leckel; Henry died in infancy; Frederick married Tillie McCurdy. Of this family, Jonathan and Rebecca (Bordner) Bobb had the following children: Lewis, a farmer and plasterer, who lives at Red Cross (formerly known as Mahanoy), married Alice Rebeck and has four children, Calvin E. (married Katie Ferster), Annie E. (a student at the Lancaster business college), Edgar E. and George E.; Meclata married Galen Lahr, lives near Dalmatia, and has seven children; Frank, who lives at Herndon, married Lizzie Long and they have five children; John, who lives at Philadelphia, married Mary Rietz, and they have had four children, only one of whom survives.

George Bordner, youngest son of Balthaser and Mary Magd. (Emerich) Bordner, was a tailor by trade, and also had a small farm. He moved West twice, but came back to Pennsylvania to live, making his home in Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland Co., Pa. He died Sept. 21, 1897, aged seventy-five years, four months, twenty-three days. His wife, Susanna (Phillips), died July 3, 1892, aged sixty-three years, three months, thirteen days. Ten children were born to their union, namely: (1) A son, born in 1847, died in infancy. (2) Sarah Adelia, born in 1849, married Felix Klock. (3) Henry M., born in 1853, died in 1887. He married Sarah E. Seiler, of near Dalmatia, and had six children, Lennie (married James Bogar), Charles N. (married a Miss Haas, of near Sunbury), William E., Susan E., George N. and one that died in infancy. All of this family are now deceased. (4) Mary E., born in 1855, married J. W. Kline, and is living at Spokane, Wash. They had eight children: Daisy L., deceased; George F.; Susan B., wife of Dr. Mitchell, of Oregon; Cora, wife of Henry Hummel, of Waterville, Wash.; John, deceased; Frank, of

Spokane; Clarence, of Spokane; and Nettie, living at home, in Spokane. (5) A son, born in 1857, died in infancy. (6) Jeremiah J., born in 1859, a resident of Greene, Pa., married Matilda Snyder, of that place. (7) Isaac E., born in 1861, married Anna Enderson, and lives at Riverside, Pa. (8) Lucian O. was born in 1863. (9) Lizzie C., born in 1865, married John Phillips and lives at Plum Creek, where he is engaged in farming and dairying. He also owns a farm at Hickory Corners, this county. (10) George Franklin, born in 1870, lives in Nebraska, where he is engaged in agricultural pursuits, owning a large farm. He married Mary Heckerd, of Dalmatia.

JOHN J. SMITH, present street commissioner at Sunbury, has been a popular official of that borough for many years, having served his fellow citizens in various important capacities. He is widely and favorably known, and his duties of a public nature have brought him into contact with so many residents of the place that few citizens, at any rate of his own generation, do not count him among their acquaintances. He has lived in Sunbury since the close of his service in the army during the Civil war.

Mr. Smith's grandfather, James Smith, was born and reared in Bucks county, this State. He served as a soldier in the Revolution, in what was known as the Pennsylvania Provisionals, and the medal he used in the Colonial service is now in the possession of one of his grandsons—a highly prized relic. In 1787 he came from Bucks county to Northumberland, being a pioneer at Sunbury, where in 1796 he built a hotel on the present site of the residence of Mrs. Louisa A. Moore (daughter of the late Ira T. Clement), conducting same for many years. His grandson John J. Smith, of Sunbury, has the board upon which the year the hotel was erected, 1796, appears. James Smith served some years as clerk in the office of the county prothonotary. In his later life he made his home for several years with his son James, at Reading, Pa., but he returned to Sunbury, where he lived with his daughter Catharine (Mrs. Withington) until his death. He is buried in the old South Fourth street cemetery. He was a member of the Lutheran Church. His wife, Barbara Ann (Vanholdt), was from Bucks county, her people living in the city of Philadelphia and in Bucks county. An oil portrait of her now in the possession of her grandson, John J. Smith, is in a fine state of preservation and highly valued by the owner. James and Barbara Ann (Vanholdt) Smith had quite a large family, but a number of their children died when small. We have record of: Jacob, who lived and died at Selinsgrove, Pa.; James; John, a farmer of Upper Augusta township, who after his retirement lived in Sunbury, where he died; Catharine, wife of

William Withington; Polly, who married Robert Smith, and lived in Lower Augusta township; and Mrs. Benjamin Williams.

James Smith, son of James, was born in Sunbury in January, 1805, and there grew to manhood. He learned the tanner's trade in his native place, whence when a young man he moved to Berks county, this State, settling near Reading, at Tuckerton, in Muhlenberg township. At that location he remained about sixteen years, during which time he married and all his children were born. Returning to Northumberland county in 1846, he settled in Upper Augusta township, where he followed tanning and farming some years, until he bought and removed to a farm in Point township. He cultivated that place until 1871, in which year he came to Sunbury to make his home with his son John J. Smith. He died at the home of this son Jan. 1, 1880, his wife, Catharine (Medler), passing away at the same place May 31, 1875, at the age of seventy-five. They were the parents of six children: George W., formerly a merchant at Sunbury, moved west in 1882 and died at Salina, Kans.; Catharine died in infancy; Mary J., who is unmarried, makes her home with her brother John J.; Calvin died in infancy; James D. is a resident of Sunbury; John J. is a resident of Sunbury.

John J. Smith was born April 13, 1842, near Reading, Berks Co., Pa., but was practically reared in Northumberland county, the family having settled here when he was very young. During the Civil war he enlisted at Philadelphia in Company H, 5th Pennsylvania Cavalry, and served twenty months, entering the service as private and being discharged as a corporal. He was wounded April 11, 1863, in the second battle fought near Williamsburg, Va., being shot in the left leg, which was amputated, and he was discharged June 3, 1863. Coming to Sunbury, he took a six months' course in a private school and then learned the tinsmith's trade, at which he worked until the end of the year 1869, when he went to Virginia for a short time. Returning to Sunbury, he was honored with appointment to the office of postmaster in 1871, during Grant's administration, and filled the position for a period of ten years, his efficient services giving general satisfaction. Mr. Smith was then elected justice of the peace of the old West Ward, serving as such for five years. In 1881 he was elected street commissioner, which office he held for ten successive years, after which he was engaged as inspector of paved streets and followed contracting on his own account until 1909, when the town council appointed him street commissioner. His long experience in that office, and his consequent familiarity with the streets of the borough, make him a most efficient and reliable man for this work, in which he has shown excellent judgment and trustworthiness. He is a

popular man personally as well as in official circles. Mr. Smith has been a member of No. 1 Steam Fire Company since its organization, and since 1878 has been president, so far as known the oldest president of a volunteer fire company in the State still in office.

In 1871 Mr. Smith married Lydia S. Diehl, daughter of William Diehl, a farmer and blacksmith of Point township, this county; Mrs. Diehl's maiden name was Fry. Four children have been born to this union: William J., who is a sergeant in the United States army; Jessie J., at home; Anna E., wife of M. D. Grove and living at West Milton, Pa.; and Mary M., at home. The family residence is at No. 214 South Fourth street, Sunbury. Mr. Smith and his family are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Sunbury. He is a Republican in political faith, and socially a prominent member of Lieut. W. A. Bruner Post, No. 335, G. A. R., of which he has been commander since 1905.

WILLIAM BRUCE CLINGER, treasurer of the Milton Manufacturing Company, in the borough of Milton, is one of the native young men of that place who have risen to position and substance through their own exertions. He entered the service of the Shimers, who control that company, in the capacity of typewriter, and the important work now intrusted to him has come to him as the reward of diligence and well directed effort. Mr. Clinger has spent all his life in Milton, having been born there Sept. 15, 1874.

Mr. Clinger is of the sixth generation of his family in America. John Clinger, the emigrant ancestor of his family, was born in Germany, whence he emigrated to this country about 1745, settling at what was then known as Chester Springs, in Chester county, Pa. He took up land in that vicinity and followed farming there the rest of his days. His wife's maiden name was Sloyer, and it is supposed she belonged to the family of that name who came from Germany to America with John Clinger. Both are buried in Chester county.

John Clinger (2d), son of John, was born at Chester Springs, and died in Chester county, where he is buried, at Homeville. He was a miller as well as farmer. He and his wife reared a large family, as follows: Jacob, who died at Homeville, Pa.; Henry; Samuel, who died at Camden, N. J.; Dr. Peter, who died at Conestoga Center, Lancaster Co., Pa.; Edgar, who died in Chester county; Margaret, Mrs. Rhoads; Ann, who married Thomas Pennington; and Hannah, Mrs. Booth.

Henry Clinger, son of John and grandson of the emigrant, was the father of Daniel Clinger, of Milton. He was born Sept. 29, 1796, in Limestone township, Lancaster Co., Pa., and died



March 3, 1854, aged fifty-seven years, five months, four days; he is buried at Collomsville, in Limestone township. When a young man he learned tanning in Berks county from one Peter Clinger. He was married there, and in 1828 moved to Limestone township, Lycoming county, where he bought about four hundred acres of land, his property including a mill site. He erected a tannery and a grist and saw mill along one of the small streams in that township, and he became one of the best known men in all that section, his various business interests bringing him into contact, in some relation or other, with almost all of the residents of the neighborhood. He continued to do business for many years, and meantime served also as county commissioner (1850), several years as justice of the peace, and as land surveyor and conveyancer. He was a Democrat in politics. In his early years he served as colonel of a military organization, and he was long an active member of the Reformed Church, in which he was an elder for many years. Fraternally he was a Mason.

On May 18, 1823, Mr. Clinger was married, at Reading, Pa., to Susan Wagner, who was born Dec. 25, 1803, in Berks county, daughter of Abraham and Catharine (Greenwalt) Wagner, and died Oct. 25, 1896. Nine children were born to this union, namely: Mary, who married Michael Sypher, of Anties Fort, Lycoming county, and who is now living at Jersey Shore, Pa., with her daughter, Mrs. C. C. Bubb; Catharine, who married Adam Baker, formerly of Winchester, Va., and now residing at Newberry, Pa.; Susan A., who married John Knauth, and resides at Milton, Pa.; John W., who died at Winchester, Va.; Abraham, who died at Williamsport, Pa.; Henry S., who died in Limestone township, Lycoming county; Jacob, who died in Limestone township; Daniel; and Edgar, who died aged five years.

John W. Clinger, son of Henry, was born in Lycoming county, Pa., but later became a resident of Winchester, Va., where he died. He was quite an active citizen of his native locality, serving as justice of the peace for many years before his removal to Virginia. In politics he was a staunch Democrat. He married Rebecca Meixell, a native of Union county, Pa.

L. O. Clinger, son of John W., was born Jan. 31, 1852, in Lycoming county, Pa., and was nine years old when he went to Union county. He received his education in the public schools and at the Bloomsburg State Normal School. He first came to Milton in 1865, but a few years later went to Virginia, where he remained four years, returning to Milton, where he was engaged as a bookkeeper until 1883. That year he was appointed agent for the Adams Express Company, which position he continued to hold until his death.

In 1811 Mr. Clinger married Sarah Jane Nagle, daughter of William Nagle, of Milton, and to them were born the following children: John Benton, William Bruce, Sarah Nagle, Mary and Rebecca. Mr. and Mrs. Clinger were members of the German Reformed Church of Milton. He was a Democrat in politics, and in social connection a member of the Royal Arcanum, belonging to the lodge at Lewisburg.

William Bruce Clinger received his education in the schools of Milton. In 1899 he became connected with the Milton Mfg. Co., as typewriter. Later he became bookkeeper, which position he filled for a period of eight years, in 1907 being elected treasurer of the Milton Manufacturing Company. He is considered one of the rising young business men of Milton.

On Oct. 12, 1901, Mr. Clinger married Minnie Angstadt, daughter of Joseph Angstadt, and to them has been born one son, Melchior. Mr. Clinger is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and of Milton Lodge, No. 256, F. & A. M.; Williamsport Lodge of Perfection, fourteenth degree; Williamsport Consistory, thirty-second degree; and Lodge No. 80, I. O. O. F., of Milton.

WILLIAM HENRY SYPHER, now residing near Milton, until recently a prominent young farmer and business man of Turbut township, manager and treasurer of the Turbut Telephone Company, is the eldest son of Henry Jacob Sypher, now a resident of Union county, and a member of a family which has long been established in Pennsylvania.

The family is of German origin, and the first of the name in this country came from the Rhine valley during the early part of the seventeen hundreds, and settled upon the Delaware river near what is now Chester, Pa. Abraham Sypher (great-great-grandfather of William Henry) and five brothers served in the Revolution, participating in the battles of Trenton, Princeton, Brandywine, Germantown and Monmouth, and were at Valley Forge with Washington. One of his descendants, Gen. J. Hale Sypher, rose from private to the rank of general in the Civil war, after which he settled in the State of Louisiana, from which he was sent for four terms as representative to Congress.

Capt. Jacob Sypher, son of Abraham, was born in Perry county, Pa., but in early manhood located in White Deer township, Union county, where he conducted a farm and built and operated a sawmill. He earned his title by service in the war of 1812. He married Salome Steece, a native of Union county and member of a well known pioneer family.

Abraham Sypher, son of Capt. Jacob, was born in November, 1821, in White Deer township, and in 1849 moved to Northumberland county, Pa.,



where he spent nine years engaged in farming. Returning to the old homestead, he operated the sawmill for ten years, and in 1869 bought the estate in Gregg township, Union county, where his son Henry J. Sypher now resides, there passing the remainder of his life. He remodeled the gristmill which stood upon the place, and operated it until 1892, when he retired. He died Oct. 9, 1895. He was a Republican in politics. Mr. Sypher married Anna Follmer, who was born March 28, 1821, in Turbut township, Northumberland county, granddaughter of Michael Follmer and daughter of Henry and Eve (Follmer) Follmer, her parents being second cousins; both passed their lives in Turbut township, where Mr. Follmer was extensively engaged in farming and had other business interests, including gristmilling and the manufacture of lumber. Mrs. Sypher died Jan. 30, 1892, a devout member of the Lutheran Church. She and her husband had two children, Henry Jacob and Leah Ann, the latter marrying John W. Bricker, a merchant at Spring Garden, Union county, where he has also been postmaster; Mr. and Mrs. Bricker have had three children, Nathan, Anna and Laura.

Henry Jacob Sypher was born May 19, 1848, at the old home in White Deer township, Union county, where he remained until he reached the age of twenty years. He assisted his father meantime on the farm and in the mill, and spent several winters at work in the woods, receiving only such educational advantages as the country schools of the time afforded. After his marriage he settled in White Deer township, where he operated a sawmill for a year. In 1870 he moved to Turbut township, Northumberland county, where he rented a farm near Follmer's Church for twenty-three years, during which time he became one of the best known and most respected citizens of that locality. During the greater part of this time his agricultural operations were carried on by hired help, under his supervision, his time being taken up principally by his practice as a veterinary surgeon, in which work he is still principally engaged. In 1881, in accordance with a new law, he registered, and between that time and 1892, when he gave up the business temporarily, he averaged one sick animal a day, and sometimes had as many as thirteen under his care at one time. During one year he spent \$350 for remedies. In 1892 he returned to Spring Garden to take charge of the mill, which had been left him by his father, the Spring Garden Grist Mill, in Gregg township, which is kept running night and day, so steady is the demand for the product. He has ground as much as 155 bushels of grain in one day. He has purchased his sister's interest in his father's farm, being now the sole owner of the property. Mr. Sypher has always interested himself in the affairs of the various communities with which he

has been identified. While in Turbut township he served as school director, and he was a prominent member of the Turbut Grange, P. of H., from the time of its organization. He is now a member of Spring Garden Grange, No. 32. In political matters he is independent, giving his support to the best candidate, regardless of party.

On Jan. 14, 1869, Mr. Sypher married, at New Columbia, Pa., Julia Ann Berkheimer, who was born Feb. 24, 1849, in Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, and they have reared a family of five children: Anna M., who married Harvey J. Sones, of Turbut township, Northumberland county, a teacher by occupation (he has held the office of township assessor); William Henry; George Abraham, a merchant at Spring Garden, who married Ida Kurtz (born in March, 1874, near the old home of the Sypher family in Northumberland county, daughter of Josiah W. and Sarah Kurtz) and has a daughter, Clara M.; Veronica Idilla, who married Bert Casper and lives in Williamsport; and Bessie Leah, wife of Leroy Hunter, whom she married Dec. 23, 1897, at Spring Garden. Mrs. Sypher and her family are members of the Lutheran Church.

William and Mary Berkheimer, grandparents of Mrs. Sypher, were born in Germany, and coming to America settled on a farm in Northumberland county, Pa. Their son, George Berkheimer, was born there. In 1854 he removed to White Deer township, Union county, where he followed farming and the trade of stonemason. He died in June, 1893, aged seventy-four years. His wife, Mercy (Stanart), daughter of Jonathan and Susannah Stanart, formerly of Northumberland county but later of Lewisburg, Pa. (where he engaged in the manufacture of brooms), died Feb. 7, 1887, aged sixty-four years, four days. They had children as follows: William F. and Susannah died in childhood; George became a farmer in White Deer township; Mary died young; Julia Ann married Henry J. Sypher; Jacob became a resident of Turbut township, Northumberland Co., Pa.; Sarah E. married Dennie Hibler, of Williamsport, Pa.; Andrew, Caroline and Lehr died in childhood; Samuel became a farmer in Northumberland county; Lavina married John Baker, of Lancaster, Ill.; Rebecca married William Hoffman, of Northumberland county.

William Henry Sypher was born May 19, 1871, in Turbut township, and there received his education in the local public schools. He spent one year as an employee in the car shops at Milton, and in 1904 moved to the place in Turbut township where he still owns a tract of sixty-five acres of very valuable land. He resided there until March, 1911, when he moved with his family to the new residence near Milton which he has purchased, calling it his farm. He is now engaged in the lumber and business. Mr. Sypher was one of

the organizers of the Turbut Telephone Company, of which he is a director, treasurer and manager; John A. Leinbach is president. He is a most enterprising citizen, one of the rising business men of his section, and an official who has demonstrated his public spirit in more than one position of trust, having served as constable of his township continuously since 1902, and as member of the school board since 1907. He is now serving as treasurer of that body. He is a Democrat in politics. He is one of the enthusiastic and enthusiastic members of the local grange, which has its hall built upon his farm. In 1920 Mr. Sypher sold his farm and has settled his estate as trustee and decedent.

Mr. Sypher married Maggie G. Lahr, daughter of William and Sarah E. Lahr, and they have had three children: Morris Henry, born Sept. 17, 1895; Annie M., born Feb. 25, 1898; and Estella M., who died young.

**NATHAN KASEMAN**, father of the township of Shamokin, was born Aug. 11, 1841, in Berks township, this county, son of David Kaseman and grandson of William Frederick Kaseman.

William Frederick Kaseman was born June 8, 1769, in Nassau-Dillenburg, Germany, and when twelve years old came with a brother and sister to this country, landing at Philadelphia. Little is known of his early life except that he was a resident of Berks county from 1772 up to the time of his coming to Northumberland county, about 1815. He purchased a tract of land containing fifty acres in what is now Ralpho township, and was one of the early settlers in that section of the county. He cleared his original purchase, and afterward added to it by further purchases, being a successful farmer and excellent business man. In Berks county he married Elizabeth Huntzner, who was born Aug. 20, 1771, and died June 21, 1862. They were the parents of the following children: Jacob, who died in Ohio; John; Joseph; Daniel; David; Lydia A., who married John Pensyl; Catharine, who was twice married, the second time to Gotlieb Fogle; and Elizabeth, who married Leonard Pensyl. William Frederick Kaseman lived to the remarkable age of 107 years, dying Aug. 1, 1867. Up to within four years of his death he continued to do his share of the farm work. In fact, his great physical endurance was proverbial in the region in which he lived. When he first settled there the nearest store was at Sunbury, where he had to make all his purchases, and he would make the trip barefooted. He was one of the original members of St. Peter's Reformed Church, served as elder, and was buried in the old graveyard of that church.

David Kaseman, son of William Frederick, was born in Shamokin township, was a shoemaker by trade, and died at the early age of twenty-six years.

He is buried at the Blue Church. To him and his wife Elizabeth (Adams), daughter of John and Mary (Boyer) Adams, were born two children: Frederick, who died in 1864, and Nathan.

Nathan Kaseman, son of David, was reared by his paternal grandfather. On Sept. 10, 1861, he enlisted for service in the Union army, becoming a member of Company F, 50th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and he served in the Western Army and the Army of the Potomac, participating in a number of engagements; he was wounded five times in the lower limbs. He was discharged April 23, 1865. After his return to Shamokin Mr. Kaseman was employed at the collieries and then followed railroading for five years, subsequently clerking for about twenty years in the hardware stores of W. R. Kutzner, Baumer & Goodall and Peter Beck. For two years he served as United States ranger for the Panther Creek district, after which he was watchman at the Cameron colliery four years, retiring in 1896. He was one of the first members of Post No. 140, G. A. R., of Shamokin, and is a member of the Union Veterans' Union. His religious connection is with the Blue Church.

Mr. Kaseman married Sarah Schmuck, daughter of Samuel, and she died in 1879, the mother of the following children: Bella (Mrs. Nicholas Mullen), Clara M. (unmarried), Anthony W., Hattie (Mrs. John Shipe), William F. (deceased), Laura M. (deceased), and two that died in infancy. Mr. Kaseman's second marriage was to Catharine Hoch, daughter of Thomas Hoch, who was killed while serving in the Civil war. By this union there were the following children: Nora (Mrs. Calvin Maclure), Nathan, Freeman, Walter, Ether, Hobart, and twins that died in infancy.

**HARRY W. CHAMBERLIN**, of Milton, Northumberland county, president of the Milton National Bank, lawyer and present borough solicitor, is a member of the third generation of his family to reside in that place and most worthily bears a name which in every generation within memory has had notable representatives. In both his professional association and his relation to the bank he is practically the successor of his grandfather, W. C. Lawson, with whom he studied law and who was president of the Milton National Bank for many years from its organization. Thus, though he had many advantages of position and education, instead of the usual difficulties which confront the young man who cares to make a name for himself, he had to take up the burden of maintaining a standard already set. That he has proved himself able to do that and more his standing in professional and financial circles in Milton to-day, which is second to none, clearly shows.

Mr. Chamberlin was born Aug. 29, 1872, in



Milton, son of William B. Chamberlin. His grandfather, Moses Chamberlin, was born in Union county, Pa., and his great-grandfather, William Chamberlin, was a native of New Jersey, born Sept. 25, 1736, in Hunterdon county. He was a lieutenant colonel in the New Jersey militia, and served as such in the Revolutionary war. Having a soldier's warrant, about 1792 he removed to Buffalo valley and purchased six hundred acres of land at what is Hoffa's Mill, in what is now Kelly township, Union county, where he lived in prosperity until his death. The original mill there was erected by his son William. He was a prominent member of the Baptist Church, and died Aug. 21, 1817.

William Chamberlin was four times married. On June 8, 1758, he married Elizabeth Tabor, who was born Aug. 23, 1740, and died April 29, 1770. This union was blessed with the following children: Lewis, born April 16, 1759, who was killed by a cannon-ball at the battle of Germantown, while on a visit to his father (his knee was shot away, and in that day of primitive surgery the injury necessarily proved fatal); Nellie, born Sept. 13, 1761, who died July 3, 1817; Ann, born April 18, 1763; a daughter, born Nov. 12, 1764, who died Dec. 19, 1764; Lucretia, born Dec. 20, 1765, who died Jan. 19, 1841; John, born April 10, 1768, who died May 5, 1770; and William, born April 20, 1770, who died May 5, 1770. On March 3, 1771, Colonel Chamberlin married (second) Ann Park, born May 20, 1754, who died Nov. 12, 1779. They had four children: William, born July 17, 1772; Enoch, born Oct. 30, 1774, who died May 5, 1844 (according to a headstone in the graveyard at Fayette, N. Y., he died May 29, 1834); Timbrook, born March 5, 1777; and Sarah, born May 19, 1779, who died April 8, 1829. In 1782 Colonel Chamberlin married (third) Margaret Park, who was born in 1762 and died April 29, 1791, the mother of four children: Uriah, born June 21, 1783, who died Feb. 4, 1853; Elizabeth, born May 22, 1785 (Elizabeth McCrary died March 22, 1827); Aaron, born May 24, 1787, who died Jan. 12, 1856; and Rachel, born Sept. 16, 1789, who died April 9, 1791. The Colonel's fourth marriage, on Aug. 16, 1794, was to Ann Mary Kemble, who was born Nov. 28, 1769, and died March 4, 1859. She came of an old family, of considerable standing, and was on terms of friendship with George Washington, Washington Irving, and other people of note. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church and a devout student of the Bible, many chapters of which she committed to memory. She was the mother of eight children, namely: Lawrence, born Aug. 4, 1795, who died in 1802; John, born Feb. 8, 1797, who died April 18, 1858; James, born Sept. 30, 1798, who died Aug. 30, 1801; Lewis K., born April 4, 1803, who died Aug. 10, 1889; Mary F., born

Sept. 29, 1804, who died April 3, 1865; Joseph P., born Sept. 18, 1806, who died Feb. 13, 1813; James D., born Oct. 29, 1809, who died Oct. 11, 1886; and Moses, born Nov. 12, 1812.

William Chamberlin, eldest son of William by his second wife, married Nellie Sutphen, who was born Nov. 11, 1771, and they had children born as follows: Anna, July 15, 1793; Mary, March 19, 1795; John, Sept. 1, 1796; Nellie, March 23, 1798; John, Dec. 31, 1799; Sarah, Feb. 12, 1802; Lillian, Jan. 22, 1804; William, May 3, 1808; Lucretia, June 15, 1810; Aaron, Sept. 12, 1812.

Moses Chamberlin, son of Colonel Chamberlin, was born Nov. 12, 1812, in Union county, Pa., the youngest of his father's twenty-three children. He was reared on the paternal homestead and received his education in the typical schools of the period. When twenty years old he went to Lewisport, where he served a three years' apprenticeship at the tanner's trade, which, however, was never his principal business. In 1833 he removed to Milton, where he had a long and prosperous business career. He was a merchant, and also engaged in milling, lumbering and farming, continuing his active life until 1874, after which he lived retired. Besides conducting these various enterprises he purchased land and laid out what is known as the Chamberlin addition to Milton, and also laid out and sold the land upon which Watsonstown is situated. His long and useful life ended July 29, 1902. Though busy with his personal affairs he found time to serve in several borough offices and also to be an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which he served in many official capacities, being trustee, recording steward, class-leader, Sunday school superintendent, etc. He was a Republican in political sentiment.

In 1835 Moses Chamberlin married (first) Mary Ann Corry, daughter of George Corry, of Milton, and to this union were born two children, Elizabeth H. (widow of William Follmer, of Watsonstown) and Mary A. Mrs. Chamberlin died Aug. 15, 1838, and in 1840 Mr. Chamberlin married (second) Mrs. Jane Hannah (Watson) Montgomery, daughter of John Watson, of Watsonstown. Six children were born to this marriage, viz.: William B.; Harriet, deceased; Caroline W.; Mrs. A. O. Furst, of Bellefonte; Mary Jane, deceased; James, of Harrisburg; and Frank, an attorney of Milton.

William B. Chamberlin, son of Moses, was born Dec. 19, 1844, at Milton, Pa. For years he has been one of the notably successful business men of the upper end of the county, having been from 1867 to 1885 engaged in the lumber business at Northumberland as junior member of the firm of Chamberlin, Frick & Co. In 1885 he became connected with the Reid Tobacco Company, of Milton, of which corporation he is vice-president and



he makes his home in the borough, where the business with which he is identified ranks among the most important concerns. He married Margaret Sanderson Lawson, daughter of W. C. and Hannah (Sanderson) Lawson, and they have had three children, all sons, namely: William L., a mining engineer, now located at Scranton, Pa.; Harry W.; and James S., who is connected with the American Car & Foundry Company of Manchester, England.

Harry W. Chamberlin attended the public schools of Milton, graduating in 1887, after which he became a student at Lafayette College, from which institution he was graduated in 1892. He read law with his maternal grandfather and was admitted to the Bar of Northumberland county in 1895, since which time he has been continuously engaged in legal practice, occupying the same office which his grandfather had. His patronage has been steady and lucrative from the beginning, and the able manner in which he handles legal work has drawn a high class of such business to him. His inherited and developed talent for the profession, and his accomplishments in special cases, entitle him to a place among the most skillful lawyers of his day in his section.

On Oct. 29, 1903, Mr. Chamberlin married Miriam A. Bucher, daughter of ex-Judge Joseph C. Bucher, of Lewisburg, Union Co., Pa., and his wife, Mary (Walls), daughter of Judge Walls. Mrs. Chamberlin's grandfather was Rev. Joseph C. Bucher, D. D., a well known clergyman of the Reformed Church.

Mr. Chamberlin is a high Mason, holding membership in Milton Lodge, No. 256, F. & A. M.; Warrior Run Chapter, No. 246, R. A. M., of Watsonstown, Pa.; Mt. Hermon Commandery, No. 85, K. T., of Sunbury; Williamsport Consistory, A. A. S. R., and Irem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Wilkes-Barre. He is also a member of the Zeta Psi fraternity, and an active member of the Presbyterian church. In political preference he is a Republican.

**CHARLES W. NICKERSON** (deceased) was for a number of years prominent in business circles in Sunbury, principally in his connection with the Sunbury Trust & Safe Deposit Company, of which he was a founder and president from the time of its organization until his death. Mr. Nickerson was a man of the highest standing, and he was a notable example of what men may attain by their own efforts, for he was truly self-made, having begun life in humble circumstances and risen to honor and affluence through hard work, perseverance and executive ability. His many admirable qualities won him the respect and friendship of all with whom he came in contact.

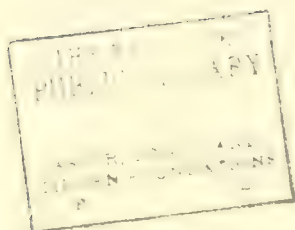
Mr. Nickerson was born July 28, 1838, in Steubenville, Ohio. His parents, who were of Eng-

lish descent, died when he was but eleven years old, and he was thus early thrown on his own resources, having made his own way in the world from that tender age. Remaining several years in his native town, he went thence to Philadelphia, Pa., where he held a position in the office of the city register for some time. He next went to Elmira, N. Y., where he was engaged in various pursuits and did well, holding a responsible position at that point as an employee of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railway Company. It was there he became acquainted with the late Colonel Fonda, of Milton, Northumberland Co., Pa., who induced him to locate at Danville, Pa., just across the Northumberland county line, where he was the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western train dispatcher for several years. From there he went to the borough of Northumberland, in this county, to engage in the coal business as the special agent in this district for the W. L. Scott Coal Company, of Erie, Pa., but was there only a short time when he came to Sunbury in the same capacity. This was in 1867, and Mr. Nickerson was identified with the coal business until 1892, when he sold his interests in that line to W. H. Druckenmiller, of Sunbury, and retired from that line. Meantime he had become active in another field, having been one of the organizers, in 1890, of the Sunbury Trust & Safe Deposit Company, the second banking institution of Sunbury, for which he and his associates saw a good opening. Mr. Nickerson was elected president of the new concern, retaining his position as its executive head until his death, and the immediate and continued success of the company proved the wisdom of his judgment. To his conservative but progressive policy, and the confidence he enjoyed in commercial circles wherever he was known, was due in large measure the high standing this bank took in the financial world from the start, and his influence has had a permanent effect on its conduct. His career as a banker was one of signal success, an honorable climax to long years of upright business dealings. He died Aug. 23, 1904, at the age of sixty-six years, and is buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery. Fraternally he was a Knight Templar Mason, belonging to lodge and commandery at Elmira, N. Y. Mr. Nickerson saw active service in the Civil war, going to the front with a company from Williamsport, Pa., and taking part in several important engagements, the most notable of which was the battle of Fredericksburg.

On Dec. 16, 1869, at Danville, Pa., Mr. Nickerson married Margaret Elizabeth Woods, who was born at Milton, this county, but was living with her parents at Danville at the time of her marriage. Five children were born to this marriage, namely: Herbert and Virginia died before their parents; Mary, Gertrude and Ruth live at the old home in Sunbury, at No. 236 Arch street, a fine large res-



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idence which Mr. Nickerson erected in 1877. It was there he died, and there also occurred Mrs. Nickerson's death, Sept. 15, 1910, after a lingering illness. Mrs. Nickerson was associated with the Methodist Church from an early age, and to the close of her life continued to be a regular attendant at church services and a zealous church worker. She was prominently identified with the Women's Aid Society connected with the Mary M. Packer hospital, for a number of years, and was also deeply interested in the Young Women's Christian Association, toward the maintenance of which in Sunbury she contributed liberally. Broad and charitable in her views, she was always ready and willing to help any good cause, or to relieve cases of necessity at any time, but she was as unostentatious about such matters as she was generous and sympathetic, and never needed the stimulus of publicity to encourage her in good works. Her name will long be cherished in the hearts of many whom she aided and comforted in the hour of need.

ELIAS BIEBER, now living retired, owns one of the finest farms in West Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, upon which he has made his home for over fifty years. He is a native of Lycoming county, Pa., born Sept. 1, 1835, in Wolf township, son of John Bieber.

In 1768 three brothers, Valentine, Jacob and Michael Bieber, came from Zweibrucken, not far from Frankfort, Germany, to America. Valentine who settled in 1783 in Lycoming county, Pa., had three sons, Nicholas, Adam and John, of whom Nicholas was the grandfather of Elias Bieber. Nicholas Bieber was born in Berks county, Pa., and was a youth when he removed to Lycoming county. There he purchased a farm and spent the remainder of his life, and he is buried at the Valley Church near Muncy. To him and his wife, whose maiden name was Dummer, were born the following children: Valentine, who had twelve children: Antina, Mrs. Cotner; Hannah, whose first husband was named Arbot, her second Good; Rachel, Mrs. Neuffer; Elizabeth, Mrs. Frantz; and John.

John Bieber, son of Nicholas, was born in 1791 upon the homestead place in Lycoming county, engaged in farming upon the old place, and there spent all his life, dying in October, 1863. He is buried near Muncy. He served as school director and tax collector, and was a well known man in his section, a Democrat in politics and a Lutheran in religious connection. He married Hannah Shaffer, of Lycoming county, a native, however, of Seneca county, N. Y., and she survived him, dying in May, 1869. The following children were born to this couple: David, George, Ruben, John, Elizabeth (Mrs. George Opp), Elias, Benjamin (who lived in East Chillisquaque township), Anna (who lived in Lycoming county, and died

unmarried), Charles and William (living at Clarkstown, Lycoming county), all now deceased but Elias and William.

Elias Bieber attended the old Clay school in his native district and from boyhood assisted his father with the farm work, which he continued to follow throughout his active years. In 1859 he bought the old Benjamin Troxel farm, a tract of 130 acres of valuable land in West Chillisquaque township, Northumberland Co., Pa., on the road between Montandon and Pottsgrove. All the improvements on this place are his work, and the farm is now one of the most desirable properties in that section, where Mr. Bieber has long been regarded as a leading agriculturist. He is still in the enjoyment of good health, though he has relinquished arduous work, continuing, however, to make his home upon the farm. A number of years ago Mr. Bieber joined Chillisquaque Grange, P. of H. He has been particularly prominent in his township in connection with school affairs, having served nine years as a member of the board, of which he has also been president. He was the first supervisor of his township. Politically he is a Democrat, and the family are Lutherans, still belonging to the Lutheran church at Lewisburg.

On Dec. 24, 1868, Mr. Bieber married Sarah F. Martin, daughter of Hugh and Hannah (Maurer) Martin of Montandon, and granddaughter of John Martin. They have had the following children: Howard L., a miller, located at Montgomery, Pa.; Woods M., a farmer in Northumberland county; Florence Bertha; William Ernst, at home; Charles, who died young; Annie E., wife of John Kerr, living at Sunbury; and Rev. Franklin B. H., a Lutheran minister now located at Center Hall, Center Co., Pa., who has five charges (he is a graduate of Bucknell University and Gettysburg College).

CYRUS BROWN, for many years one of the foremost druggists of Northumberland county, established at Milton, founded the business now carried on by his widow. He was a son of Samuel T. Brown, for many years a leading business man of the borough and the promoter of some of the most important local enterprises. The Browns descended from old Puritan stock, and were pioneers in White Deer creek, in Union county, Pa., where Samuel T. Brown was born July 18, 1778.

SAMUEL T. BROWN learned the trade of tanner, and on coming to Milton, Northumberland county, in 1830, purchased the property now known as the Milton Tannery, where he did business for thirty years. Meantime he was active in other things which affected the growth of the town and enterprises made necessary because of its growth. For over twenty years he was a stockholder and director of the old Northumber-

land County Bank, and he was an organizer and director of the First National Bank, continuing to serve as director from its inception until his death. On June 18, 1819, Mr. Brown married Nancy Woods, born in 1796, who died in 1836, the mother of five children, three of whom grew to maturity, Cyrus, J. Woods and Oliver; all are now deceased. For his second wife Mr. Brown married Elizabeth A. Young, and they had one child, who died young. Mrs. Elizabeth A. (Young) Brown was born in 1812, and died in 1881. Mr. Brown's death occurred June 4, 1875. This family are buried at Milton. Mr. Brown was a member of the First Presbyterian church of Milton and one of the most highly respected citizens of his day in the borough, noted for his sterling traits of character and high principles in all his dealings. He was a Democrat in politics.

Cyrus Brown, eldest son of Samuel T., was born May 25, 1824, in White Deer valley, Union county, and was a child when the family settled in Northumberland county. He received his education in the schools of Milton and at Lewisburg Academy, learning the drug business in a drug store in Philadelphia. Returning thence to Milton in 1851, he was in the business on his own account from that time until his death, a period of almost forty years, during which he earned the reputation of being about the most progressive man in his line in the county. He established a large business, the largest drug business ever conducted in the borough, and in addition to the regular lines handled white lead in large quantities and was the inventor and for many years the manufacturer of the Red Horse powder. His store was burned out in the great fire of May, 1880, his insurance falling fifty thousand dollars short of his losses, but he rebuilt, erecting in 1882 the fine store on Broadway where the business has since been carried on. Mr. Brown was enterprising and farsighted, and he was an extensive advertiser in the days when advertising was not generally considered a necessary investment. But the results proved the wisdom of his ideas, and he built up a business which has continued to maintain its supremacy up to the present day. Since his death, which occurred Sept. 14, 1893, it has been carried on by his widow with the assistance of able clerks. Mr. Brown was a man of fine character and upright life, universally respected. He served as a member of the borough council and proved himself a useful citizen in other capacities. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religion a member of the Presbyterian church.

In 1859 Mr. Brown married Louisa B. Krauser, daughter of David Krauser, and she died leaving one daughter, Hettie L. On Jan. 1, 1876, he married (second) Mrs. Rebecca E. Rhodes, daughter

of Thomas and Rebecca (Freeze) Hullihen, and widow of Dr. Charles Rhodes.

THOMAS HULLIHEN, father of Mrs. Brown, was born in 1792 in Northumberland county, Pa., son of Thomas and Abigail (Hulling) Hullihen. His father came to America from Cork, Ireland, landing at New York, and was an early settler at Milton, Northumberland county, where for many years he followed his trade, that of cabinet-maker. He died at Milton and is buried in St. Joseph's burial ground near that place. He married Abigail Hulling, of Lycoming, Pa., and they had four children, Thomas, Huey, Nancy and Mathias.

Thomas Hullihen followed farming all his life, and died Nov. 6, 1849, in his fifty-seventh year. He married Rebecca Freeze, who was born in 1789, daughter of Simon P. and Sarah (Garrison) Freeze, and died Oct. 22, 1855, aged sixty-six years. They were the parents of a large family, eleven children, namely: S. Peter, M. D. (late of Wheeling, W. Va.), Richard, Abigail, Mary, Thomas, Nancy, James, Hannah, Rebecca E., Lucy and Rachel. The only survivor of this family is Mrs. Rebecca E. Brown, of Milton. Her first marriage was to Dr. Charles Rhodes, who died May 1, 1856.

ROBBINS. The Robbins family, now represented in Northumberland county, Pa., by John H. Robbins, the well known butcher of Pottsgrove, and William E. Robbins, cigar dealer at Milton, had its early home in New Jersey. From Hunterdon county, that state, came Daniel Robbins and several others by team to this section. He was of Scotch-Irish descent, and had inherited all the sturdy characteristics of that race. He took up a large tract of land in what is called the Ridge (now in Montour county, though at that time included in Northumberland). In 1818 he built a house there which is still standing, and in good condition. The farm, now containing about 110 acres, is owned by John Egg, of Lewisburg. Mr. Robbins was a blacksmith by occupation, and in connection with the clearing and cultivating of his farm also carried on lumbering. He died in the one hundredth year of his age. His children were: Sarah (married John George Leshner), John, Martin, Catharine, Daniel W., Jane, Julia, Polly and Nancy. In the old Centre Church cemetery, in Liberty township, Montour county, are buried the following: Samuel Robbins, born March 10, 1824, died May 5, 1891; his wife Christiana, born Feb. 16, 1833, died Dec. 30, 1885. Polly Robbins died May 26, 1896, aged ninety-two years, two months, twenty-nine days. Jane Robbins died March 16, 1872, aged seventy-two years, eleven months, twenty-eight days. Martin Robbins died June 27, 1900, aged sixty-nine



years, six months, fifteen days; his wife Catharine died Jan. 5, 1890, aged fifty-four years, nine months, thirty days.

John Robbins, son of Daniel, married Dec. 10, 1811, Jane McWilliams, and they lived at Milton, Pa. They had children: Hannah, born Sept. 21, 1812, who never married; James, born March 9, 1814; Daniel, born Aug. 26, 1816; Julian, born Feb. 13, 1820; John, born Jan. 29, 1822; Mary B., born April 26, 1821; Ann L. and Sarah G. (twins), born Sept. 3, 1826.

Martin Robbins, son of Daniel, was born in 1795, and died Feb. 17, 1834, in Northumberland county, where he followed farming. He married Elizabeth Critz, born in 1796, died Oct. 27, 1853, and both are buried in the old graveyard at Milton. They had six children, namely: Polly, who married Henry Boyer, and has two children, William and Elizabeth (married B. C. Lindner); Charles, who was twice married, and died in Ohio, leaving one son, Huston Taylor Robbins; Samuel; Jonathan, who died in the West; William, who was bitten by a mad dog and died Sept. 22, 1837, aged nine years; and Martin. Adam Critz, father of Mrs. Elizabeth (Critz) Robbins, was born in 1770, and died June 26, 1843, and his wife Susannah, born in 1773, died March 18, 1854.

Martin Robbins (2), son of Martin, was born near Pottsgrove in 1832, and died in June, 1902; he is buried at Centre Church, in Liberty township, Montour county. He was a saddler by trade and followed farming for some time, later being employed at day's labor. He married Catharine Heimbach, daughter of John Heimbach, of Berks county, and they had children: John H.; Elizabeth, of Pottsgrove; Annie, who married John Mowery, of Danville, and has a daughter, Helen; Mary, of Pottsgrove; Samuel, a butcher of Pottsgrove, who married Essie Muffy (she died leaving two children, Elizabeth and Lawrence); George W., a butcher at Milton, who married Amanda Bickel, and had children, Martin (died in infancy), Carrie, Mary, Christine, Jennie and Emma; William Edward; Harry H.; and Charles, who died aged five years.

JOHN H. ROBBINS was born near Pottsgrove Dec. 16, 1855, and attended the schools of the neighborhood. He began as a boy to learn the butcher's trade, and was but eighteen when, assisted by his brothers, he engaged in the business. In 1890 he leased the property at No. 153 South Front street, Milton, and established the business known as Robbins Brothers. This continued for four years, and one brother sold to another until eventually the business was taken by Harry, who conducted it for six years. He then sold it to Samuel and the latter's brother-in-law, Asher Muffy. Then Samuel in turn sold to his brother-in-law, and the latter carried it on a short time. On Oct. 1, 1907, John H. Robbins installed all

new machinery and made the place entirely up-to-date, and since then he has carried on the business with a steadily increasing success. He has the leading trade in that line in the district, and his place is kept in a thoroughly sanitary condition at all times. Mr. Robbins resides at Pottsgrove, where all his killing is done. He married Hattie Ohl, daughter of William Ohl, of Columbia county, Pa., and has three children, Mabel, Blanch and William. Mr. Robbins has served his townsmen as a member of the school board and as supervisor. He is a Democrat in political principle, and is public-spirited and progressive as a citizen. In his religious faith he is a Lutheran. Fraternally he is a member of the I. O. O. F. and the Artisans.

WILLIAM EDWARD ROBBINS, son of Martin (2) and brother of John H., is engaged in the retail cigar business at Milton, Pa. He was born in Liberty township, Montour county, Oct. 1, 1866, and received his education in the local schools. As a young man, like his brothers, he engaged in the butchering business, and this he followed for a period of seventeen years. In the fall of 1899 he began his present line of business, at No. 19 Broadway, Milton, and on Dec. 14, 1907, moved to his present location, at No. 21 Broadway. He carries the largest line of cigars in the city, and does a large business. He also has pool and billiard parlors, all new tables, and enjoys a good patronage. He has many friends who rejoice at his success.

Mr. Robbins married Annie C. Evert, daughter of Philip Evert, and they have two children, Helen P. and Mary C. Socially he is a member of the Milton Social Gun Club; Milton Rod and Gun Club; Lodge No. 913, B. P. O. E., of Milton; Castle No. 265, K. G. E., of Milton; Commandery No. 27, K. of M., of Milton; and the I. O. O. F. at Pottsgrove. He and his wife attend the Lutheran church.

HARRY H. ROBBINS, son of Martin (2), was born Dec. 21, 1869, in Montour county, Pa., and was educated in the public schools. He learned the butcher's business, which he followed about twenty years. He married Jessie M. Hess, daughter of Wilson Hess, and they had one son, Martin W., who died in infancy. Mr. Robbins is a member of the local lodge of Elks at Milton, Pa.

JOSEPH ALBRIGHT, who has been living retired at Watsonstown for a number of years, has had his residence at that place since the close of the Civil war. He was born July 6, 1836, at Allentown, Lehigh Co., Pa., son of Charles S. Albright and grandson of Joseph Albright.

The Albright family has had many creditable associations with the history of the Dutch in Pennsylvania. Christian Albright emigrated from Germany and settled in what is now the upper



part of Berks county. Pa., married Elizabeth Rick, and had children: Peter R. (who died in Schuylkill county), Solomon R., John Christian, Henry R., Jacob R., Daniel R., John R., John George and Justus Yost R.

John Christian Albright, son of Christian, was born Feb. 26, 1748, and died Feb. 28, 1820. He was twice married, first to Maria Elizabeth Alt-house, born May 27, 1776, died in May, 1799, and second to Maria Kauffman. His children, all by the first marriage, were: Maria Catharine, Anna Maria, Annie Magdalena, George, John Jacob, John, Solomon, Gabriel and Elizabeth. Of these Maria Catharine married George Wagner and had children, Daniel, Benjamin, Kate, Elias, George, Elizabeth, Samuel, Solomon, William and Lucy. Anna Maria married Jacob Shartle, and had children, George, William, Sallie, Eliza, Maria and Julian. Annie Magdalena married George Kauffman, and had two children, Hettie and Samuel. John Albright married Elizabeth Ruby and had two children, Samuel and Leah. Solomon Albright married (first) Maria Miller and (second) Elizabeth Shoemaker, and his children were: John, Henry, Gen. Charles, Mary, Eliza, Kate and Harriet. Elizabeth married Joseph Kauffman and had three children, William, Harrison and Kate (Mrs. John Gerner). John Jacob married Maria Shartle and had seven children, Sarah, William, John, Jacob S., Daniel, and Moses and Elizabeth (twins).

Joseph Albright, grandfather of Joseph Albright of Watsonstown, settled in Lehigh county, Pa., and is buried in the vicinity of Allentown. His wife's maiden name was Yund. They had children: Mrs. Biggert, of Allentown; James, who died in Allentown; and Charles S.

Charles S. Albright was born at Allentown and married there. He was a tailor by trade, but followed farming for many years, moving to a place near Catawissa, Columbia county, where he farmed until he sold out and settled near Washingtonville, Montour county, owning a seventy-five-acre farm on which he died in 1867, at the age of fifty-nine years, nine months. He is buried at Strawberry Ridge Church. He was a Lutheran in religion. His wife, Esther (Newhart), who came from Lehigh county, died in 1882, at the age of eighty-one years. They were the parents of twelve children: George W., of the state of Washington; John T., who died at Paradise, Northumberland county, Pa.; Thomas D., who entered the service during the Civil war and died while a prisoner at Florence, S. C.; Joseph; Anna, Mrs. Ramson of Iowa; Charles F., who died in Iowa; Hettie, who was married three times, to Benson Carl, Christopher Herr and Reuben Clapp, respectively; Henry A., who died when three years

old; Alexander, deceased; Catharine, who died aged fourteen years; Elizabeth, who is unmarried and lives with her sister, Mrs. Clapp; and Jacob, deceased.

Joseph Albright was educated in Columbia county, and was twenty years old when he commenced to learn the plastering trade, coming to Northumberland county in 1856. He followed his trade until the Civil war period, when he enlisted in August, 1862, in Company B, 131st Regiment, with which he served ten months. During this time he was in the second battle of Bull Run, in the engagements at Monocacy, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. His second enlistment was in February, 1864, in Company K, 112th Regiment, 2d Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, for three years, and he served to the close of the war, taking part in the battles of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, etc. On June 16-18, 1864, the command was established in front of Petersburg, where he received two bullet wounds, fighting hand to hand and standing up to his waist among the dead and wounded. At Cold Harbor, while he was reloading his rifle, a bullet stripped the skin from his nose. On July 30th, at the mine explosion, he was captured, and was held eight months in the prison at Danville, being transferred to Libby prison, from which he was exchanged March 10, 1865. He was then brought to Annapolis, and sent to Baltimore hospital, where he remained several weeks in a serious condition, weighing less than sixty-five pounds. He was brought to Sunbury in this sad condition, and thence to the "Huff House" at Milton, more dead than alive; he lay between life and death from April 2d to Oct. 2d, 1865, but eventually recovered, though his improvement was very gradual. His army experience was trying and full of hardships, and he saw active service in some of the most important battles of the war. At Fredericksburg his brigade was nearest to the heights where the Confederate line was posted.

After the war Mr. Albright worked at his trade for a year, and then, having some property at Watsonstown, he engaged in business there, keeping a livery stable for eight years. Then he returned to his trade, which he continued to follow until 1881. From 1883 until 1890 he was confined to bed or chair, with illness contracted during the time he was in his country's service, but he has since recovered. Though always occupied with his business affairs during his more active years Mr. Albright found time to serve his community, holding the offices of overseer of the poor, constable and collector with satisfaction to all concerned. He is a Republican in political faith, and in religion a member of the Methodist church, in the welfare of which he has been much interested.

having acted as president of the board of trustees of his church. He also holds membership in the Grand Army of the Republic.

In December, 1858, Mr. Albright married Mary Ann McCurley Tate, of Milton, who was born March 28, 1810, daughter of John and Nancy (Holder) Tate, who lived at Milton. Four sons were born to this marriage: David T., who lives in Milton; John S. (of Watsonstown) and Elmer C. (deceased), twins, and William N., of Watsonstown. Mrs. Albright was killed in a trolley accident at Philadelphia Aug. 26, 1902, aged fifty-nine years. In August, 1907, Mr. Albright married (second) Ella Blue, daughter of Isaiah and Phoebe Agnes (Taggart) Blue. Isaiah Blue married for his second wife Emma Falls Wetzel, by whom he had two children, David and Gertrude.

**CHARLES M. RISSEL**, a retired citizen of East Chillisquaque township, for many years a farmer and previously a well known contractor in that region, was born Jan. 1, 1838, in Montour county, Pa., and comes of a family which has long been established in America. Its founder in this country was Heinrich Ulrich Rishel (as many of the family spell the name), who came to America with his family in 1753 and settled in Bucks county, Pa. He had six sons—Jacob, Leonard, Ludwig, Martin Luther, Michael and William—who served in the Revolutionary war, William holding the rank of captain. After the war two of the sons, Michael and Martin Luther, came to Montour county, Pa., where they took up land and made permanent homes, Martin Luther settling in Liberty township. Among his children were Jacob, John and Henry, of whom we have record, descendants of John Rishel now living in West Chillisquaque township. Martin Luther Rishel had the old German hymn book brought by the family from Germany, and as indicated by this the family were Lutherans.

Henry Rissel, son of Martin Luther, was born March 1, 1784, was a farmer, and died in 1830. He and his wives are buried at Chillisquaque Church. By his first marriage, to Leah Sechler, who was born April 23, 1792, he had two children, John (who lived to be ninety-two years old) and Jacob S. His second marriage was to Sarah Hayes, who bore him five children: William Henry; Martin, who lived to be ninety-six years old; Elizabeth, who married Thomas Keefer; David, and Daniel.

William Henry Rissel, son of Henry, was born April 12, 1811, and followed farming all his life, dying March 12, 1844. On April 11, 1837, he married Mary Hoover, daughter of George Hoover, of Schuylkill county, born April 1, 1815, died Nov. 28, 1871. They were the parents of the following children: Charles M.; Daniel W., born Dec. 26, 1840, who married Amanda Gast and

had children, Mary (Mrs. Harry Haas), Luther and John; Elizabeth, born Jan. 23, 1842, who married Thomas Rissel; William, who married Alice Acor and has a son, Edward M.; and M. Luther, who married Sarah Wolfe and had eight children, Daniel, Louis, Myra, George, Elizabeth, Frank, Howard and Carrie.

Charles M. Rissel attended public school and as a boy worked on the home farm. When a young man he learned the trade of carpenter, and soon began contracting on his own account, building many houses and barns in the neighborhood of his home. He was a popular and successful business man, and was considered a master in his line, his services being in continuous demand, but in 1876 he discontinued work at his trade, devoting himself thereafter to farming. That year he erected a house on the farm in East Chillisquaque township which he had purchased, and in 1888 he put up the barn. Always a progressive, thrifty and industrious man, he prospered and gained the esteem of his neighbors, and there are many substantial evidences of his mechanical skill still standing. He is now retired from the more arduous work of farming, making his home with his son Jonas at the old place. He was married Nov. 3, 1864, to Mary Ann Koch, who was born Jan. 4, 1838, daughter of Jonas and Leah (Bachman) Koch, who are mentioned fully elsewhere in this work, and died Aug. 29, 1905. In religion she was a Lutheran, as is also Mr. Rissel, holding membership in the church at Pottsgrove. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Rissel: Jonas, born June 23, 1865, who now carries on the old home farm, married Margaret Berger, daughter of Levi and Susan (Mack) Berger, and they have had two sons, George Franklin and Charles Levi; Jennie E., born March 12, 1876, died March 8, 1882.

On Aug. 9, 1862, Mr. Rissel enlisted in the Union service, becoming a private in Company E, 131st Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under the command of Capt. I. B. Davis and Colonel Allabach. He took part in the battles of Antietam (Sept. 17, 1862), Fredericksburg (Dec. 11-14, 1862), and Chancellorsville (May 1-4, 1863), and was honorably discharged at Harrisburg, May 27, 1863.

**WILLIAM H. FISHER**, proprietor of Fisher's Iron Foundry, located at Redbank, in Washington township, is a member of a family which has been identified with Northumberland county from the early days, though not continuously in this branch. He was born Oct. 28, 1851, in Dauphin county, at Gratz, where his father settled and lived for many years.

Joseph Fisher, who founded this family in America, was born in Germany in April, 1734, and on June 5, 1764, married Catharine Minegar, also



a native of Germany, born in August, 1746. They were the parents of the following children: Catharine, who married Nicholas Shipman; Henry; Mary, who married Samuel Mutchler; Hannah, who married Caleb Farlee; Elizabeth; John; Moses; David; Jacob, and Joseph. It is claimed that the parents settled near the site of Catawissa, in what is now Columbia county, Pa., some time in the eighteenth century, but prior to that they evidently lived in Bradford county, where their oldest son, Henry, was born July 25, 1767.

Henry Fisher, born in Bradford county, Pa., July 25, 1767, lived for some years in Columbia county, thence removing to Northumberland county. He was the father of these children: Jacob, John, Caleb, Clotworthy, Joseph, Sarah, Elizabeth and Catharine. He located upon the land later owned by Peter Leisenring, where he built a gristmill and tavern, which he operated many years. He also owned about eighteen acres of land adjacent to the mill and hotel property. His death occurred about 1825, after which all his family except his son John (born Sept. 20, 1800) left that locality.

Caleb Fisher, son of Henry, lived at Bear Gap, in Coal township (Bear Gap is now included in Ralpho township), Northumberland county. In early life he learned the trade of miller, which he followed during the greater part of his active life, operating Fisher's mill, now known as the Leisenring mill, at Bear Gap for many years, succeeding his father at that place. Later he moved to Sunbury. Caleb Fisher was an able and enterprising business man and at one time quite well-to-do. He died at Sunbury and is buried there. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Bird, had the following children: Clinton, who was a machinist, lived at Danville at one time and was also a resident of Muncy; John I., a molder by trade, lived in Sunbury; Jared is mentioned later; Albert, a printer, lived at Danville; Harrison died at Sunbury; Henry C., a foundryman, lived at Freeburg; Jane never married.

Jared Fisher, son of Caleb, was born at Bear Gap, and died during the eighties, when sixty-five years old, at Gratz, Dauphin Co., Pa., whither he had removed in 1848. He is buried there. Mr. Fisher was a machinist and blacksmith. At one time he lived in Minersville, Schuylkill county, thence going to Gratz, where he had a shop of his own and did general blacksmithing until his death. He was a prosperous man, and owned his own home. Politically he was a Republican, and during the Civil war was an active Union sympathizer, serving in that war under two enlistments. He was a soldier in Company I, 103d Regiment, for nine months, and reenlisted, serving until the close of the struggle. Mr. Fisher was a member of the Reformed Church at Gratz. He married Elizabeth Hetrich, daughter of Jacob

Hetrich, of Northumberland county, and she survived him many years, dying in 1906, at the age of seventy-two. She is buried by her husband's side at Gratz. They had a family of five children: Mary J. (who died young), a daughter that died in infancy, William H., Adam M. (deceased) and Franklin I. (deceased).

William H. Fisher received his elementary education in the common schools in his native county. In 1868 he began to learn the molding trade from his uncle, Henry C. Fisher, being located at Rebeck, and remained with him three years. Resuming his studies, he attended Freeburg Academy for three terms, and later was a student at Berrysburg Academy, in Dauphin county, for three terms, after which he was granted a license to teach. He followed the profession for three terms, being engaged in Washington township, Northumberland county, until in 1875 he was taken into partnership by his uncle, Henry C. Fisher, who moved to Freeburg, where they built a shop and established an iron foundry. They did business under the firm name of H. C. & W. H. Fisher for two years, William H. Fisher withdrawing from the association in 1877 and coming to Greenbrier, Northumberland county, where he started the foundry business on his own account. He was in successful business there for four years, in 1882 settling at Rebeck, where he has since remained. During his first four years at that location he rented his place of business and then purchased the property he now occupies. He is a practical mechanic and a foundryman of thorough experience, and is the only man in the business in his section. However, that is not the only reason he has established such a thriving trade. His work is reliable, and there is a steady demand for the products of his plant, plows of all kinds and common agricultural implements; the well known Fisher plow is his specialty and has an excellent reputation. The foundry occupies a half acre of ground. Mr. Fisher owns a tract of six acres which formerly belonged to his uncle Henry C. Fisher, and in 1897 he purchased the old Dr. Fred Tryon farm, consisting of thirty acres at Rebeck, upon which place the first store, hotel and post office were located. The hotel was abandoned by Mr. Fisher. He is a Republican in politics and has served three years as school director.

On Dec. 25, 1875, Mr. Fisher married Hannah S. Kieffer, daughter of Peter and Hannah (Welker) Kieffer, of Washington township, earlier of Jackson township, and they have had six children: Elizabeth died unmarried and is buried in the family plot at the Himmel Church; Nellie J. married Ira Mattern and they reside at Ashland; H. Emma married William Brosius and they live at Seven Points; Katie married Henry Hubler, of Mahanoy City, Pa.; Clara S. and Walter H. com-



plete the family. Mr. Fisher and his family are Lutheran members of the Hammet Church, and he is especially devoted to Sunday school work; he has been superintendent of the Union Sunday school of that organization since 1909.

WILLIAM P. WENDLE, justice of the peace of Milton, Northumberland county, for more than twenty-five years, was first elected to that office in 1879, and with but one term intermission has held it continuously to the present time. He is one of the most respected citizens of the borough, a veteran of the Civil war and a well known worker in the Republican party.

Mr. Wendle was born July 16, 1840, at Muncy, Lycoming Co., Pa., and is of Dutch descent, his grandfather, John Wendle, having come from Holland. He settled near Muncy and followed farming, dying about 1838. He is buried at Muncy.

Peter Wendle, son of John and father of William P., was born in 1802 in Lycoming county, Pa., and died in 1868. By trade he was a wagon-maker, and about 1838 had a shop at McEwensville, Northumberland county, later removing to Muncy. He was a prominent Democrat and served as county commissioner of Lycoming county, also holding various other offices. In religion he was a member of the Evangelical Church. He married Sarah Buck, who was born in Lycoming county in 1801, and died in 1848, and they were the parents of eight children, namely: Daniel B., who was a merchant in Philadelphia; William P.; Thomas P., who was a carriage-maker in Philadelphia (his only son, George, lives in Williamsport, Pa.); Peter E., a cabinet-maker, who lived in Williamsport; Frances I., who married Alexander Hall and has six children, J. A., P. C., William, Alfred, Mary R. and Etta; Ellen G., who married Joseph Gibson, of Philadelphia, and has three children, Alfred and Clara and Millie; Sarah E., who married Jesse Edgar and has four children, Harry, Emily, Harvey and Grant; Jane, who married Silas Axtel, of Iowa, and has two children, Zenis and one daughter; her second husband is a Mr. Lee, of Kansas.

William P. Wendle received his education in the schools of Muncy. In 1856 he went West to Indiana, where he learned the cabinet-maker's trade, and there in 1861 he enlisted for three years' service in the Civil war, becoming a member of Company H, 20th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, with which he went to the front. He was taken prisoner at Hatteras, N. C., was held at Charleston, S. C., and twice at the notorious Libby Prison, before securing his release. Having been captured in the engagement at Hatteras he was honorably discharged on account of disability, May 26, 1862, and returned to Muncy, where he engaged in business. In 1871 he again moved to Indiana, remaining in that State until

1874, since when he has made his home at Milton. For five years after settling in Milton Mr. Wendle followed his trade, and, as previously stated, he was elected justice of the peace in 1879, being honored with re-election again and again. His services are highly valued and he has the esteem of all his fellow citizens. He is a Republican, and has represented his party in many conventions, and socially he holds membership in Henry Wilson Post, 129, G. A. R., the Knights of the Golden Eagle, No. 265, the Knights of Pythias and the P. H. C. He and his family attend the Lutheran Church.

In 1863 Mr. Wendle married Ellen J. Blue, daughter of Daniel Blue, and they had three children: Carrie Ida, wife of Reverdy J. Bramble, of Milton, Pa.; Nellie T., at home; and Elizabeth M., wife of George Bramble, of Cumberland, Md. Mrs. Wendle died March 12, 1910, aged seventy years.

DANIEL S. SCHREFFLER, now living in partial retirement at Leek Kill, in Upper Mahanoy township, was for a number of years engaged successfully in farming on the south side of Line Mountain, and he is one of the most substantial and highly esteemed residents of that section, where he has passed all his life.

The Schreffler family of eastern Pennsylvania claims as its founder in America Heinrich Schröfler, who settled in the borough of Reading, Berks county, at an early date. His will, on record in Will Book A, page 83, in the Berks county courthouse, was made April 25, 1783, he "being old and weak in body," and was probated Sept. 6, 1784. Apparently he died in the summer of 1784. He made his mark on the document, and his sons Christian and Godfried (as the name was spelled in the will) were appointed executors. Among the items was one to the effect that George "shall have my fine stocking weaver loom, with all belongings." The son Conrad died before his father, and his son, also named Conrad, obtained his father's share of the inheritance. To Heinrich and Magdalena Schröfler were born the following children: Christian, Henry, Godfried, Carl, George and Conrad. The son Christian lived in the borough of Reading in 1790, in which year he was the head of a family consisting of himself, wife, three sons under sixteen years of age and three daughters.

Godfried Schreffler, son of Heinrich (Henry), was a farmer in Bethel township, Berks county. He made his will in 1811 and died in 1812. The executors of his will were his sons John and Godfried, his family consisting of nine children, namely: John, Godfried, Peter, George, Conrad, Catharine (married Simon Smeltzer), Polly (married John Focht), Betsy (married John Goff) and Hannah (unmarried).

Godfried Schreffler, the grandfather of Daniel S. Schreffler, was a farmer in Northumberland county, owning the farm in Washington township which is now the property of Andrew Adams. He is buried in that township, at the Himmel Church, and was a Lutheran in religious connection. He was a tall man and dark complexioned. To him and his wife Eve (Lebo) were born children as follows: Joseph; Godfried; John; Daniel; Mrs. Michael Dockey; Susanna, Mrs. John Snyder; and Elizabeth, Mrs. Nicholas Adam.

John Schreffler, son of Godfried and Eve (Lebo) Schreffler, was born in 1819 in Dauphin county, Pa., and died in 1894. He and his wife, Salome (Rebuck), who died in 1893, aged seventy-three years, are buried at the Himmel Church. He owned an eighty-acre farm situated on the south side of Line Mountain, in Washington township, to the cultivation of which he devoted the major part of his life. In August, 1863, he enlisted for nine months' service in the Civil war. His family was a large one, namely: Harry married Hettie Bergner; Lovina married John Falck; Urias married Mary Ferster; Katie married James Scherer; John married Amanda Hetrich; Hiram married Malinda Rebuck; Nathan married Mary Miller; Mary married Joel Mattern; Fietta married Enoch Mattern; Elias is unmarried; Frank married Malinda Rebuck and (second) Lydia Drumheller.

Urias Schreffler, son of John and Salome (Rebuck) Schreffler, is a farmer in Washington township, this county. His children are: James, Charles, Levi, Jay and Ida.

Daniel Schreffler, son of Godfried and Eve (Lebo) Schreffler, was born Sept. 9, 1827, in the lower section of Northumberland county, and was reared in Washington township, where Andrew Adam now lives. He was a lifelong farmer, for many years living and working in Upper Mahanoy township, where he owned the tract of seventy-seven acres now owned by Malinda Schreffler. He served as supervisor of his township, and was well known in fraternal circles, belonging to the local organizations of the I. O. O. F. and P. O. S. of A. until they were disbanded. He and his family were Lutheran members of St. John's Church, where he and his two wives are buried. His first marriage was to Sallie Schankweiler, who was born Oct. 20, 1825, and died March 19, 1882. His second wife, Dina (Bohner), was born Sept. 22, 1833, and died Dec. 26, 1907. Mr. Schreffler passed away March 4, 1908. All his children were born to his first marriage, viz.: John; William; Lizzie, who married Silas Eister; James S.; Mary, who married Joel Reitz; Andrew, who died young; Daniel S.; Sarah, who married John Kahler; a son that died in infancy; Elias, who died young; and Henry.

John Schreffler, eldest son of Daniel and Sallie

(Schankweiler) Schreffler, was born in 1851. He grew up on the home farm and attended the country schools. After his marriage to Caroline Kieffer, in 1873, he purchased a farm in Washington township, and there resided until the time of his death, following agricultural work. He was the father of these children: Andrew, who married Martha Rebuck; Mima, who married Cyrus Moyer; Callie, who married Lewis Rebuck; Samuel, who married Jemima Demmoyer; Etta, who married Samuel Kieffer; Katie, who married Adam Drumheller; Dora, who married David Reitz; Jane, who married Daniel Reitz; David, Sallie and Mazy, all three deceased; John and Loy.

Mr. Schreffler was a prominent factor in the Himmel Lutheran Church, of which he was trustee for a number of years. He was school director for years, also supervisor for a number of years. In politics he was a Democrat.

James S. Schreffler, son of Daniel and Sallie Schreffler, was born Sept. 2, 1854, and spent his early years at farm work. When nineteen he began to learn the blacksmith's trade, which he followed regularly for about two years, and has continued to work at it off and on ever since. In the spring of 1879 he commenced to farm at his present location in Upper Mahanoy township, having a tract of sixty-six acres along the south side of Line Mountain, at the head of Greenbrier creek. It was formerly the property of Jacob Shankweiler, who built the house and barn in 1852, burning the brick he used from clay obtained in the meadow above the house. Mr. Schreffler has been quite active in the work of the Democratic party in his section, has served as election officer, and was a member of the township school board for nine years. He has been an active member of the Lutheran congregation at St. John's Church for a number of years, and is at present serving as trustee; he was formerly a deacon. His family are also identified with this church.

On March 9, 1879, Mr. Schreffler married Sarah Jane Falck, and to their union have been born six children, as follows: Daniel O. died in his eighth year; Mazy C. died in her ninth year; Charles M. married Nealla Paul; Katie A. married William Fetherolf; Edward L. is a school teacher in Upper Mahanoy township; Emma A. died in her sixth year.

Daniel S. Schreffler was born Dec. 26, 1860, son of Daniel and Sallie Schreffler. He worked with his father until he attained his majority, in the spring of 1882 becoming a tenant farmer in Lower Augusta township, where he remained for six years. Moving across the Line Mountain into Washington township, he farmed near Rebuck for the next three years, in the spring of 1890 purchasing his uncle's farm of 144 acres, good land, where he lived until he retired from the more



arduous work of life. He built the dwelling and summer house now standing on that property and made a number of other improvements which materially added to its value, having a well kept farm, which he sold in the fall of 1909. He then purchased a residence in which his father lived and died, at Leak Kill, and moved there in the spring of 1910. He has given up the more trying labors and is now spending his time in partial retirement. Mr. Schreffler has taken considerable interest in the welfare of his locality, and served efficiently as school director for one term of three years and as auditor for many years. In politics he is a Democrat, in religion a Lutheran member of St. John's Church, to which his family also belong.

In 1881 Mr. Schreffler married Hattie Eister, daughter of Peter and Mary (Bohner) Eister, of Augusta township, this county, and they have four children: Mary E., now the wife of Lewis Snyder; William J., who married Jennie Snyder and lived in Upper Mahanoy township; Daniel E., and Carrie M.

**RISHEL.** Isaiah C. and Joseph C. Rishel, brothers, both now retired farmers living in Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, are descended from a family which has long been established in America. Its founder in this country was Heinrich Ulrich Rishel, a native of Germany, who came to America in 1753 and settled in Bucks county, Pa. He was the father of six sons, Jacob, Leonard, Ludwig, Martin Luther, Michael and William, all of whom served in the Revolutionary war, William holding the rank of captain. After the war two of these sons, Michael and Martin Luther, came to Montour county, Pa., and took up land, Martin Luther Rishel settling in Liberty township. Two of his sons were Jacob and John, and there were evidently other children.

John Rishel, son of Martin Luther, married Esther Swartz, and a little later moved to Columbia county, Pa., where he followed farming. This couple had the following children: Jonathan, Benjamin, Peter, John, Lydia (married Lewis Kauffman), Hester (married Daniel Bloom), David, and Jeremiah (who died en route to California in 1849).

Jonathan Rishel, son of John, was born July 14, 1808, and during his boyhood attended day school in the home locality. When a young man he worked on his father's farm, and later learned the trade of wheelwright, which he continued to follow all his life in connection with farming. He died March 28, 1886. His first wife, Ann (Crites), who died May 10, 1837, aged twenty-six years, nine months, twenty-two days, was a daughter of Adam and Susannah Crites, the former of whom died in 1848, at the age of seventy-three, the latter in 1854, at the age of eighty-one.

She was the mother of two children, Margaret Ann and Isaiah C., the former of whom became the wife of Franklin C. Pardoe. Mr. Rishel's second marriage was to Rachel Crossley, daughter of Joseph and Catharine (Heinebach) Crossley; Joseph Crossley's father came from England. One child was born to this union, Joseph C.

ISAIAH C. RISHEL was born Nov. 18, 1834, in Liberty township, Montour Co., Pa., and there received his education in the public schools. His early life was spent on his father's farm, and in time he purchased the property in West Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, where he has continued to reside to the present time. He is a Democrat, and served many years as member of the school board, has been assessor, overseer of the poor and road supervisor. In religious matters he and his family are Lutherans, belonging to the church at Pottsgrove. On Feb. 2, 1860, Mr. Rishel married Christiann Giffen, who was born Nov. 29, 1834, and their union has been blessed with five children: Anna Margaret married M. O. Fairchilds and has children, B. Miller, James Rishel, Elmer Ellsworth and Margaret Christine; Mary married Clarence A. Grove; James Giffen married Maggie Elizabeth Pardoe; Ella May married Hugh Mack, who is now deceased; Sarah Alexander married Clarence Foreman and has one child, Mary Fredrica.

James Giffen, grandfather of Mrs. Isaiah C. Rishel, was born in Delaware county, Pa., moved thence to Montour county and later to Northumberland county. He married Sarah Alexander, and they were the parents of seven children, born as follows: Nancy, April 14, 1800 (died in 1861); Robert A., Sept. 23, 1801; Margaret, Oct. 1, 1803; John, Nov. 23, 1805; Mary, Oct. 16, 1807 (married Daniel Kerr); James, Sept. 3, 1809 (died young); Thomas M., Nov. 17, 1812.

John Giffen, born Nov. 23, 1805, married Margaret McMahan, and they had the following family: Christiana, Mrs. Rishel; James O., born March 3, 1837, who died Feb. 10, 1906; Jane M., born Nov. 27, 1844, who married Thomas Watson and (second) Rev. Charles Park; Samuel McMahan, born May 2, 1844, who lives in Michigan; and John Robert, born May 2, 1849, who lives in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH C. RISHEL was born Jan. 17, 1843, in Liberty township, Montour Co., Pa., and was reared on his father's farm. His education was obtained in the schools of his native township, and he has followed farming all his life. For eighteen years he cultivated his father's land, in 1887 purchasing the place of 103 acres in East Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, which he has since owned and occupied. He bought this property from James Frederick, and it was part of the large tract owned by the latter's family. Mr. Rishel has never engaged in active work, his



son John operating the farm, which is in a high state of cultivation. On May 18, 1891, the dwelling, a fine brick house, was destroyed by fire, and Mr. Rishel immediately rebuilt, upon the old foundation, having a handsome, up-to-date home, which is a great improvement on the property and a credit to the locality. He and his wife have always taken the deepest interest in everything affecting the welfare of the community and its advancement, being progressive, intelligent people, and they are consistent and active members of the Lutheran church, in which he has been an elder for some years. When a young man he was elected church trustee, and he served as a member of the building committee when the church at Pottsgrove was erected. He has served his township as school director and overseer of the poor, filling the latter office for sixteen years. Politically he is a Democrat.

On Dec. 27, 1866, Mr. Rishel married Sarah Jane Frederick, daughter of Isaac Frederick and member of a prominent family of this section, and they have had two children: (1) Julia married George Enck, 11 and has five children, Sarah, Pearl, George, Kate and Lester. (2) John married Ellen Morrow and they have one child, Catharine. He farms the homestead and is one of the substantial young citizens of the township, which he has served as school director for one term of three years and was recently reelected for a similar period.

**LAHR.** The Lahr family is one of the old families of Northumberland county, particularly numerous in the counties south of Line Mountain, in that region of Pennsylvania, and well represented among the substantial citizens of this section. But its origin is difficult to trace. It is believed that all the Lahrs mentioned in this article are of common ancestry; at any rate their forefathers in this region seem to have been of the same stock, although it is impossible from the material at hand to ascertain accurately what relation existed between them. There are evidently three distinct branches of the family in Northumberland county, the posterity of Daniel, Paul and George Lahr, who, according to tradition, were related, though how is not quite certain. Daniel and George were probably first cousins, and Paul it appears was the brother of Daniel, but this is not corroborated.

Paul Lahr, born July 11, 1781, died April 2, 1847, and is buried in the cemetery of the Stone Valley Church, of which church he was a Lutheran member. He was a farmer, living near Dalmatia, where he owned a tract of 145 acres now the property of Nelson Gayman, of Sunbury. The maiden name of his wife, Elizabeth, was either Bubb or Lenker, and she, too, is buried at Zion's Stone Valley Church. She was born Nov. 2, 1786, and

died April 30, 1847. They were the parents of the following children: Michael, Paul, John, Nicholas, Isaac, Benjamin, Susanna (died unmarried) and Elizabeth (who married Abraham Lenker). Of these,

Michael Lahr lived in Dalmatia. He was married but had no family. He is buried at Stone Valley Church.

Paul Lahr lived near Lewisburg, Pa., where he is buried. He married Molly Bordner, and their children were: Henry, Paul, Nicholas, William, Frank and Kate.

John Lahr lived along the Susquehanna, above Dalmatia, on the farm now owned by the Schlegel brothers. His wife's maiden name was Schaffer, and they are buried at Georgetown. They had children: Elizabeth married Benjamin Byerly; Sarah married Josiah Schwartz.

Isaac Lahr, born July 7, 1820, died Sept. 4, 1883, and is buried at Stone Valley Church. He lived above Dalmatia, at what is now the home of his son John. His wife, Elizabeth (Michael), born Jan. 26, 1817, died Jan. 10, 1885, the mother of these children: Michael (born 1849, died 1862), John, Sophia (married Isaac Campbell) and Isaac. The son John, born in 1851 in Lower Mahanoy township, follows in his father's footsteps, being a farmer, but he also does considerable carpenter work, being an excellent mechanic and in demand as such in his neighborhood. He owns the old homestead, and is identified with the old Stone Valley Church where so many of the name have attended religious worship, being a Lutheran member thereof. To him and his wife Hannah (Boyer) have been born five children: Lizzie, Annie, Susan, Mary and John A.

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Peter Lahr located in Snyder county, Pa., near Redfield. He had a number of children.

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Daniel Lahr, a farmer, lived in Jackson township, one mile south of Herndon, owning the farm which is now the property of Robert L. Rieger, but which Mr. Lahr sold to Christian Albert and his son Isaac. The house on the place was used for hotel purposes during the building of the Northern Central railroad, being known as the "Blue Ball Hotel." Daniel Lahr died on this farm Dec. 15, 1844, and is buried at Zion's Stone Valley Church. His wife Sophia (Brosius) born July 1, 1785, died Dec. 29, 1859, and is buried at Dalmatia. They had children as follows: Joseph, born May 20, 1816, lived where Robert L. Rieger now resides, and died Oct. 20, 1855, unmarried; George B., born in 1823, died at Dalmatia in 1906 (his wife Louisa Bordner, born in 1836, died in 1903); Daniel W. is mentioned below; Catharine married George Shaffer; Lydia married Jacob Shaffer.

George B. Lahr, son of Daniel, was born in 1823, in Jackson township, and was brought up on the farm. But when quite young he became a woodsman, and he continued to work at lumbering until about 1880, when he resumed the occupation of his youth. When a young man he walked to Jersey Shore, in upper Pennsylvania, where he found work in the lumber woods, and he developed considerable ability in the more skilled branches of the labor, being able with a broadax to square trees into shape ready for building purposes. After 1880 he purchased Ash island, at Dalmatia, which he farmed until his death, in 1906. He accumulated considerable property, owning several houses and a farm at Dalmatia at the time of his death, and he was enterprising and thrifty in the management of his affairs. His wife, Louisa (Bordner), daughter of Jonathan Bordner (whose wife was a Kiehl), of Lower Mahanoy township, was born in 1836, and died in 1903. They are buried at Dalmatia. Fourteen children were born to this couple: James W., George H., Jonathan, Jacob, Daniel (deceased), J. Michael, Eva Elizabeth (married John Hetrick), Sarah Alice (married George Rutter), Louisa (died young), triplets (one son and two daughters) that died in infancy, and two others that died young.

JACOB LAHR, son of George B. and Louisa (Bordner) Lahr, was born Oct. 2, 1861, in Lower Mahanoy township, in the house next to his present home at Dalmatia. He spent his boyhood and youth at home in Dalmatia (then better known as Georgetown), working on the farm for his father until he was twenty-five years old. For another twenty years he continued to engage in farm work, but since 1907 he has devoted himself to shoemaking and repairing at Dalmatia. His home at that place, which he owns, was built by himself and his father in 1894. Mr. Lahr is a respected and industrious citizen, giving all his time to his personal affairs, and taking no part in public life, having always refused official preferment of any kind. He is a Republican in politics, a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M. at Dalmatia, and with his family holds membership in the Lutheran congregation of Dalmatia Church, to which his father and mother also belonged. They are buried at that church.

On July 18, 1885, Mr. Lahr married Sarah C. Doney, daughter of Israel and Sarah (Campbell) Doney, and eight children have been born to them, namely: Laura L. (married Harvey Geist), Sarah E. (married to Howard Chubb), Alice L., Emma V. (died young), Mary C., Jacob I., George E. (died young) and Ralph M.

Daniel W. Lahr, brother of George B. and son of Daniel and Sophia Lahr, was born March 31, 1826, in what is now Lower Mahanoy township, and was reared to farm life. At an early age,

however, he became a boatman on the Pennsylvania State canal, which ran between Sunbury, Pa., and Havre de Grace, Md. It was while engaged in this occupation that he contracted rheumatism, inflammatory rheumatism eventually causing his death. After living for a time on the place now occupied by Robert L. Rieger (his father's old homestead), he moved to Snyder county, where he lived for some years, after which he crossed the Susquehanna and lived on the property now owned by Henry A. Carl. He died at that place Sept. 13, 1858, at the comparatively early age of thirty-two years, and is buried at Dalmatia. His wife, Mary (Albert), daughter of Christian and Elizabeth (Boyer) Albert, from the neighborhood of Freeburg, Snyder county, died during the seventies, and is also buried at Dalmatia. They were the parents of three children: Franklin A.; George W., an electric light engineer, now of Tacoma, Wash.; and Sophia J., who died when eight years old.

FRANKLIN A. LAHR, son of Daniel W., was born May 18, 1853, in Lower Mahanoy township. He received his early education in the public schools of Jackson township, later attended the academy at Freeburg, and improved himself considerably by study at home, being a student in fact to the present time. After leaving school he worked in the sawmill where Robert L. Rieger now lives, and followed that kind of work for ten years, in different counties of the State, during which time he had the misfortune to lose the little finger of his left hand, which was sawed off while he was working at Shamokin. He has spent the greater part of his life at Herndon or in the immediate vicinity, and since April 4, 1893, has been engaged as bookkeeper at the Herndon Manufacturing Company, a large industrial concern giving employment to sixty-five men. Besides, he acts as local agent for the Geiser Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of traction engines, threshing machines, separators and portable sawmills, and he has held a commission as notary public since 1900; he was first appointed by Governor Stone, later by Governor Pennypacker. He has been notary public for the First National Bank of Herndon since its organization.

Mr. Lahr has always had considerable taste for music, and through his own efforts has become proficient on several instruments, playing the piano, organ, violin and cornet, on which latter he was particularly skillful in his younger manhood, when he gave it more attention. In 1902 he organized an orchestra of six pieces, of which he is the leader, and whose services are in constant demand in and around Herndon, furnishing the music at many church and social affairs. Some years ago Mr. Lahr gave much of his time to teaching bands. His proficiency and high standing in this field are highly creditable, for he has



acquired all his knowledge of music out of working hours, having been obliged to support himself during his younger years when he first took up the study. The same may be said of his educational acquirements in other lines, for he has done most of his studying at night, and his library is the best evidence of his inclinations. He is a thorough student of the Bible, and liberal in his religious views.

Mr. Lahr has been identified with many phases of the life of the borough of Herndon. Besides his business and musical connections, already noted, he is a member of Washington Camp No. 182, P. O. S. of A., and of Polaris Lodge, No. 765, I. O. O. F., both of Herndon, and was the first noble grand of the latter body. He has served as clerk of the town council since its incorporation and organization. Politically he is not identified with any party, voting independently.

Samuel Lahr, grandfather of Prof. M. L. W. Lahr, was a farmer and lived in Little Mahanoy township, owning the place now owned by Gilbert Bobb. He is buried at Little Mahanoy Church, of which he was a Lutheran member, and he held office in his congregation. His wife was Elizabeth Ferster, and they had an only son, Henry.

Henry Lahr was born July 7, 1825, and died November 30, 1893, aged sixty-eight years, four months, twenty-three days. He is buried at Uniontown (Pillow), near which place he lived, on a farm in Lower Mahanoy township between Uniontown and Beyerly's. He was a lifelong farmer, and during his long and active career had several large farms, one of which, a valuable property, he sold to his son, Prof. M. L. W. Lahr. The place on which he died, previously mentioned, contained some twenty acres. He was a progressive man, one of the most esteemed and valuable citizens of his community, interesting himself in everything that concerned the general good. He served a number of years on the school board of Lower Mahanoy township, and was one of its most useful members. A Lutheran member of the Uniontown Union Church, he served as trustee of that church for about a quarter of a century. His wife, Catharine (Wolf), daughter of Michael and Mary Magdalena (Latsha) Wolf, and granddaughter of Henry Latsha, a native of Colebrookdale township, Berks Co., Pa., died Oct. 26, 1906, at Uniontown, at the advanced age of eighty-one years. Three sons and four daughters were born to this worthy couple: Lovina married Clinton Campbell and they live in Uniontown; Sophia married John Leshner and died in 1886 (Mr. Leshner now lives at Reading, Pa.); Samuel died at Valley Falls, Kans.; Mary (deceased) married Charles Shadel and lived at Fountain Spring, Schuylkill county; Elizabeth, who died in 1903, married Monroe

Wiest and lived at Allentown; Prof. M. L. W. is a resident of Sunbury; Jacob is a resident of Uniontown.

Prof. M. L. W. LAHR was born June 13, 1863, and has been a resident of the borough of Sunbury since the fall of 1900. He has been engaged in educational work throughout his active years. Having received an excellent foundation for his education in public and private schools, he attended what was then known as Central Pennsylvania College (now known as Albright College), at Myerstown, Pa., and later became a student at the Ohio Normal University, at Ada, Ohio. When eighteen years old he had begun teaching, in his native township, and he has been thus engaged ever since, at present filling his twenty-sixth term. For seven terms he was at the Dalmatia high school; two terms at the Uniontown high school, and one term at the Mount Carmel high school, before he came to Sunbury. He is now assistant principal of the Sunbury high school, to which position he was promoted in the fall of 1907, and put in charge of the department of modern languages. Professor Lahr is an educator of high standing and proved efficiency, and his success is due to conscientious work and devotion to his duties, in which he is deeply interested. He is a member of the O. U. A. M. at Sunbury, and thoroughly identified with the best interests of the community.

In 1890 Professor Lahr married Sevilla Dubendorf, daughter of William and Julianne (Wiest) Dubendorf, who lived in Jordan township, this county. They have a family of five children: Cardella, who graduated from the Sunbury high school in 1909 and is now engaged in teaching public school in this county; Anna; Melvin; Truman, and Helen. Professor Lahr and his family worship at Zion Lutheran Church at Sunbury.

George Lahr (also recorded as Johan Georg Lahr), born July 5, 1799, lived in the territory now embraced in Jackson township and followed agricultural pursuits, owning a farm of about one hundred acres now the property of John Riegel. He was a fine wood worker, and his services in that capacity were frequently called for. He made many spinning wheels and wool wheels, coffins, and furniture of different kinds. He died Nov. 1, 1866, and was buried at St. Peter's Church, at Mahanoy (now Red Cross). His wife, Catharine Dressler, daughter of Jacob Dressler, was born April 20, 1798, and died Oct. 8, 1881. Their children are all deceased: Jacob, born Aug. 25, 1824, lived in Jackson township, and died Jan. 6, 1861; Benneville; Rebecca married Samuel B. Smith; Levi, born April 18, 1830, lived in Jackson township, and died Jan. 6, 1896 (his wife Mary Ann, born Sept. 30, 1833, died Sept. 28, 1888); Elias is mentioned below; several died young.



Elias Lahr, son of George, was a farmer and carpenter. He made his home in Washington township, where he followed agricultural pursuits for many years, and he did carpentry in that and surrounding townships, building a number of barns. He was a prominent man in the locality, holding various township offices and serving as deacon and elder of St. Peter's Church, at Mahanoy, in which he held membership. Politically he was a Democrat. He is buried at Herndon (we have record of Elias T. Lahr, who died Jan. 26, 1892, aged sixty-three years, one month, eighteen days, and Mary, his wife, who died Feb. 21, 1910, aged seventy-two years, seven months). His wife Polly, daughter of John M. Snyder, is also deceased. They had seven children: Joriah S.; Catharine, who died in her ninth year; Amanda, who married Joel Rebnick; and four who died young.

JORIAH S. LAHR, son of Elias and Polly (Snyder) Lahr, was born Sept. 30, 1856, in Jackson township, and was reared to manhood. He worked with his parents until after he attained his majority, in 1874 commencing to farm the homestead in Washington township for his father, and he was engaged there four years. After that he conducted the "Parrish Hotel," at Herndon, for one year, but with this exception his time has been given to farming. From Herndon he moved to a 106-acre farm in Washington township which he purchased, and lived thirteen years on that place, after which he was a tenant at Hebe for one year and in the Swabian Creek district for one year. He was also in the Lykens valley for one year, after which he purchased the tract of eighty-seven acres in Lower Mahanoy township on which he has since made his home. This place was a Wimmer homestead for many years. Mr. Lahr is a thrifty farmer and one of the substantial and respected citizens of his neighborhood.

In 1874 Mr. Lahr married Mary Eyster, daughter of David and Hannah (Geise) Eyster, and to them have been born thirteen children: John married Katie Miller; Jane married W. K. Bingaman; George married Susan A. Riegel; Katie married Irwin Leshner; Emma married Charles Riegel; Henry married Bertha Hoffman; Ladaa lives in Sunbury with the family of Hon. C. B. Wimmer; Edward, Susan and Charles are unmarried, others died young. Mr. Lahr and his family are members of the Lutheran congregation at Pillow, which he has served seven years in the office of deacon. He is a Democrat in political sentiment.

DONEY. There are living in Northumberland county many of the posterity of those Hessian soldiers who, having been sold to England to assist in the suppression of the Revolution, had no desire to return to a country and a ruler which had sent them to fight the Colonists against their will, and

consequently remained in this country at the close of the war. Among those who settled in this country and here passed the remainder of their lives were the following, who are buried in the old graveyard at Zion's Church, in Stone Valley: Nicholas Bohner, Heinrich Hepner, Adam Dockey, John Bingaman, Johan Lessman, Jacob Allman, one Ossman and one Gessner. The following are buried at Klinger's Church, which is in Schuylkill county near the Northumberland county line: Johan Schwalm (1752-1836), Conrad Dietz, Andraes Schmeltz, Johannes Stang, Peter Stein, and one Yund. Among other Hessian pioneers in this section were Michael Roedel (Radel), a Long, a Dornsife, and others whose descendants are numbered among the best citizens of the Commonwealth.

Johan Nickalas Doney, one of the Hessian soldiers who refused to return to his native land after the Revolutionary war ended, was one of the large number captured by Washington at Trenton. Before 1800 he had settled in Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, where he married and reared a respectable family. He was one of the most respected citizens of his section. His children were: Abraham, John Adam and Anna Maria (Mrs. Peifer).

Abraham Doney, son of Johan Nickalas, came with his father from Berks or Lebanon county to Northumberland prior to 1800. He married Maria Zerbe, and they lived in Lower Mahanoy township, where they were farming people. They are buried at Zion's Stone Valley Church. They were the parents of a large family, namely: George, Adam, Peter, John, Jacob, Benjamin, Abraham, Israel, Polly, Catharine, Rebecca, Elizabeth, Sallie and Rachel.

Israel Doney, son of Abraham, lived in Lower Mahanoy township, where he followed farming. He and his wife Sarah (Campbell) are buried at Zion's Church, in Stone Valley. They were the parents of nine children, five of whom died young, the survivors being: John Adam, George E., Benjamin H. and Sarah C. (wife of Jacob Lahr, of Lower Mahanoy township).

Dockey. Adam Dockey, one of the Hessian soldiers buried at Zion's Stone Valley Church, was the only family represented to this day in Northumberland county. He was a pioneer resident in Lower Mahanoy township, and through his son John the name was continued. Elmer Dockey, of Uniontown (Pittsburg, Pa.), is a cousin of Adam Dockey's family. Adam Dockey had one son and two daughters: John, Elizabeth (who died unmarried) and Catharine (married Simon Lebeck).

John Dockey, son of Adam, married Mary Seitz, and they were farming people in Lower Mahanoy township. They were members of the

Mahanoy church, and both are buried at that church. Their family consisted of thirteen children, all of whom reached maturity: (1) Michael, born March 2, 1813, died Nov. 12, 1880. (2) Susanna, who died May 26, 1900, aged sixty years, ten months, three days, may have been his wife. He had two sons and three daughters. (3) John, born March 24, 1815, died Sept. 24, 1887. His wife Elizabeth, born Nov. 27, 1815, died Feb. 2, 1891. They had one daughter. (4) Mary. (5) Jonas, born Dec. 31, 1819, died July 7, 1894. His wife Catharine (Hepner), born June 15, 1819, died Oct. 27, 1891. They had one son and one daughter. (6) Elizabeth. (7) Joseph had two sons and four daughters. (8) Sarah. (9) Catharine. (10) Magdalene married David Underkoffler and they had fifteen children. (11) Benjamin, born April 29, 1829, lives at Pillow. He had two sons and one daughter. (12) Annie never married. (13) Elias, born June 21, 1833, died Dec. 1, 1888. His wife Ellen, born in 1834, died in 1893. They had two sons and five daughters. (14) Nathan, born Dec. 11, 1830, died Oct. 7, 1833.

CHARLES H. McMAHAN, of Milton, Northumberland Co., Pa., is a descendant of one of the oldest families in the upper part of the county, which has been located in the Chillisquaque Valley since about 1771.

The family originated in Scotland, where the name was MacMahan. In 1659, because of clan disturbances on account of religion, they left their native land and settled in the North of Ireland. There, between 1730 and 1740, an outbreak occurred between the Presbyterians and the Catholics, and the MacMahans, who were staunch Presbyterians, took part in the trouble. At a battle fought about 1732 five brothers were serving, and they were ever after separated. One, in some manner, was carried to France, and he became the ancestor of the celebrated Marshal MacMahon, who served as president of the French Republic.

In 1735 or 1736 John McMahan, another of the five brothers, and the ancestor of the family in this country, came to America with his wife, whose maiden name was Margaret Murray, the Murrays, Hewitts, Irwins, Chenneys and Shaws emigrating from the North of Ireland about the same time. They all settled in Sherman's Valley, in Juniata county, Pa., in the section then known as Leek township, Cumberland county. John and Margaret McMahan brought with them their eldest son, James, then two years old, and the following children were born in the new home: John (the next in the line of descent we are tracing), Elizabeth, Sara, Margaret, Rachel, Agnes, Mary and Benjamin. The family remained at the original settlement during the lifetime of the father, who passed away in Cumberland county

in 1767. He was a man of property, as an extract from his will shows: "As to what worldly goods the Lord has blessed me with I dispose of in the following manner: That all my just debts be truly and immediately paid. Next, I leave to Margaret, my beloved wife, and to her four youngest children, the use of my whole estate, real and personal, till said Benjamin is at the age of 21 years, at which time I will that my real estate be equally divided between my two sons exclusive of the place my son James lives on, which I leave to him free of any incumbrance, that to John and Benjamin, they giving to my beloved wife a neat, comfortable house, separate to herself if demanded."

John McMahan, being a strong Protestant, helped to lay the foundation of that faith in the Cumberland valley. In 1769 his son James, in company with James, William and John Murray, Thomas Hewitt, Johnson Chenney and William Fisher, traveled over from Sherman's Valley to the Chillisquaque Valley, where they took up land, about three hundred acres on the south side of the Chillisquaque creek, later owned by the Voris family. Hewitt settled on a tract on the north side of the creek, west of the Red Bridge, and Murray on the north side, east of Hewitt's place and north of McMahan's. A little later the latter's younger brothers, John and Benjamin, came hither with their venerable mother and settled to the east of James McMahan's place, on the same side of the creek, on land where Centre church now stands. Here the two brothers and their mother lived together. William Fisher settled near the mouth of the creek, and built a mill, Wilson's mill. Mrs. McMahan was accidentally drowned in the Chillisquaque creek, while accompanying young James, her 12-year-old grandson (who was driving) on the way home from this mill, by the overturning of their wagon. When Benjamin McMahan became of age he removed to Huntingdon county, Pa., where he lived and died.

James McMahan, the eldest son in the family, was known as "Major," and performed service in the Revolutionary war, serving under Washington in the Battle of Fort Duquesne. He married Mary Murray, and they were the parents of the following children: (1) John, the eldest son, married Miss Rebecca Reynolds, and built a house on a part of his father's farm. This burned, and he moved to New York State, settling near Lake Erie. His son Thomas married Rebecca Logan and settled in Point township, Northumberland Co., Pa., near Northumberland. (2) Jane married Thomas Murray, eldest son of Col. James Murray, and they were the parents of James Fisher Murray, who married Amelia Housel and moved to Mississippi. (3) James married Mary McCord, and they had one daughter, Sarah Ann, who married Austin Smith, of May-



ville, N. Y. (4) Thomas lived and died at Albany, N. Y. (5) Samuel, born in 1779, married Jane Reed, daughter of William and Mary Reed and granddaughter of William and Jane (Mitchell) Reed; William Reed, the elder, great-grandfather of Mrs. Jane McMahan, married Dolly Letson, and died in Ireland, his widow and five children coming to America. Samuel and Jane (Reed) McMahan were the parents of eleven children, Mary, Jennie (Mrs. James Blair), Rebecca (Mrs. Samuel Blair), James (who married Mary Hawthorn), Margaret (Mrs. John Giffen), William Reed (who married Sara Clark and moved to Bradford county), Sara (who died young), Samuel (who married Margaret A. Deifenbacher), Eliza Ann (deceased), John (who married Elizabeth Hendrickson and moved to Vineyard, N. J.), and Thomas (who died young).

John McMahan, son of John the emigrant, was the great grandfather of Charles H. McMahan. He took up about four hundred acres of land in Montour county, part of which is still owned by Charles H. McMahan and his brothers and sisters. He served in the Revolutionary war and later married Jane Murray, daughter of John Murray and sister of Thomas Murray, Jr. Six sons and three daughters were born to them, as follows: James, who married Margaret Murray, daughter of "Meeting House" John Murray, as he was called; Peggy, Mrs. Van Zant; John; Hannah; Benjamin, who married Hettie Brailey; Thomas; Polly; William, who married Sara Simington and (second) Effie Kerr; and Samuel. The father of this family was one of the founders of the Chillisquaque Church.

John McMahan, grandfather of Charles H., was born on the old homestead in Liberty township, Montour county. He married Mary (Molly) Simington, and to them were born children as follows: Jane, who married Alexander Clark; Robert S.; William; Elizabeth, Mrs. John Durham; John, who moved to Sumner county, Kan.; Sara, wife of Joseph K. Murray; and Thomas B., who moved to Sumner county, Kan., and married there.

William McMahan, father of Charles H. McMahan, was born March 22, 1832, and died July 29, 1894. He was a prominent farmer of his native township, Liberty, and held in high esteem there. Although the district was strongly Democratic, and he was a Republican, he was long a member of the township school board, serving for over twenty years, and he was secretary and treasurer of that body for many years. He was a staunch member of the Chillisquaque church, and served as elder up to the time of his death. Mr. McMahan married Selma Mack, daughter of Robert Mack, and she survived him several years, dying March 19, 1901. They became the parents of the following children: Anna Mary, born Jan.

20, 1863, who died July 12, 1889; Charles H.; Lizzie Simington, born May 3, 1870, who died June 7, 1890; Robert Mack; Lucy H., and John A., the three last named living in Pottsgrove, Pennsylvania.

Robert Mack, father of Mrs. Selina McMahan, was born April 6, 1811, and died Sept. 28, 1884. His wife, Mary A. McFall, born April 16, 1801, died Jan. 10, 1887. Their children were born as follows: Alpheus, April 11, 1832 (died May 31, 1834); Susan P., March 14, 1833 (married Levi Berger); Usiah, Jan. 9, 1835 (moved to Joliet, Ill., and married there); Mary, Nov. 1, 1837; Selma, Feb. 26, 1839 (married William McMahan); William H., March 15, 1841 (died March 15, 1907); Anna, July 24, 1843 (married William Voris); Margaret, Feb. 27, 1848; Elizabeth J., June 22, 1850.

Charles H. McMahan was born Aug. 16, 1865, on the old homestead in Liberty township, Montour county, Pa., and there attended the public schools during his early boyhood. Later he was a pupil at the Pottsgrove Academy, and he took the dairy course at the State College, from which he was graduated. For some years after commencing life on his own account Mr. McMahan was a traveling salesman, during this time spending several years on the Pacific coast, traveling from Southern California to British Columbia as agent and manager for W. A. Charles & Co., advertisers. While in California he wired the dining room of the Coronada Beach hotel, which contains over eighteen hundred incandescent lights and some seventy arc lights.

Mr. McMahan was called back East by the death of his father, and he has ever since made his home in his native section. He spent some time on the farm, later traveling through the Southern States as representative of a pump company until 1902, when he opened a grain and feed store at Pottsgrove, Pa. He immediately began the manufacture of special feeds, known as McMahan's Milk and Muscle Producer, McMahan's Concentrated Protein Feed, McMahan's Special Pig Grower and Prepared Horse Feed. In 1907 he opened an establishment in Milton, Northumberland county, which he occupied with machinery for the manufacture of his special products. He designed and made the machinery himself. Since locating in Milton he has also dealt in coal, and he has built up an excellent business in both lines; there is a steady demand for his feed preparations.

Mr. McMahan married Anna Carry, daughter of William and Rebecca Helen (Lowrey) Carry, of Montour county, and granddaughter of Judge Curry, whose ancestors came to Montour county before the Revolution, taking up a vast tract in Valley township. The farm which Mrs. McMahan's father owns has been in the Carry name for over 125 years.



In politics Mr. McMahan is a Republican, and while in Pottsgrove he served as committeeman and for five years as justice of the peace. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and while located at Pottsgrove served as one of the trustees of the Chillisqueque church, founded so long before by his great-grandfather.

MERRITT S. ADAMS, undertaker and furniture dealer at Watsontown, Northumberland county, has been a resident of that place since 1895 and engaged in business on his own account the greater part of the time. He was born Feb. 20, 1874, at Milesburg, Center Co., Pa., son of William Adams and grandson of Matthew Adams.

Matthew Adams was for many years during his active life prominently associated with the iron industry, being long superintendent of the Curtin Iron Company and later superintendent of the Valentine Iron Company. Upon his retirement he removed to Howard, Pa., where he died. He married Elizabeth Carpenter, who bore him the following children: Thomas died in Milesburg, Pa.; Wesley died at Milesburg; Mary married Abram Elder, a surveyor; Jane married John Toner and, after his death, B. Liggett; Matthew died in Kansas City, Mo.; William is mentioned below; Sarah married Benjamin Liggett.

William Adams was born Aug. 2, 1833, in Milesburg, Center Co., Pa., and died Oct. 18, 1879. He was a contractor, engaged in the sinking of oil wells, and many of the wells in Venango county, Pa., were drilled by him. He married Elizabeth Wright Forrester, daughter of James Forrester, and they had children as follows: Jennie T.; Mary, who died young; Merritt S.; Annie E.; Elizabeth W., who married Marshall Cameron, of Grand Rapids, Mich., where they reside.

Merritt S. Adams received his early education in the public schools of Milesburg. He learned cabinetmaking with Alfred Green, and coming to Watsontown March 20, 1895, was for four years after his arrival in the borough employed by the late Enos Everitt, in the furniture and undertaking business, at the end of that period commencing on his own account. In 1903 Mr. Adams erected the substantial building on Main street, in which his business has since been located, and which is one of the finest structures in the town. It is 50 by 10 feet in dimensions, three stories and basement, built of fine pressed brick and finished in modern style, steam-heated and equipped with electric lights. The third floor is rented to Watsontown Lodge, F. & A. M., which has fine quarters there. Mr. Adams carries a fine stock of furniture and house furnishings of all kinds, and he is well prepared to handle the undertaking branch of the business, having two hearses and a number of carriages as well as all the modern appliances for embalming, etc. He is an energetic

young business man, and has prospered deservedly. As a citizen he is held in favorable regard throughout the community, ever ready to assist any movement for the general welfare, for he considers it no hardship to serve his fellowmen and is a disinterested worker in all lines which promise to promote the public good.

On Oct. 20, 1903, Mr. Adams married Ella G. Hech, daughter of Rev. Levi Hech, a Methodist minister, of Lock Haven, Pa. Their union has been blessed with one son, William Hech. Mr. and Mrs. Adams are members of the Methodist church, and he has for four years been superintendent of the Sunday school. Socially he belongs to the I. O. O. F., the Jr. O. U. A. M., the K. G. E. and the Modern Woodmen of America.

EDWIN L. KEISER, who has carried on a drug business at Milton since 1900, was born Dec. 20, 1812, in Union county, Pa., son of Jacob and Susan (Leinbach) Keiser.

The Keiser family has been established in Northampton county, Pa., since before the Revolutionary war. Michael Keiser, the first known ancestor of this line, lived in that county before the war, in which he was a soldier. One of his sons, Jacob, who was born in Northampton county Feb. 26, 1807, came to Union county with his wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Elick, and purchased a large tract of land. He was a man of considerable force of character and became a leader in the community, where he filled nearly all the local offices of trust. He was a Republican in politics from the formation of the new party, and in religion he and his wife were consistent members of the Lutheran church. He died Feb. 12, 1867, aged fifty-nine years, and his wife survived him many years, dying Oct. 8, 1892. She was born Sept. 11, 1805, in Northampton county, daughter of Christopher Elick. They are buried in Church Hill cemetery, in Kelly township, Union county. They had a family of eleven children: (1) Susan married Solomon Rauch and they have one son, Harrison. (2) John A. married (first) Sarah Heilman, daughter of John Heilman, of Lycoming county, and she died in November, 1860; she is buried in Lycoming county. By his second marriage, to Sarah J. Dietrich, he has had two children: Jane Estella, born Feb. 8, 1863, who died Feb. 18, 1869; and Elmer Edgar, born Feb. 7, 1863, now a physician in Tacony, Pa. (3) Caroline died at the age of nineteen years. (4) Harrison married Elizabeth Wise, daughter of John Wise, and they have six children, Laura, Margaret, Ambrose, Annie R., Sarah and Harry. (5) Reuben, twin of Harrison, married Elizabeth Foreman and has four children, Brison, Frederick, Grace and Estella. (6) William married E. Alice Yarger and has had six children, Lewis J., Annie, Morris, Mary, Lester and Hattie. (7) Jacob is men-

tioned below. (8) Aaron M. died young. (9) Samuel married Carrie Ruhl and they have had children, Jennie, Mabel, Elizabeth J., Clara, Clement C. and Grace C. Reese. (10) Benjamin F. married Mary L. Pawling, daughter of John, and they are the parents of James L., George O., John R. and Bertha A. (11) Melancthon married Emma Rothermel.

Jacob Keiser, father of Edwin L., was born in 1840, and died May 28, 1904. He married (first) Rebecca Dietrich, who died leaving one daughter, Rebecca, now the wife of William G. Kline. His second marriage was to Susan Leinbach, of Northumberland county, and they are the parents of five children: Edwin L., John W., Ammon H. and Katherine M., all of whom are married; and Earl J., who died in young manhood.

Edwin L. Keiser received his education in the schools of his home place and attended high school at Milton. He then took a course in the National Institute of Pharmacy at Chicago, Ill., and in 1900 began business at the location on the corner of Front and Mahoning streets, Milton, where he has since been established. He has proved himself well adapted to his chosen line of work, and is doing well in a business way, being an intelligent manager as well as a careful druggist. He stands well with the substantial citizens of the borough.

On Oct. 24, 1898, Mr. Keiser married Anna, daughter of Elam D. and Mary (Goodman) Deifenderfer, of West Milton, the former of whom is postmaster at that place. Two children have been born to this union, Harold D. and Edwin Lee. Mr. and Mrs. Keiser are members of Trinity Lutheran church at Milton. They occupy the old Dougal home in Milton, which was built more than a century ago. Socially he is a member of Milton Chapter, Royal Arcanum, and of the Knights of the Golden Eagle.

LAWRENCE L. LEWIS, general manager of the Watson town Boot & Shoe Company, has been a resident of the borough since 1892 and throughout his residence there associated with the same concern. He has been superintendent since 1902. Mr. Lewis was born in 1866 in Pittsburg, Pa., where his father, Lawrence L. Lewis, settled upon coming to America. The father was a native of Scotland and of Scotch-Irish extraction. He was quite young when he came to this country, and in his earlier manhood was connected with the oil business, but before his death was interested in towboats going down the Ohio river. He had poor health for several years before he died, his death occurring when his son Lawrence was still young. He is buried at Pittsburg. Mr. Lewis was a Presbyterian in religious matters. His wife, Hettie, was born in America, and long survived him. They had quite a large family, namely: William

of Pittsburg; May, who married William Cailey, a contractor, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Hettie, unmarried; Margaret, who married Charles Mason, of Steubenville, Ohio; Andrew, deceased; Lawrence L.; and several who died young.

Lawrence L. Lewis began to learn the business of shoe manufacturing at an early age in his native city, in the employ of the firm of J. D. Chantler & Co., with whom he remained six years. In 1892 he came to Watson town, Northumberland Co., Pa., and took a position with the Watson town Boot & Shoe Company, becoming general superintendent of the plant in 1902. He has since filled that responsible position, and much of the prosperity of the concern during the intervening years is due to his enterprise and excellent management. The business is established on the main street of Watson town, in a three-story brick building 50 feet wide and 165 feet long, and is one of the principal industries in the borough, giving regular employment to eighty people. The company was established in 1870 and the business has been conducted without interruption since, and a general line of men's, boys' and youths' shoes is turned out, the specialty being a line of heavy shoes in demand among lumbermen and prospectors, sold largely in the south and on the Pacific coast. The concern was incorporated in 1909 with Penn C. Hastings as president, Estella Westley as secretary and treasurer, and L. L. Lewis as general manager. Mr. Lewis has established his reputation as a business man of worth, and he is regarded as a reliable citizen in Watson town, where he has served the community as a member of the board of education.

Mr. Lewis married Mabel Derr, daughter of Christopher Derr, of Montgomery, Pa., and they have four children: Helen, Delroy, Margerie and Catharine.

EDGAR BLUE, a young business man of Pitts- grove, who is taking his place among the enter- prising citizens of that community, was born Dec. 24, 1874, in Liberty township, Montour Co., Pa., son of Samuel and Clarinda (Murray) Blue.

The earliest record we have of the Blue family in this section goes back to 1775, when Frederick, William and Samuel Blue were taxables in Turbut township, Northumberland county. In 1781 we find Peter Blue had removed to Montour county, where he paid seven shillings, sixpence tax. Later we find his son Samuel lived in the same township, and the latter's son Frederick purchased a farm in Liberty township, that county. For some time he served as sheriff, when Montour and Columbia were one county, and he was also county treasurer during that period, when the two counties were known as Columbia county. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Himmelsreich, are buried



in the old Billmeyer cemetery. They were the parents of the following named children: Samuel, Martin and George.

Samuel Blue, son of Frederick, was born in Montour county and was reared on a farm, meantime attending the public schools of his native township. In his young manhood he was engaged in huckstering there, attending the Shamokin market. Subsequently he purchased a farm, which he cultivated, and he also established a coal yard and grain and hay depot, which he carried on up to the time of his death in June, 1892. He was active in the public affairs of his locality, serving for years as a member of the school board, and in 1877 was honored with election to the office of treasurer of Montour county, which he filled for one term. Politically he was a Democrat and in religious faith a Presbyterian, holding membership in the Chillisquaque church, of which he was an officer for years.

Mr. Blue's first marriage was to Mary Wolfe, by whom he had one son, Charles, now a civil engineer, located in New York City; he married Josephine Voris. Mrs. Mary Blue died shortly after the birth of her son. By his second marriage, to Clarinda Murray, Mr. Blue became the father of six children: Carrie, who married D. Collins and has two children, Margaret and Willard; Wilfred, who died in Dakota; Frank, who died in Connecticut; George Herbert, who died in Connecticut; Edgar; and Jennie, who lives with her mother at Montoursville, Pennsylvania.

Edgar Blue grew to manhood on his father's farm; was educated in the public schools at Mexico, in Liberty township, Montour county, finishing with a term in the old Pottsgrove Academy. Because of his father's poor health he came to Pottsgrove to take charge of the business, and after his father's death he continued the coal yard and hay business, also dealing at present in feed. On March 1, 1906, he purchased the mill of the Pottsgrove Milling Company and has since been engaged in the manufacture of high-grade flour, one of his special brands being "Our Latest," for which there is a large demand. Mr. Blue is progressive and energetic, and has prospered in the various branches of his business. He has served several terms on the local school board and is at present president of the board. He is a Democrat in politics and a member of the Chillisquaque Presbyterian church, which he is serving as trustee.

On April 25, 1899, Mr. Blue married Eva Ritter, daughter of Solomon H. and Ediza (Miller) Ritter, the latter the daughter of Frederick Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Blue have three children, Florence I., Irene R. and Myron L.

**DR. FRANK W. BAILEY**, who holds a high place among the dental practitioners of Northumberland county, and is a well known and popu-

lar citizen of the town of Milton, is a native of Center county, Pa., born there Jan. 16, 1871, son of John G. and Nannie (McWilliams) Bailey. He is of Scotch-Irish descent.

John Bailey, his great-grandfather, came from Chester county, Pa., into Center county, and there became the founder of the small town Baileysville, named in his honor. He was a miller and merchant and became one of the very important men of his time. He was energetic and industrious and became very well-to-do. He and his wife had a family of fifteen children.

John Bailey (2), son of John, followed farming in Center county, Pa. He married Nancy Goldeen, and both are buried in Graysville cemetery. Their children were: Armstrong, who served in the Civil war; Joseph, also a soldier in the Civil war; Samuel; Jane A.; John G.; William; Mary; Scott; Washington; Warren and Esther.

John G. Bailey, son of John (2), was born in 1845, and died Dec. 26, 1909. He was a farmer, following that occupation in Ferguson township, Center county. He was very active in public affairs as a staunch Republican, and for two terms held the office of county commissioner, his funeral taking place the day his second term of office expired. He was a director of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Centerhall, and was very active in his work for the interest of his Company. He was an official member of the Presbyterian church. He married Nannie McWilliams, daughter of Henry McWilliams, and she now makes her home at Pine Grove, Center county. The children born of this union were: Frank W.; John, living on the old homestead; and Mary, who married Hammel Glenn, son of Samuel Glenn, and member of a prominent Center county family.

Dr. Frank W. Bailey attended the local schools and Pennsylvania State College, and completed his education in the University of Pennsylvania, from which he graduated in the class of 1900. He then bought the office and goodwill of the late Dr. E. E. Clark, at No. 34 Broadway, Milton, Pa., and he has through his skill and his pleasant manner won many friends and has a very large practice. He is a member of the Lycoming Dental Society. Fraternally he is a member of B. P. O. E., and in his political faith he is a Republican. His religious convictions are those of the Presbyterian denomination. He is a member of the Board of Trade.

Dr. Bailey married Annie W. (Batdorf) Clark, widow of Dr. E. E. Clark, who died Feb. 25, 1900. She was born Nov. 28, 1868. Mrs. Bailey's father, Adam Batdorf, is mentioned elsewhere in this work.

**JOHN VORIS KREMER**, member of the firm of Kremer Brothers (Harry J. and John V. Kremer), contractors and builders of Pottsgrove, North-



umberland county, is one of the well known business men in his line in that section, where his father was similarly engaged for many years. Mr. Kremer was born Sept. 1, 1819, in Chillisquaque (now East Chillisquaque) township, son of Jacob Braucher Kremer and grandson of Jacob Kremer, who founded the family in this region.

Jacob Kremer was born Aug. 24, 1794, in Albany township, Berks Co., Pa., and came to Northumberland county in 1825. He settled near Pottsgrove, and being a skilled cabinetmaker followed the trade all his life with great success. Many pieces of the fine and well-made furniture he turned out being still found in homes all over this section. He was the pioneer in the new packing business in his district, and made coffins for a dollar a foot. He died at his home near Pottsgrove, Sept. 13, 1858, and his wife, Catherine (Seaman), who was born in Berks county in 1798, died at her home near Pottsgrove in 1870. They are buried at the Center Church, in Liberty township, Montour Co., Pa. Five children were born to this pioneer couple: Jacob Braucher; Benjamin, who died at Danville, Pa. (his wife's maiden name was Crossley); Daniel, who resides at Benton, Columbia Co., Pa. (he was twice married, his first wife being a Foust, his second a Kerns); Lydia, who married Charles Irvin (both are deceased); and Caroline, who married William Fetzner (both are deceased).

Jacob Braucher Kremer, born Nov. 27, 1827, learned his trade with his father and in time engaged in business for himself, following contracting and building for many years. Many of the substantial houses and barns in this section are of his construction. He was active until his death, which occurred Jan. 13, 1909; he is buried in Harmony cemetery at Milton. After buying the old J. M. Bucher farm of eighty acres, in what is now East Chillisquaque township, he improved the property greatly, erecting all the present buildings on the place, and there his widow now resides. He was an energetic man, and not only managed his own affairs well but also took part in matters of general interest to the community, serving as member of the school board of his township, and working zealously in the Center Lutheran church, of which he was a leading member for many years. He served long as a church officer and was also superintendent of the Sunday school. He continued his active connection with this church after its removal to Pottsgrove. Politically he was a Democrat.

On Feb. 18, 1851, Mr. Kremer was married in Montour county to Anna Catharine Hendrickson, and they became the parents of six children, namely: (1) J. Allison, who died in 1905, aged fifty-four years, married Vedilla McGuigan, who resides in Pottsgrove. They had children: Jacob L., Marion C., Joseph D., Eleanor C., Edwin and

Charles. (2) George Franklin is a salesman in the employ of the Oliver Chilled Plow Company, whose offices are at Harrisburg. He is unmarried. (3) Catharine married W. D. McWilliams, secretary of the Milton Trust & Safe Deposit Company, and they live in Milton, Pa. (4) Elizabeth V., unmarried, lives at home. (5) Harry J., who is in partnership with his brother John, married Jennie Voris and their children are Franklin H. and Robert. (6) John Voris is living at home.

John Voris Kremer attended the public schools at Pottsgrove and later Pottsgrove Academy. With his father he learned the trade of carpenter, remaining with him as long as he lived, and the sons then took up the business, which they have since followed in partnership, under the firm name of Kremer Brothers. They command a large patronage, and a good class of work, having put up many of the fine buildings in this section, notably the First National Bank building at Milton, erected in 1909. They built a large addition to the Schreyer store in Milton. They have done considerable work on contract for the Milton Manufacturing Company, the Shimers and the Clingers, of Milton—all employers of high-class labor, an association which reflects the greatest credit on their work. Mr. Kremer is a man of high standing, an official member of the Lutheran church at Pottsgrove, a member of Milton Lodge, No. 256, F. & A. M., and of the I. O. O. F. lodge at Pottsgrove.

Abraham Hendrickson, great-grandfather of Mr. Kremer on the maternal side, was born in Germany, and coming to America first settled in New Jersey. Later he removed his family to Montour county, Pa., where he died. His wife, Antena Vandling, is buried with him at Danville. Their children were: Sarah, who married John Voris; Ann, who married Nichols Shires; Adam; William; John; Margaret, who died unmarried; Abraham; and Elizabeth, who married Thomas Courson.

Adam Hendrickson, son of Abraham, was born in New Jersey, and came with his parents to Montour county, Pa., where he died Aug. 10, 1850. He was a blacksmith by trade. His wife, Mary A. (Moore), died in 1870. They had the following children: Elizabeth, Mrs. John McMahan; Anna Catharine, Mrs. Jacob Braucher Kremer; Harriet, Mrs. John Singley; William; John; Emily, who was twice married, her first husband's name being Huyett; Jennie, Mrs. Underwood Fisher; Susan, Mrs. Fish; Frank and Marion.

WILLIAM T. SUTER, proprietor of the Sunny Side Farm in Gearhart township, Northumberland county, has undoubtedly the finest herd of Holstein cattle in central Pennsylvania and his dairy products are in steady demand. He is a scientific stock breeder and dairyman, and the success of his methods is a distinct triumph for

modern system and sanitary devices. Mr. Suter was born in 1865 in Gearhart township, and has spent all his life there.

John H. Suter, his father, was a native of Switzerland, born in 1824, and came to America when a young man, first settling in Berks county, Pa., whence he later moved to Northumberland county. He made his home at the place now occupied by his son William, and there continued to reside until his death, which occurred in 1884. His wife, Jemima (Taylor), daughter of Jacob Taylor, was born in 1834 in Lancaster county, Pa., and died in 1890. She was buried in Mount Vernon cemetery, at Riverside, but Mr. Suter was interred in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Danville, Montour Co., Pa. They were the parents of four children: Jacob R., who lives in Kansas; M. Elizabeth, who married John Deeter and has had children, John S., William T., May, Mary, Bessie (deceased) and Boyd; Ann Adelia, Mrs. Herbert Greenman of McGraw, N. Y., and William T.

William T. Suter had the advantages afforded by the public schools of Gearhart township. As a youth he was energetic and willing to work in order to make his way in life, but he had a setback soon after commencing on his own account, fire destroying his home. Though this calamity left him almost without means he started again undaunted, rebuilding without delay, and the beautiful home which he now occupies soon replaced the one which had been laid in ashes. He had purchased the lot of nine acres upon which he was born, and there began the cultivation of small fruits and garden truck, which he still continues, though he has enlarged his operations until he now does a business of considerable magnitude in that line. Being a great reader, and believing that he could improve his knowledge of farming by study as well as by actual experience, he not only made a success of his original branch of agricultural work, but became interested in the raising of horses and cattle and the production of first-class milk, in which field of work he has made his principal reputation. Meantime he had added to his nine-acre lot until he had a tract of eighteen acres, but as that was all required for his gardening he rented adjoining land on which to raise feed for his cattle and horses. When the adjoining farm of 250 acres was for sale, in 1904, he purchased it, and he now has both his places well stocked. He has built large siloes on both places, and there are other evidences of the modern methods he employs to bring the grade of his stock up to the top mark, the healthy appearance and condition of his cattle being the best defense of his up-to-date system. His herd of large Holsteins is considered the finest in central Pennsylvania, and his equipment is regarded as model in every respect. The stables are all planned and cared for in the most sanitary manner, everything in

fact that sanitation can do to keep the dairy products particularly pure and sweet being put in practice, and the result is that the products of the Sunny Side Farm, as Mr. Suter has named his property, are in demand among the most exacting class of patrons at the Danville markets, where they are sold. All modern appliances for the cleanly care and handling of the milk are found in the dairy, which had all the advantages to be derived from an abundance of good running water, ice and compressed air devices, and Mr. Suter conveys his products to market in specially constructed wagons. It is well worth any one's time to visit this model farm and have Mr. Suter explain the work in which he has done so well. In his extensive travels he has never neglected opportunities for further study and observation, so that he is not only abreast of the times, but a leader in many ways in his special field. He is a self-made man, in that he has accomplished his success by his own efforts solely, and he is looked upon as an authority on dairy cattle. His home lot is now especially devoted to the raising of small fruits, being planted with plum, peach and cherry trees now in bearing.

Mr. Suter married Jennie K. Morrall, daughter of S. H. Morrall. They have no children. Mr. and Mrs. Suter have traveled widely, and being people of keen intelligence have gained much from their opportunities in that line. They are Methodists in religious connection, being members of Trinity Church.

GEORGE CALVIN STAHL, of Milton, district manager for the Commonwealth Casualty Company, his territory embracing about seven counties, has been in the insurance business since 1905. His previous experience in business life included several years as merchant, several years as special accountant, and service in various local offices. In his earlier manhood he followed teaching for a number of years and also did newspaper work.

Mr. Stahl was born Aug. 24, 1858, in Paradise valley, in Lewis township, Northumberland county, son of George Stahl, grandson of Philip Stahl and great-grandson of John Stahl, a native of Germany, born Aug. 18, 1741. The last named came to America when a young man and served under Washington in the Revolutionary war, being quartermaster, captain and at times recruiting officer. He was with the army at Valley Forge during the memorable winter of hardship, and at the crossing of the Delaware Christmas night, 1776. Being a skilled mechanic, his services were often valuable in repairing implements of war during the Revolution. After the war he (having already married) moved to Northumberland county, Pa., where he took up four hundred acres of land in what is now Lewis township. He died



Feb. 27, 1809. His wife, Elizabeth, born in 1746, died in September, 1832. They were the parents of the following children: Jacob, born Feb. 16, 1776, who died Sept. 3, 1796; Philip, born Dec. 17, 1781, who died March 21, 1832; and John George, born June 11, 1791, who died Aug. 4, 1820.

Philip Stahl, son of John, born Dec. 17, 1781, was a lifelong farmer. He married Elizabeth B. Eshbach, who was born Dec. 15, 1746, and died March 9, 1844, the mother of six children, three of whom, William, Thomas and Sarah, died young; the others were: Elizabeth, born March 9, 1811, died March 17, 1841; George, born Feb. 25, 1814, died in 1894; and Catherine, born Oct. 11, 1816, died May 10, 1844.

Anthony Eshbach, father of Mrs. Stahl, made a trip from Northampton county, Pa., with his son Anthony in 1804 to Turbut township, Northumberland county, where he purchased 347 acres of land for \$26.50 per acre. Here they built a log house 16 by 20 feet in dimensions, one story high, and hither Mr. Eshbach moved with his wife, Barbara (Romig), and family in 1805. The children were as follows: Jonathan, David, Jacob, John, Anthony, Catharine, Sarah and Elizabeth B. (Mrs. Philip Stahl).

George Stahl, son of Philip, was born Feb. 25, 1814, on the farm where he afterward made his home, and received his education in the local public schools. He followed farming all his life, dying there in 1894. He was quite active in the affairs of his day, being a supporter of the Democratic party in political matters and a member of the Reformed Church on religious questions. He served six years as school director and filled other township offices and was an earnest worker in the Paradise church, for which his grandfather, John Stahl, in company with Michael Koons and John Deffenbacher, had purchased two acres of ground from John Christ for the sum of fifteen pounds, and on that plot the first church of the congregation was erected in 1808. Mr. Stahl was a man of high Christian character, respected by all who knew him. On May 2, 1843, he married Maria Deshler, who was born Sept. 26, 1817, daughter of Jacob Deshler, and died Jan. 16, 1860. Their union was blessed with the following named children: William J., who married Sarah Watt and had two children, Edwin (living in Indiana) and Alma; Thomas P., who died at McEwensville, Pa., in July, 1911; Mary E., of Aaronsburg, Pa.; Levi E., who married Kate Mengis and had a family of five children: Edwin O., born March 4, 1850, who married Mary A. Mengis (born June 21, 1861, died Dec. 9, 1895) and had four children, Fannie, George, Pearl, and Neta; John O., who died young; David E., who died young; and George Calvin.

George Calvin Stahl received an excellent edu-

cation, attending the public schools of his native township and later entering Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster, Pa., from which institution he was graduated in 1883. He received his A. M. degree from that college in 1886. For several years after the completion of his college course he was engaged in teaching, in the common and normal schools, and for one term as principal of the McEwensville schools. In 1885 he settled at Milton, where he has since made his home. For several years he was editor of the Milton *Economist*, and meantime, in 1886, he had received the appointment of deputy postmaster, in which position he served until 1890. In the latter year he engaged in the mercantile business, carrying it on until 1894, and during the next five years did special accounting. Having been elected county auditor in 1889, he entered upon the duties of that position, to which he was re-elected in 1902, serving six successive years. Since the close of his services in that incumbency, in 1905, he has followed the insurance business, being now district manager for the Commonwealth Casualty Company. Mr. Stahl has been almost constantly before the public, in one capacity or another, for years, and in all his trusts has proved himself worthy of the confidence he enjoys. In 1890 he was elected a member of the Milton council for one term. He has been a staunch member of the Democratic party, and during his services as deputy postmaster was a delegate to the Democratic state convention.

On Dec. 18, 1884, Mr. Stahl was married, near Turbutville, to Lillie B. White, who was born in Milton July 9, 1859, daughter of James and Isabella (Frymire) White, the former born Jan. 15, 1819, in Kempton, Bedfordshire, England, the latter a native of McEwensville, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Stahl have had one daughter, Isabella D., born Nov. 12, 1885, and married to Daniel L. Smith. Mr. Stahl and his family are members of the Reformed Church at Milton, in which he has been an earnest worker, having served the church as deacon and the Sunday school as teacher. His social connections are numerous, as he holds membership in the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity; the Royal Arcanum; the L. O. O. F. (in which he has filled all the chairs), Encampment and Patriarchs Militant; the Knights of the Golden Eagle, in which he ranks as brigadier general and past grand chief; Milton Lodge, No. 256, F. & A. M.; and Williamsport Lodge of Perfection.

JOHN HARRISON CAWLEY, late of Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, was a farmer in the eastern part of that township throughout his active years, and was prominent in the life of the community as a holder of local offices and as an elder in the church. He was a creditable citizen in all respects, and left a name which



will be honored as long as any with whom he had dealings survive.

Mr. Cawley was a native of Union county, Pa., born Nov. 14, 1838. The family is of English descent and was resident in Cheshire, England, two brothers, Thomas and James, coming to America in the early part of the eighteenth century. James settled near Berwick, Pa., while Thomas took up land in Northampton county, Pa., where he died in 1806. From a letter written by his son John, which is remarkable for its beautiful English, to his Aunt Anna, wife of Charles Babington, we learn that the father's name was also Thomas, and that the family were property owners in Winsford, near Middlewich, Cheshire, England. Thomas Cawley, Jr., had one son, John, who lived at Springtown, Bucks Co., Pa., and who was the father of five children: John, Thomas, Jesse, and two daughters.

Jesse Cawley, son of John, born in 1786, died Sept. 25, 1840, aged fifty-four years. He married Margaret Rowley (born in 1782, died Sept. 27, 1840, aged fifty-eight years), and in 1836 they moved to Union county, Pa., purchasing a farm of three hundred acres near Winfield. There he continued to follow farming during his active years. He and his wife are buried at Lewistown, that county. They were the parents of the following children: James (1808-1841), Benjamin (1811-1887), Dubious, John, Charles (1827-1871), Elizabeth (1824-1862) and Mary A. (1818-1888).

James Cawley, eldest son of Jesse, was born in 1808 in Bucks county, and died at the comparatively early age of thirty-three years, in 1841. He lived near Lewisburg, Union county, where he followed farming. He married Eva Campbell, also of Bucks county, and they were the parents of five children: Elizabeth married Wilson Hoover; Margaret married Henry H. Stout; William C.; John Harrison is mentioned below; Mary died in infancy.

John Harrison Cawley came to Northumberland county in his young manhood and purchased a farm of fifty acres in the eastern part of Chillisquaque township. He erected buildings on this property and followed farming there to the end of his active days. Being a progressive and intelligent man, he also took an interest in the welfare of the community, served as school director, supervisor and overseer of the poor. He was an elder in the Chillisquaque Presbyterian Church for about thirty years, up to the time of his death, which occurred July 19, 1903.

On Jan. 12, 1863, Mr. Cawley married Elizabeth Koch, daughter of Jonas and Leah (Bachman) Koch, and they had two children, James Benjamin and Florence Jeanette. The latter received her education in the public schools of the home neighborhood and at Bloomsburg State nor-

mal school, also attending the Williamsport commercial college. She is now a very successful teacher.

James Benjamin Cawley, only son of John Harrison and Elizabeth (Koch) Cawley, was born in 1866. He received his early education in the public schools of his native township, Chillisquaque, and later attended Pottsgrove Academy and Bucknell University, from which latter institution he was graduated in 1887. He then taught in the Chambersburg (Pa.) Academy and read law with William H. Hackenberg, of Milton, but what promised to be a most useful and successful career was cut short by his early death, July 21, 1891.

After the death of her husband Mrs. Cawley left the farm and moved with her daughter to Milton, where they occupy the house built by Mr. Cawley, on East Mahoning street. Mrs. Cawley is honored and beloved by the many who know her.

Jonas Koch, father of Mrs. Cawley, was born in Northampton county Dec. 26, 1807, son of Adam Koch, who lived at Petersville, Northampton Co., Pa., where for many years he served as a justice of the peace. Adam Koch married Elizabeth Strauss, and their union was blessed with the following children: Christianna, Susan, Mary, Elizabeth, Reuben, William, Henry, Jacob and Jonas.

In 1828 Jonas Koch moved from Northampton to Northumberland county, purchasing a farm in the eastern part of Chillisquaque township, where he spent the remainder of his life. He died Feb. 29, 1872, near Pottsgrove, Pa. He married Leah Bachman, who was born Aug. 23, 1814, in Northampton county, daughter of John Frederick and Catherine (Cole) Bachman, the former born Nov. 3, 1783, died Jan. 2, 1845; the latter, born Feb. 22, 1788, died July 16, 1852. Mrs. Leah (Bachman) Koch died Feb. 16, 1899, and she and her husband are buried in Harmony cemetery, at Milton, Northumberland county. They had a family of three children: Elizabeth married John Harrison Cawley; Mary A. married Charles Rissel; William H. is a resident of Pottsgrove, Pennsylvania.

DENNIS LEH, an old established business man of Milton, was born Feb. 2, 1846, in North Whitehall township, Lehigh Co., Pa., son of Joseph Leh and grandson of Henry Leh.

Henry Leh was a native of Chester county, Pa., and settled in Whitehall township, Lehigh county, when a young man, following farming there until his death. His children were: Daniel, Samuel, Reuben, Sallie, Joseph, Mrs. Herbeling and Susan Wright.

Joseph Leh was born in 1811, and died in 1868. He learned boat-building, which he fol-

lowed for about twenty years, making canal-boats, and he was later engaged on the railroad until his retirement, some time before his death. He married Polly Rex, daughter of George Rex, and they were the parents of nine children: Sarah, Josiah, Elias, Francis, Dennis, Sabina, Luev, John and Josephine.

Dennis Leh attended school in North Whitehall township, Lehigh county, and after he commenced work was employed at "driving" on the Lehigh canal for nine years. He then learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed thirteen years, in 1880 settling at Milton, Pa., where he has remained to the present time. Here he has been engaged in the slate business, and by good management he has built up a fine trade, now maintaining two yards, one on Broadway, in Milton, and one at the Philadelphia & Reading depot at Sunbury. He takes contracts for slating, and keeps from four to six men constantly busy, most of the churches and public buildings in this district having been slated by him. He is himself a good mechanic, and always endeavors to maintain high standards of workmanship in filling his contracts, a fact which undoubtedly accounts for the steady stream of work which has come his way. Mr. Leh was also for a time the owner of the Milton Paper Box Factory, located on Center alley, Milton, where he employs about ten girls and three men, the product being all kinds of paper boxes, for which there is a good local trade, though large quantities are also shipped elsewhere. This factory he sold in May, 1911. Mr. Leh has given many evidences of his enterprising and progressive disposition since settling in Milton, where he is regarded as one of the valuable and reliable citizens whose prosperity contributes as much to the community as to his own advancement.

On Feb. 17, 1873, Mr. Leh married Elmina Friese, daughter of Amos and Polly (Dengler) Friese, and they reside at No. 119 South Front street. They have had four children: (1) Josephine married William Nesbit and lives at Milton. They have two children, Laura and Helen. (2) Mary married Charles Walker and has two children, Dorothy and Catharine. (3) Deborah married Theodore Hendrix and has three children, Dennis, Lewis and Mildred. (4) Harvey married Jessie St. Clair and has one child, Elmer.

Mr. Leh is a member of the Reformed Church and in political conviction is a Republican.

Amos Friese, father of Mrs. Leh, was born in Lowhill, Lehigh Co., Pa., and died in 1906 in Allentown, that county, aged seventy-eight years. He was a stonemason, and followed that trade for many years, also engaging in butchering during the fall and winter seasons. His wife, Polly (Dengler), died in November, 1910. To them

were born fourteen children, twelve of whom are still living: Benjamin, Solomon, James, Uriah, Henry, Frank, Amanda (married Willoughby Shoemaker), Elmina, Mary (married Llewellyn Bringer and is deceased), Lydia (married a Mr. Heimbach), Lucinda (married John Fenstermacher), Emma (married John Leh, brother of Dennis), Tewilla, and Isabella (who died young).

FRANK E. KIRK, of Watsontown, has been identified with the Watsontown National Bank, of which he has recently been elected president, for over twenty years, and is otherwise prominently associated with local commercial and industrial affairs, being president of the Watsontown Brick, Clay & Produce Company, which gives employment to about sixty men. He is a member of a family which was in Northumberland county in the early days, but he himself is a native of Monroe county, N. Y., born Dec. 14, 1858.

The Kirk family has been in America since before the Revolutionary period. Its founder in America came from Scotland and settled in Lancaster county, Pa. Moses Kirk, great-grandfather of Frank E. Kirk, was born in Scotland and before 1775 was one of the earliest taxables in what was then Turbut township, Northumberland Co., Pa., having settled near the Warrior Run Church, on the farm later owned by Hiram Dunkel. He died before 1779, as his widow, Mary, was in Fort Freeland with her ten children when it was surrendered to the British and Indian forces that year. She was evidently a woman of character and unusual resource. During the conflict she was one of those who melted pewter and plate, all the metal that could be had, and made it into bullets for the men who were defending the fort. When it was surrendered, the terms were that the women and girls could go free, but the men would be held as prisoners of war, and in order to prevent any of her boys being retained she put dresses on them and passed them out as girls. Her oldest son was sixteen at the time. The mother and her family reached Fort Augusta safely, and after peace was declared returned to the old home. They reconstructed the buildings and under her guidance cleared the land and improved it. Mrs. Kirk died Nov. 1, 1804, at the advanced age of eighty-four years, and is buried in the Warrior Run cemetery. We have little record of her large family, of only two sons, William and James, and the daughter Mary, who died in 1849. Another, Mrs. Himrod, moved to Erie, Pennsylvania.

Of the two sons mentioned, James Kirk was born in Northumberland county and there remained. He married Mary Foster, also a native of Northumberland county, and they had a family of ten children, all now deceased, of whom James died in 1851, at the age of thirty-six years; Esther died in 1844, at the age of thirty-two; Silas died



in 1877, at the age of fifty-nine; Catherine married her cousin, John M. Kirk; Thomas, a farmer, born March 15, 1821, in Northumberland county, died in 1891 (he was a member of the Warrior Run Church).

William Kirk, son of Moses, was born in 1763. In 1829 he sold the farm in Northumberland county which he had inherited from his father, and the old deed for which was written on sheepskin and signed by William Penn. Moving to the vicinity of Rochester, Monroe Co., N. Y., he purchased a farm upon which he passed the remainder of his life, dying June 8, 1842. His wife, Jane (Knox), died in May, 1862. They were the parents of the following children: James; William, of Monroe county, N. Y.; George; Moses, who died in 1829; Sarah, Mrs. Benjamin Keiser; Elizabeth, Mrs. Burnett; Nancy, Mrs. John Marshall; Jane, Mrs. Brooks; John M.; and Mary, who resided in Michigan. All but William and Mary were dead in 1890.

John M. Kirk, father of Frank E. Kirk, was born Oct. 14, 1815, in Northumberland county, and received his education in the public schools. When a boy he removed with his parents to Monroe county, N. Y., where he followed farming throughout his active years. On June 8, 1843, he married Margaret Burns, daughter of Torrence Burns, a native of Ireland who came to New York State when a boy, and their union was blessed with five children, Myron B., William T., John F., Frank E., and Etta L. (deceased). Mrs. Kirk died in 1872 in New York State and Mr. Kirk returned to Pennsylvania, where on Oct. 28, 1873, he married his cousin Catherine, daughter of James and Mary (Foster) Kirk. Mr. Kirk died at Watertown March 30, 1890; Mrs. Kirk also died at Watertown, where they are buried. They were members of the Presbyterian Church.

Frank E. Kirk received his education in the schools of Charlotte, Monroe Co., N. Y., and remained in his native State until 1884, in which year he settled in Watertown, Northumberland Co., Pa. He engaged in the hardware business, which he continued for three years. In 1887 he became a director of the Watertown National Bank, in 1900 was elected teller of that institution, and since June 15, 1909, has been president of the bank, succeeding Mr. Dentler, who died May 30, 1909, after a brief service in that position, in which he had succeeded Thompson Bower. He is also the head of the Watertown Brick, Clay & Produce Company of Watertown, manufacturers of fire brick and all other kinds of brick, who give employment to about sixty men. Their plant was erected in 1907 and is equipped with all the most modern machinery. This is one of the most important establishments in the place and a leading factor in its industrial welfare.

On Nov. 11, 1896, Mr. Kirk married Mary L. Frymeyer, daughter of Potter and Ann (Wolfe)

Frymeyer, and to them has been born one daughter, Margaret. The Kirk family are Presbyterians, and Mr. Kirk holds membership in the Watertown Church. He is a member of Watertown Lodge, No. 401, F. & A. M.

MENGES. The Menges family has a large representation in Northumberland county, whither Peter, the pioneer of the family in this region, came at an early day, settling in that part of what was then Turbut township now known as Lewis township. The tract upon which he settled remains in the family name to this day, being now owned by his grandson, N. Jacob Menges.

In the Pennsylvania Archives (2d Series, Vol. XVII) there are five records of emigrations of persons of the name of Menges, viz.: (1) Conrad and John George Menges, the first of the name to arrive in this country, came from Rotterdam in the ship "Albany," Robert Brown, master; qualifying Sept. 2, 1749. (2) Wilhelm Menges (so spelled) came in the "Dragon," Daniel Nicholas, master; qualified Oct. 17, 1749. (3) Peter, J. Conrad, Hans Peter, Adam and John George Menges came in the brigantine "Sarah and Mary," Thomas Broderick, master, from Amsterdam; qualified Oct. 26, 1754. These five were probably brothers or near relatives, and are likely the ancestors of the Menges in York county, Pa., as indicated in the similarity of the names prevailing in the family until the last generation, when the old family names were dropped. (4) Heinrich Menges came in the ship "Chance," Charles Smith, captain, from Rotterdam, last from Cowes, and qualified Nov. 1, 1763. (5) John George Menges came in the "Britannia," Thomas Arnot, captain, from Rotterdam, and qualified Sept. 26, 1764.

The will of one Conrad Menges, of Turbut township, Northumberland county, on record at Sunbury, was made July 27, 1813, and probated Aug. 17, 1813. The name is signed in German. His son Peter and son-in-law Simon Sim, of Turbut township, were executors. He came hither from Northampton county, where his name appears on the tax lists. The property was divided share and share alike among all his children, namely: Conrad, Margaret, Peter, Jacob, Christian (son), Mary, Elizabeth, John, Solomon, and Catharine, the last named (who was one of the older members of the family) having died in 1813 and left eight children, who received her portion, each getting \$133.33.

Conrad Menges, of Northampton county, was a soldier of the Revolution, in the 1st Company, 2d Pennsylvania Battalion, Col. Arthur St. Clair.

Peter Menges, previously referred to as the founder of the family in Northumberland county, was born in 1771, probably in Germany, and was in Berks county for some time before settling in Northumberland county, about the time of the American Revolution. It is said that



a brother of this Peter Menges settled in Lycoming county, Pa., in the vicinity of Muncy. He was a farmer, and owned a large acreage. Paradise Valley, two and one half miles long and about one mile wide, embraces four thousand acres of very fine agricultural land, originally taken up by Hunter and Patterson, pioneers of Turbut township. Part of this valley is now embraced in Lewis township. The descendants of Peter Menges still retain possession of his lands, about one thousand acres, being clustered in what is known locally as "Menges Valley," which forms the western portion of the fertile and beautiful Paradise Valley. This pioneer died Jan. 6, 1841, aged seventy years, and his wife, Anna Elizabeth (Bausch), died Dec. 29, 1842, aged sixty-one years, seven months. They are buried at Turbutville. Their family consisted of three sons and two daughters, all now deceased, namely: Samuel; Jacob; Peter; Catharine, who married Gideon Beaver; and Elizabeth, who married Hiram D. Dreishbach.

Samuel Menges, son of Peter, was born in Northumberland county June 6, 1800, and died Aug. 12, 1888; he is buried in the cemetery at Turbutville. In every respect Samuel Menges was one of the foremost citizens of Turbut township in his day. As a farmer he met with remarkable prosperity, being ranked among the most substantial men of his time, for he acquired possession of eleven farms, giving each of his seven sons a large tract. He was the money lender of his district, possessed unusual foresight and business ability, and showed excellent judgment in all his investments. He was a Democrat in politics, and served as supervisor of the township. In religious connection he and his family were Lutherans, and he was influential and active in the church as in all other things, serving as deacon, elder, trustee and treasurer. All his ten children were born to his first marriage, with Catharine (Rovenold), daughter of John Rovenold, of Lewis township, she dying March 21, 1861, aged fifty-eight years, seven months, three days. His second marriage was to Lucinda Berkestock, of Turbut township. We have the following record of his family: (1) Benjamin, who lived in Lewis township, is mentioned in full below. (2) William lived in Lewis township and died Jan. 1, 1905, aged eighty-one years, ten months, eight days. His wife, Sarah (Carl), died March 30, 1885, aged sixty years, eleven months, twenty-nine days. They had two children, one of whom is deceased, the survivor being Simon Peter Menges, of Turbutville. Susan A. Keller, wife of Simon P. Menges, died June 26, 1893, aged thirty-four years, eighteen days. (3) Isaac, born Dec. 24, 1824, lived in Lewis township, and died June 23, 1907. He married Mary (Polly) Smith, born Feb. 6, 1817, died Feb. 23, 1890, and they had a

family of five children: Samuel, John (deceased), Michael (deceased), Catharine (married Levi Stahl) and Mary (married Ed. Stahl). Of this family, Samuel lived on one of the Menges homesteads for over thirty years, engaged in farming, and since 1907 he has been located on his present farm of eighty-five acres in Montour county. He married Elizabeth Helwig, and their children are Fannie, Isaac, Paul, George and Anna. Paul Menges, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Helwig) Menges, was born Jan. 20, 1880, on the homestead his father occupied in Lewis township, received his early education in the local schools, graduated from the Turbutville high school in 1897, and later attended the Keystone State Normal school at Kutztown, after which he taught for two terms in Lewis township. On March 4, 1905, he married Lizzie Troxell, daughter of George and Elmhira (Levan) Troxell, of Turbutville. (4) John, who lived in Lewis township before his retirement, is mentioned fully below. (5) Daniel, also a resident of Lewis township, died Jan. 14, 1886, aged fifty-four years, two months, fourteen days. He married Sarah Bender, who died Oct. 29, 1866, aged twenty-seven years, nine months, twenty-nine days, the mother of two daughters, Annie and Emma J., and a son that died in infancy. (6) Peter R. is mentioned fully below. (7) Jacob settled in Seneca county, N. Y., where he obtained part of his father's farm, the whole tract comprising 244 acres; his sister Susan acquired the other part. Jacob Menges married Lucy Ann Ernst, and their family consists of two sons and four daughters, Clymer, William, Flora, Mary, Annie and Carrie. (8) Mary married Charles Rohn and both are deceased. (9) Susan married George Frankenfield and they settled in New York State. (10) One daughter died in infancy.

The farms of Benjamin, Isaac, John, Daniel and Peter Menges, and of their sister Mrs. Mary Rohn, adjoin, and all were part of the holdings of their father, Samuel, who owned nearly one thousand acres, in what is popularly known as Menges Valley.

Benjamin Menges, son of Samuel, was born March 1, 1822, in Lewis township, on the farm where Levi Stahl now lives. A lifelong farmer, he owned the farm of sixty-seven acres in Lewis township where his son Edward S. Menges now lives, and there built the barn in 1874 and the bank residence in 1876. He died on that farm Feb. 7, 1910, and is buried in the cemetery at Turbutville. Mr. Menges served as supervisor of his township, was identified with the Democratic party in politics, and originally belonged to the Lutheran Church, later joining the Reformed denomination. He held office in the Lutheran Church. His wife, whose maiden name was Fietta R. A., was born May 25, 1825, and died Sept. 9, 1893, the mother of eight children, six of whom,

however, died young. The youngest two survive, namely: Henry F. (of Bethlehem, Pa.) and Edward S.

EDWARD S. MENGES, son of Benjamin, was born Feb. 8, 1859, on the farm in Lewis township which he is still cultivating, making his home on that place. He received his education in the schools of Kiefertown, and he was reared to farming. He has been engaged in agricultural pursuits on his own account at his present home since the spring of 1888, and has made a success of general farming, having a fertile and valuable tract. As prosperity enabled him he has added to his holdings, being now the owner of 150 acres, and his wife owns 107 acres. He is a worthy representative of the enterprising and industrious family to which he belongs, and is a citizen much respected in his community.

In 1887 Mr. Menges married Ida Ellis, daughter of John D. and Uranah (Litchert) Ellis, of Limestone township, Montour Co., Pa., and they have had one daughter, Ella, now the wife of John Plotz, a farmer of Lewis township; Mr. and Mrs. Plotz have one daughter, Grace. Mr. Menges and his family are members of the Reformed Church at Turbutville. In political matters he is a Democrat.

JOHN MENGES, son of Samuel, was born May 24, 1827, on the homestead, and began his education in the local subscription schools, later attending the free schools. He was reared to farm life, continuing to work for his parents for a period of twenty-seven years. When he began farming on his own account it was on one of his father's farms near Paradise Church, and he later obtained this property from his father. It consisted of 106 acres of valuable land, which he continued to cultivate until his retirement in 1894, in which year he moved to Turbutville, his son Thomas Franklin Menges taking charge of the farm, which he rents from his father.

On Jan. 1, 1856, Mr. Menges married Dianah Amelia Frankenfield, daughter of John Frankenfield, of one of the lower Pennsylvania counties, and they have had four children: Daniel, now of Montgomery, Pa., who is engaged in the paper hanging business; John S., who died Jan. 15, 1893, aged thirty-three years, nine months, fifteen days; Susanna, wife of John H. Erdly, of Lewis township; and Thomas Franklin, who farms his father's homestead. Mr. Menges and his family are members of the Reformed Church, in which he is a prominent worker, having served the congregation as elder and treasurer. He was formerly a deacon for six years in the Lutheran Church, refusing to hold office longer. Politically he is a member of the Democratic party.

Henry Erdly, grandfather of John H. Erdly, was a pioneer resident of Liberty township, Tioga Co., Pa., where he followed farming and milling,

building a gristmill on Blockhouse creek which he conducted for a number of years. He died about 1870, at the age of about seventy-two, and is buried at Salem Church in Liberty township. In religion he was a Lutheran. His wife, whose maiden name was Kratzer, died several years before him, and they were the parents of two children, Daniel and Betzy (Mrs. Milton Phelps).

Daniel Erdly, son of Henry, was born in 1820 on the homestead in Liberty township, and died there in 1876. He farmed the old place, which consisted of 140 acres, and was an industrious man and a useful member of the community, holding many offices at Salem Church, of which he was a Lutheran member. He is buried at that Church. In political sentiment he was a Democrat. His wife, Barbara (Fick), daughter of John Fick, also of Liberty township, died in 1903, at the age of sixty-nine years. They had a family of six children: Mary, Mrs. Winton Belford; William, who died when eleven years old; John H.; Oscar, of Tioga county; Frank; and Edith (deceased), who married John Haggerty.

John H. Erdly was born March 28, 1858, on the homestead in Tioga county, where he was reared to farm life. He began farming for himself in Turbut township, Northumberland county, where he remained for two years, at the end of that time going to Milton, where he lived for several years. He then came to his present place of sixty acres in Lewis township, one mile east of Turbutville, having lived there since 1900. In August, 1882, he married Susanna Menges, daughter of John Menges, and they have had five children, Stella M. (who died aged fourteen years), Edith F., Mabel A., Raymond and Charles N. Mr. Erdly and his family are members of the Reformed Church. In politics he is an independent Democrat.

PETER R. MENGES, son of Samuel, was born on the homestead in Lewis township June 30, 1836, was educated in the township schools and trained to farm life. Working for his father until he reached the age of twenty-five years, he then married and began farming for himself on a place adjoining the old homestead, which he purchased from his father, continuing to reside there until 1883, when he purchased a property in Turbutville and engaged in the mercantile business. After conducting same about twelve years he sold out and retired, continuing to live, however, on the same premises. Until October, 1890, he was a director in the Farmers National Bank of Watsonstown, at that time disposing of his stock and on Nov. 1, 1890, organizing the firm of P. R. & R. F. Menges, returning to the general mercantile business. He was one of the organizers of the Turbutville National Bank, and is one of the heavy stockholders of that financial institution. He has his farm rented. On Aug. 11, 1900, fire totally



destroyed the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Menges, who escaped with nothing but the clothes they were wearing. Mr. Menges immediately rebuilt, upon the same foundation, putting up the comfortable home they now occupy. He is a man of broad views, energetic, intelligent and enterprising, and has taken an active part in the lines of interest which engage his attention. He has filled several public positions, having served at least two terms in the borough council, as overseer of the poor many years, and for a few years was postmaster at Turbutville, from 1885 to 1888. In political affiliation he is a Democrat. In religious matters he and his wife unite with the Lutheran Church, of which he has long been considered one of the pillars, having served as deacon, elder, trustee and treasurer, and he was treasurer of the building committee that remodeled the church edifice in 1910.

On Jan. 1, 1861, Mr. Menges married Mary D. Bieber, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Deisher) Bieber, of Rockland township, Berks Co., Pa., who came to Lewis township, Northumberland county, Mr. Bieber purchasing a farm of almost three hundred acres upon which he lived until his death. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bieber, namely: Gideon; Reuben; Samuel; Benneville, of Iowa; Levi and Joel, twins; Amos, of Watson, Pa.; Annie, who never married; Mary D., Mrs. Peter R. Menges; and Sarah, who has never married. Benneville, Amos, Mrs. Menges and Sarah are now the only survivors.

To Mr. and Mrs. Peter R. Menges was born one child, that died in infancy.

Jacob Menges, son of Peter and Anna Elizabeth (Bausch) Menges, was born Feb. 15, 1802, and lived to the advanced age of eighty-eight years, dying Aug. 30, 1890. He and his wife Susanna (Rovenolt), who died April 21, 1888, aged seventy-two years, ten months, nineteen days, are buried in the cemetery at Turbutville. He lived on the homestead farm in Lewis township (the tract is now an area of 105 acres), a part of the old Menges holdings, which comprised nearly one thousand acres, and the land is of the best found within the limits of Northumberland county. He was actively engaged in farming on this tract until seventy-five years old, after which he built a house near by his old residence and there lived until two weeks before his death, when he asked to be taken back to the homestead, and there he passed away. He was a carpenter as well as farmer, and handy with all kinds of tools, and in his very last days showed his children and grandchildren how to cut grain with a sickle. The old stone house still standing on his farm is over 125 years old, and was originally used by the pioneer settlers as a fort to protect them from the Indians. The masonry work is very strong, and had an old-

fashioned big chimney, the stone wall of which is 18 inches thick from the foundation to the top. The house was remodeled by Jacob Menges, who made an addition to it. The present barn on the place was built in 1822. Mr. Menges was a Democrat in politics and served as supervisor of his township. He and his wife were members of St. James Lutheran Church, of which he served as deacon and trustee, and as member of the building committee, and when the present church was constructed he furnished all the timber as his contribution toward the work. His family consisted of six children: Elizabeth, who died aged six years; Catharine, who married Henry Shell and (second) George Walter; Stephen Peter, now of Turbutville, to which place he moved in 1911 from Montour county, Pa. (his wife Sarah A., born June 16, 1852, died May 28, 1893); Mary, who married William Ernst and (second) Levi Smith; Reuben, of Pittsburg, Pa.; and N. Jacob.

N. JACOB MENGES was born Oct. 26, 1853, on the original Menges homestead in Lewis township, where he has spent all his life, being now engaged in farming there. He was educated in the public schools of the locality, and worked for his father until twenty-five years old, after which he carried on the farm work on his own account. The place is now known as Hillside Farm. The land is fertile, well located in what is known as Paradise Valley, and is an ideal farm property, which under the management of its present owner is kept in first-class condition, its appearance being excellent evidence of his thrift and care. He is one of the substantial residents of his township, and highly respected.

On Oct. 3, 1880, Mr. Menges married Sevilla Heffelfinger, daughter of John and Mary (Pool) Heffelfinger, who were born in Montgomery county, Pa. Mrs. Menges was born in Reading, Berks county, and came to Northumberland county with her parents when eleven years old. Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Menges: Susan, who is the wife of Augustus Reynolds; Francis H., of Lewis township; Hattie R.; Roy J.; Elsie S.; Nora P.; and Paul and Earl, twins, who died when four weeks old. Mr. Menges and his family belong to St. James Lutheran Church at Turbutville, and he has been a trustee of his congregation from 1902 to the present time. Politically he is a Democrat.

ANTHONY E. GAUGER, late of Lewis township, resided upon the fine farm near McEwensville now carried on by his widow and daughter. He was born Sept. 2, 1834, at the family homestead in Limestone township, Mountour Co., Pa., son of Jacob Gouger and grandson of John William Gouger.

John William Gouger, the grandfather, married Margaret Follmer, and they reared a family



of seven sons and two daughters, of whom we have the following record: (1) John William Gouger, the eldest, moved with his brother George to Seneca county, N. Y. Soon John William Gouger moved out to Joliet, Ill., where he and his wife made their permanent home and reared a large family. He settled upon a large plantation, which he improved by arduous labor, and as the Indians were likely to appear at any time in those days he and his neighbors often worked with their rifles at the end of the furrow. The nearest flour mill was sixty miles distant. William Gouger was the first postmaster in the vicinity, and he used a store box supplied with pigeon holes for the few papers and letters which went through the mail at that early day. The postage on a letter was twenty-five cents. (2) George Gouger had at least two sons, Daniel and Lewis, and one daughter, Jane, who married Benjamin Lerch. (3) Nicholas Gouger settled on the old homestead farm near Limestoneville. He married Elizabeth Bower and they reared one son and four daughters, John B. (who married Sarah Billmyer), Margaret (Mrs. Daniel Dildine), Nancy (Mrs. John Dildine), Sallie (Mrs. Heitsman) and Moriah (Mrs. William McKee), all deceased but Nancy, who is now (1910) eighty-seven years old; she lives at Horseheads, N. Y. (4) Jacob Gouger and his family are mentioned below. (5) Benjamin Gouger died unmarried. (6) John Gouger, Sr., married Mary Bower and they raised a family of four children, two sons and two daughters: Elizabeth married Jacob Seidel, of Danville, Pa., and had two sons and two daughters (Lizzie married Frank Smith); Susan married William A. Dean, Esquire, and had one child, Ada McFarland; D. F. married Colonel Dean's daughter Ursula (no family); John W. died when about eighteen years of age. (7) Daniel Gouger married Susan Bower, sister of Elizabeth and Mary Bower, his brothers' wives, and they had a family of eight children, three sons and five daughters: Nicholas, a carpenter, died at Watontown, Pa. (he reared a family); Jacob, a tailor, of Milton, also reared a family; Frank married a Gudikunst in Virginia; Rebecca married a Mr. Glace in Danville, Pa.; Kate married a Lowry, of Dewart, Pa.; Emma married Joseph Seidel, of Washingtonville, Pa., and has a family; Ann and Alice are at home. (8) The eldest daughter of John William and Margaret (Follmer) Gouger married Henry Follmer. Daniel Follmer and William Follmer, Esq., were her sons. (9) The other daughter, Mrs. William Tobias, also had a family.

Jacob Gouger, son of John William and Margaret (Follmer) Gouger, died at the home of his son Anthony E., near McEwensville. He lived in Montour county, on the farm now owned by his son, John William, his sons conducting the farm, while he followed his trade, that of blacksmith.

After becoming lame in his shoulder he had to abandon his trade, and from that time made his home with his sons. He married Catharine Eschbach, daughter of David Eschbach, and she died when quite a young woman. They were the parents of nine children, two sons and seven daughters: (1) John William Gouger, born March 8, 1827, who lives in the vicinity of Milton, Northumberland county, married Esther Haag, and they have had four sons and four daughters: John A., a lumber manufacturer of Chicago, Ill., had one daughter, now the wife of William Easton; O. J., of Sullivan, Ill., also engaged in the manufacture of lumber, married Minnie Seidel, of Danville, Pa., and had one son and one daughter; W. L., of Danville, Pa., postmaster there, married Isabel Derr, of White Hall (they have no family); E. L., of Mace, Idaho, engaged in mining, married a lady of that place and has one daughter, Esther; Mary C. married Frank Irvin, and died at Williamsport, Pa.; Sarah married Daniel Lerch, of Warrior Run, Pa.; Cora A. married Calvin Derr, of California; Gertie H. married Tice Feinour, and died in 1896, leaving one son, John. (2) Anthony E. is mentioned below. (3) Eliza married Nathaniel Wagner and (second) William Shires, and she had two daughters: Mary died when about eighteen; Kittie married D. W. Smith and reared one son, Harry. Mrs. Shires died in her eighty-seventh year. (4) Barbara married Daniel Karchner and had one daughter, Kate, who married Mr. Emmons. (5) Margaret married Aaron Heckman and had four children, Sallie (wife of Rev. Mr. Bower), Ida, Harry and Luther. (6) Catharine died unmarried. (7) Sarah (deceased) married William Fox and had two children, one son and one daughter. Rosa Fox married Sam. Hagenbuch, of Constantine, Mich.; Clara Fox also married. (8) Martha (Mattie) married William A. Wagner, of Des Moines, Iowa, and has sons Allie (superintendent of the Des Moines railway) and Willie, both of whom are married and have families. (9) Susan (deceased) married A. Miller Waugh, and they raised one daughter and one son, both lawyers of Chicago, Ill., one being the famous Catharine Waugh McCulloch, justice of the peace at Evanston. Mr. and Mrs. McCulloch had a family of four children.

Anthony E. Gauger was a lifelong farmer. He settled in Lewis township, Northumberland county, where he owned a tract of fifty-eight acres, a valuable farm and now under excellent cultivation. There he died April 16, 1901. He was a Republican, served his township three years as school director, and was also interested in the work of the Lutheran church, of which he was a member, and which he served some years in the capacity of elder.

On Feb. 15, 1857, Mr. Gauger married Mary

Elizabeth Klapp, and to them were born three children: (1) Ella D. resides with her mother on the home farm, which they now carry on. She received her early education in the local schools, later attending McEwensville Academy, and has developed considerable ability as an artist, having painted a number of successful portraits and landscapes which evidence her talent in this line. (2) Curtis C., who lives at McEwensville, married Hannah Seibert and has children, George A., William C. and Helen E. (3) William A., who died Sept. 21, 1900, aged thirty-six years, married Nellie Rogers. He left no children.

The Klapp (Klopp or Clapp) family, to which Mrs. Gauger belongs, is one of the oldest and most numerous in Berks county, Pa., and each generation has produced men and women who have lived honorably and usefully in their communities. The Klapp family had its origin near Bingen on the Rhine, Germany, and there in 1906 still stood a castle known as "Schlossklopp."

Peter Kloop (Klop or Klopff) was a Reformed member of the Tulpehocken church in 1735. Later he, with Rev. Peter Miller, Godfried Fidler, Conrad Weiser, and others, joined a church at Ephrata, Lancaster county, Pa., and at the home of Mr. Fidler, who had first taken up land in Tulpehocken township, burned the Psalms, catechisms and other good books. Before the house of the Tulpehocken brethren (German Seventh Day Baptists) was finished, Conrad Weiser, Hans Michael Miller, Peter Klopff, Godfried Fidler and several single men and women went to the settlement at Ephrata. Of these, Weiser, Miller and Klopff later withdrew from the Ephrata settlement, but not so the daughter of Peter Klopff, who remained steadfast. Her monastic name was "Thecla" and is so listed on the roster of the Sisterhood. She died Oct. 6, 1748, probably at Ephrata. Peter Kloop died in 1753.

Of this same family was undoubtedly John Klapp, grandfather of Mrs. Gauger. He was a native of Berks county and came to Northumberland in the early days, farming near Turbutville. He married Elizabeth Kline, and their children were: Thomas, of Muncy, Pa.; Daniel, of Muncy, Pa.; Benneville, who died in Kansas; Adam, who lived at White Deer, Pa.; John; Molly, who married John Raup; Maria, who married John Laimbach; Sarah, who married Philip Raup; and Catharine, Mrs. Hoy (she and her husband went west).

John Klapp, son of John and Elizabeth (Kline) Klapp, was a farmer in Lewis township, Northumberland county, living near Turbutville, and died in 1880, aged sixty-nine years. He married Maria Glase, who died June 15, 1818, aged thirty-eight years, the mother of the following children: William S., Mary Elizabeth (widow of Anthony E. Gauger), Sarah J., Margaret C., Thomas L.,

Susan E., Angeline, Emeline and Caroline, twins, John D. and Maria (died in infancy).

N. THOMPSON MARSH, a prosperous business man of Milton, Northumberland county, was born in that borough in 1862, youngest of the family of Daniel Griggs Marsh. He is a great-grandson of Isaac Marsh, the founder of the family in this county.

Isaac Marsh, the great-grandfather, was a native of New Jersey, and there married Ellonanna Griggs. He resided in New Jersey until 1807, when he moved to Pennsylvania with a number of his neighbors, settling in Rush township, Northumberland county, where Mr. Marsh bought a farm.

Isaac Marsh, one of the three sons of Isaac and Ellonanna (Griggs) Marsh, was born in New Jersey Jan. 24, 1798, and came to Northumberland county with his parents. In 1841 he moved to Turbut township, where he passed the remainder of his days, dying Jan. 31, 1874. He married, in Rush township, Sarah Gulick, who was born in Huntingdon county, Pa., in 1796, and died in 1867. They are buried in the upper cemetery at Milton. To them were born five children: Minner G., born April 9, 1824, who died in January, 1911; Mary, born in 1825, who married Reuben Klapp; Daniel Griggs, born in 1830; Williamson, born Feb. 12, 1832, who died April 18, 1883; and Ellen, who married Emanuel Haus.

Daniel Griggs Marsh, born in 1830, was reared on a farm and in his young manhood learned harnessmaking. In 1850 he opened a harness store in Milton, on Broadway, where Bound avenue now intersects that thoroughfare, and he continued in that line for twenty years. From that time until his retirement, in 1888, he was in the shoe business, establishing a store which his son still conducts and which is one of the most substantial enterprises in the borough. He was an industrious and intelligent worker, and by close attention made his business prosper, accumulating a competence in its pursuit, and winning for himself a high place in the esteem and confidence of his fellow citizens.

During the Civil war, on July 1, 1863, Mr. Marsh enlisted, as emergency man, for service in the Union army, becoming a member of Company I, 31th Regiment. He was discharged Aug. 1, 1863. He was a Whig in his earlier manhood, later becoming a member of the Republican party.

Mr. Marsh married Lydia A. Myerly, who was born Nov. 3, 1833, at Mooresburg, Pa., and was a resident of Milton for fifty-eight years, dying at her home on Broadway, in that borough, Aug. 20, 1909. She was a lifelong member of the M. E. Church and a woman well known and highly esteemed in the community. She was buried in the



Upper cemetery at Milton, where Mr. Marsh, who passed away Aug. 30, 1905, also rests. They were the parents of three children: (1) Russell, now a resident of Watontown, married Martha Bellas, and they have three children, May Bellas (wife of Dr. Charles Cooner, of Picture Rocks, Pa.), Curtis M., a dentist (who lives in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.) and Margarette. (2) Curtis, who married Frances Waugh, now lives in San Diego, Cal. (3) N. Thompson.

N. Thompson Marsh received his education in the public schools of Milton, and was only a boy when he began clerking in his father's shoe store. In 1879, he became a member of the firm, and when his father retired, in 1888, he took charge of the store, which he has since carried on. That the business has continued to expand under his able management is best shown in the fact that it has twice outgrown its quarters. In 1908 Mr. Marsh refitted the large and handsome store room which he now occupies, one of the finest in the borough, commodious and convenient, and well adapted to the needs of his extensive trade. He has been untiring in his efforts to keep his business and the store itself up-to-date in every respect, and his standards in dealing with his patrons are as high as his ambitions to have a creditable store and stock—creditable not only to himself but to the community in which it is situated. He is one of the successful men of Milton, and one of the best known, though he has confined his activities strictly to business, having no ambition to enter politics or hold public office.

Socially Mr. Marsh holds membership in the Sons of Veterans, Royal Arcanum, Loyal Addition and Masonic fraternity, in the latter connection belonging to Milton Lodge, No. 256, F. & A. M.; Warrior Run Chapter, No. 146, R. A. M., of Watontown; Mount Hermon Commandery, No. 85, K. T., of Sunbury; Williamsport Consistory, A. A. R. S., thirty-second degree; and Irem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Wilkes-Barre.

On July 3, 1900, Mr. Marsh married Mary Topley, of Philadelphia, Pa., and they have had two children, Elizabeth Ann and Thompson, the latter deceased. Mr. Marsh and his family attend the Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Republican.

EDWARD D. FISHER, who has been engaged in business at Watontown since 1892, was born June 16, 1869, at Milton, Northumberland county, son of William Augustus Fisher. The family has been settled in America since the middle of the eighteenth century, having been founded here by one Joseph Fisher.

Joseph Fisher was born in Saxony in April, 1734. At the age of thirteen years, it is said, he was apprenticed to learn a trade, and according to the custom of the times went to live in his

master's family. This family emigrating to America in 1747, Joseph and his sister Elizabeth accompanied them, and they settled in New Jersey, where the sister died shortly afterward. Joseph Fisher remained in West Jersey and completed his apprenticeship, and on June 5, 1764, he married Catharine Minegar, who was born in Holland Aug. 24, 1746. After their marriage the young couple located in what is now Warren county, N. J., and during the Revolutionary war he enlisted in the service of his adopted country, from Morris county, that State. The Fisher home was in the midst of the scene of hostilities and was destroyed, the lands being laid waste by the armies, and after the close of the conflict Mr. Fisher determined to try his fortune in a new field. Accordingly he moved with his family to Northumberland county, Pa., in 1788, on April 7th of which year he purchased from Samuel Reeder a tract of 100 acres along the Little Roaring creek. Mrs. Fisher died in 1809, and was interred in the old burial ground attached to the Lutheran Church at Catawissa, Pa. Mr. Fisher died Dec. 29, 1819, after a short illness, and was buried Jan. 1, 1820, beside his wife at Catawissa. They were the parents of the following children: Catharine, born June 29, 1765, married Nicholas Shipman; Henry, born July 23, 1767, married Magdalene Farley; Mary, born Dec. 18, 1769, married Samuel Mutchler; Hannah, born Jan. 27, 1772, married Caleb Farley; Elizabeth, born July 21, 1774, married John Reeder; John, born June 19, 1776, is mentioned below; Moses, born Sept. 23, 1778, married Elizabeth Bear; David was born March 6, 1781; Jacob, born Dec. 18, 1783, married Margaret Kimbpel; Joseph, born May 20, 1786, married Mary Kimbpel.

John Fisher, son of Joseph, was born June 19, 1776, in Sussex county, N. J. His wife, Elizabeth (Mausert), was born in 1775 in Bucks county, Pa., and died in 1844 in Nolde township, Branch Co., Mich. They had a family of four children: John married Lydia Lazarus; Catharine, born June 13, 1801, married Thomas Shane; William was born Oct. 19, 1806; Elizabeth, born Sept. 19, 1809, married John Ritter.

William Fisher, son of John, was married Dec. 25, 1827, to Eleanor Blue, who was born Nov. 22, 1810, in Mahoning township, then in Columbia county, Pa., and died Jan. 28, 1878, in Milton, Pa. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Fisher lived for a time at Danville, Pa., where Mr. Fisher was employed in the store of Peter Baldy, thence removing to Milton and later to Lock Haven, Pa., where they remained for seven years. From there they went to Philadelphia, where they resided for three years, during which time they were burned out in the big fire of 1849, losing everything. Later they returned to Milton, where Mrs. Fisher died in 1878, after which Mr. Fisher made his home with



his daughter Margaret, Mrs. Glover. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher were the parents of nine children: B. Frank, born June 15, 1829, died Oct. 12, 1867; Samuel J. was born April 8, 1831; William A., born Oct. 21, 1832, was the father of Edward D. Fisher; John K. B., born Sept. 2, 1834, died April 12, 1848; Mary E. was born Oct. 8, 1836; Charlotte J. was born March 25, 1840; Margaret E., born April 24, 1842, married Thomas Glover; Dudley R., born Jan. 8, 1848, died Sept. 21, 1850; Dudley R. (2), born Sept. 25, 1850, married Sept. 25, 1884, Catharine Ebright. Of this family the eldest son, B. Frank Fisher, was engaged in business at Reading, Pa. On Jan. 28, 1858, he married Mary B. Gift, who died Feb. 24, 1878, and they had these children: William W., born Feb. 13, 1860, of Sunbury, Pa.; Flora E., born Feb. 26, 1863; Harry B., who died in 1865; and B. Frank, born Sept. 16, 1866.

William Augustus Fisher, son of William, was born Oct. 21, 1832, was a well known butcher, which business he followed several years, and was also a stone cutter. On Aug. 14, 1862, he enlisted in Company E, 131st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Capt. Isaiah B. Davis, and was ordered to Virginia, being assigned to the 3d Provisional Brigade, Casey's Division, engaged in the defense of Washington. The command was afterward transferred to the Army of the Potomac, in the 2d Brigade, 3d Division, 5th Army Corps. On Sept. 18, 1862, Mr. Fisher was engaged in the battle of Antietam, was in the Rappahannock campaign, and on Dec. 13, 1862, at Fredericksburg, was severely wounded in the right hip by a shell at the action on Marye's Hill. From April 28 to May 6, 1863, he was in the Chancellorsville campaign, and he was mustered out May 23, 1863. He became a member of G. A. R. Post No. 225, of Watsontown, Pa. Returning to Pennsylvania at the close of his army service Mr. Fisher settled at Milton, whence in 1872 he moved to Watsontown, where he engaged in the restaurant business. He followed this until his death, which occurred in Watsontown Sept. 8, 1885. He is buried at Milton.

On Dec. 5, 1853, Mr. Fisher married Christiana Varts, who was born Nov. 8, 1832, and died Oct. 13, 1902. They had a family of seven children, namely: William C., born Aug. 31, 1854, died May 19, 1855; Clarence A., born June 29, 1857, died Feb. 3, 1859; Fred B., born Nov. 28, 1859, died July 27, 1867; Mary E., born Feb. 28, 1862, died Feb. 27, 1866; Tilly S., born Feb. 23, 1865, died Jan. 15, 1866; Robert D., born Dec. 19, 1866, died Sept. 5, 1868; Edward D., born Jan. 16, 1869, is the only survivor of the family.

Edward D. Fisher received a public school education and learned the trade of saddler, which he followed as a journeyman for about eight years. In 1892 he engaged in business on his own account

as a merchant at Watsontown, dealing in sporting goods and cigars, but making a specialty of the former line, in which he has built up a wide patronage. He gives all his time to business, and is well known and highly respected for his upright methods and ability to hold trade by effective efforts to please.

On Dec. 7, 1892, Mr. Fisher married Fannie M. Miller, daughter of William H. Miller, of Watsontown. They have had two children, Edna M. and Florence E. The family are Lutherans in religious connection. Socially Mr. Fisher holds membership in Watsontown Lodge, No. 401, F. & A. M., Warrior Run Chapter, No. 246, R. A. M., Williamsport Consistory (thirty-second degree), and in the Royal Arcanum. He votes independently.

GEORGE ROESLER, a retired farmer now making his home at Pottsgrove, Northumberland county, has made his home in this county for over half a century. He is a native of Wittenberg, Germany, born in 1830, son of Wendell and Barbara Roesler.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Roesler came to America with their family in the year 1844. The voyage was tedious, occupying eleven weeks, and soon after landing they settled in Virginia, where Mr. Roesler followed his trade, that of blacksmith, his sons tilling the soil. The mother did not survive many years after the family came to this country, dying in 1855. Their family consisted of four sons and one daughter, namely: George, Wendell, John, Frederick and Kate, all the sons except George living and dying in Virginia. The daughter married a Mr. Frymutte, and her family live in Baltimore, Md. The father, who was born in Wittenberg in 1802, died in 1889, at the advanced age of eighty-seven years, in Northumberland county, Pa. His father was of such small stature that he was known as "The Little Man."

George Roesler has led an eventful life. He was in his fifteenth year when he came to America, and he passed the next fifteen years of his life in Virginia, tilling his father's land. In 1860 he moved to Pennsylvania, settling at Milton, Northumberland county, where he worked fifteen years for Mr. Gottlieb Brown, in 1875 purchasing a farm in Chillisquaque township to which he moved. There he followed farming until the year 1890, when he sold his stock and rented the land for two years, in 1892 resuming farming, which he continued until he was seventy-five years old. He has since lived retired, having sold the farm in 1906 and moved to Pottsgrove, where he purchased the home he now occupies. What Mr. Roesler possesses he has acquired by honest, well directed labor, and it was by hard, energetic toil that he rose from a humble German apprentice boy, selling cakes in his native land, to a substantial, prosper-

ous landowner in the New World. He is an honorable, upright, conscientious Christian man, and remembering his own early struggles never turns a worthy person in need from his door without help. He is a devout member of the Lutheran Church at Milton, and although past eighty he has missed only two sessions of the Sunday school in over three years, on both of which occasions illness kept him home. He has to drive four miles to attend church and Sunday school. In politics Mr. Roesler is a Republican, and he served two years as supervisor.

Mr. Roesler married Eliza Feaster, daughter of Henry Feaster, of Virginia; her paternal grandfather was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and was given a large tract of land in the Shenandoah Valley in recognition of his services. Mrs. Roesler died Feb. 2, 1900, at the age of sixty-seven, and is buried in the upper cemetery at Chillisquaque. Three children were born to this union: (1) Emma, Mrs. Foust, had two children, Elmer C. and Della E., the former of whom, a telegraph operator at Clearfield, Pa., in the employ of the New York Central Railroad Company, married Virginia Beausigneur, and has one child, Jory Foust. They live at Clearfield. (2) Mary died at the age of six years. (3) Ella (deceased) married Jacob Hendrick, and had one child, Luther, who is a telegraph operator for the New York Central Railroad Company at Jersey Shore, Pa. He married Ella Mutchler and they have two children, Roy and Catharine.

IRA T. CLEMENT DISSINGER is the eldest child and only surviving member of the happy union of David Connor and Fannie (Clement) Dissinger. His mother was a daughter of the late Ira T. Clement, the man who accomplished probably more than any other one man for the upbuilding of his community. John Dissinger, his paternal grandfather, was born in Schaefferstown, Lebanon Co., Pa., and his wife Catherine (whose maiden name was Connor) was born in Ireland. They had a family of eleven children, eight sons and three daughters. Of this family David Connor was the youngest.

DAVID CONNOR DISSINGER was born in Schaefferstown, Lebanon Co., Pa., March 5, 1840, and was only about eleven years old when his mother died. Being one of a large family he had few early advantages, especially for acquiring an education, and after his mother's death he was apprenticed to learn the trade of tailor, at which he spent five years. When sixteen years old he went to Lebanon, where he hired out for four years to the stone cutter's trade. Just before the expiration of this period the Civil war broke out, and he enlisted for a three months' term in the Union service, joining Company E, 14th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. At the end of this time he returned to Schaefferstown,

and with Capt. John S. Long recruited what became Company F, of the 93d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, at Camp Coleman, Lebanon. Of this company Mr. Long was made captain and Mr. Dissinger first lieutenant. Their first fighting experience was at the battle of Williamsburg, Va., where in the absence of the captain the command fell upon Lieutenant Dissinger. Their next engagement was the battle of Fair Oaks, in which Company F in connection with Company A of the 93d and several other companies served as advance picket guards. These companies were surrounded by the enemy on the first day's fight and stood in great danger of being captured, being saved only by the remarkable daring of Lieutenant Dissinger, who in the wild panic that ensued drew his revolver and with wonderful coolness ordered the terror-stricken men into line; losing no time he himself led the flight, and at night arrived safely at the rifle pits with more than a regiment of men. For this gallant and meritorious exploit young Dissinger received the highest encomiums from General Peck. After the seven days' fight that resulted in defeat for the Union forces at Harrison's Landing Mr. Dissinger, contracting typhoid fever, was taken to the hospital at Washington, and three months passing without much progress toward recovery he resigned his position and returned to his home in Lebanon, where he assisted in recruiting a company for the emergency service.

After a year spent in Lebanon in the book and stationery business he went West and was engaged at his trade for about six months in Fort Wayne and Chicago. He was present at the Chicago convention which nominated General McClellan for the Presidency in 1864. Returning to Pennsylvania, he followed his trade for a number of years. On Sept. 24, 1865, he came to Sunbury, opening the first marble business in the town. In April, 1867 or 1868, he formed a partnership with Philip H. Moore in the mercantile business, in which he was later associated with Ira T. Clement, Mr. Clement buying Mr. Moore's interest. In 1871 Mr. Dissinger, in company with Mr. Moore, erected the fine hotel on Third street called the "Clement House," named in honor of Ira T. Clement. In the same year they erected the building at the corner of Market and Third streets known as the Moore & Dissinger block, the finest business block in Sunbury. Mr. Dissinger also put up the row of eight houses known as Dissinger row. A highly successful business man, he was thoroughly admired and trusted by his fellow citizens, and in 1875 he was elected treasurer of Northumberland county by a majority of 857 votes. After his term as county treasurer he was successfully identified with different business and manufacturing projects. In 1881 his name was presented to the State convention held at Williamsport for nomination as



*Oliver Spring*





State treasurer. He received the united support of the interior counties of the State and was only defeated by the balance of power held by Philadelphia and Allegheny counties.

On April 10, 1866, Mr. Dissinger married Fannie Clement, daughter of Ira T. Clement, of Sunbury, and to them were born four sons and one daughter: Ira T. C., Edward W., Lou Irene, Henry Clement and John, Ira T. C. being the only survivor.

David C. Dissinger died April 18, 1882, and his wife Fannie died Aug. 12, 1893.

Ira T. C. Dissinger was born in Sunbury Feb. 7, 1867, and was educated in the public schools, completing his high school course and graduating as valedictorian of his class in 1883. This class was the first class to publicly graduate, thus inaugurating the commencement exercises of the Sunbury high school. Mr. Dissinger has been connected in various capacities with the business interests of the late Ira T. Clement, his maternal grandfather, has served as a member and president of the borough council, was city clerk, and secretary of the Board of Trade. He is at present prothonotary and clerk of the courts of Northumberland county, to which honorable and responsible position he was elected in 1907, and which he has efficiently filled.

As was his father before him, he is a Democrat in political connection. He is a member of the Lutheran Church. Socially affiliated, he is a Mason of the thirty-second degree, an Elk, Moose, Son of Veteran, member of the Ruffed Grouse and Temple Clubs, and one of the famous No. 1 Fire Company.

Mr. Dissinger is devoted in every sense of loyalty to his alma mater, the Sunbury high school. By reason of this, and because of his membership in the first graduating class, he is and has been president of the Alumni Association, numbering well into a thousand members. This position Mr. Dissinger will probably occupy until the time of his death.

On Oct. 8, 1889, Mr. Dissinger married Hattie Cooper, daughter of Thomas G. and Mary Elizabeth (Rohrbach) Cooper. Mrs. Dissinger died July 14, 1899, the mother of four children: David Connor, who died in 1897; Charles Edward; Ira T. Clement, Jr., and Mary Elizabeth. On June 7, 1905, Mr. Dissinger married Mary E. Moore, daughter of P. H. and Catherine (Smith) Moore.

**SIMON P. BEAVER**, of Milton, who is engaged in the manufacture of cement building blocks, was born in 1857 in Snyder county, Pa., where the Beaver family has long been settled.

George Beaver, his grandfather, lived and died in Snyder county, and was a farmer by occupation. His death occurred in 1860, and he is buried at

Kratzerville. To him and his first wife were born the following children: George, Ellis and Michael, all of whom lived in Snyder county; John, who lived in Northumberland county; Nathan, who went west when a young man; and Matthias, father of Simon P. Beaver. He married (second) Anna Hoffman, and they had one son, Henry J.

Matthias Beaver married Salome Conkel, and they were the parents of eleven children, namely: George, who went west; Absalom, of Snyder county; Daniel, of New Berlin, Pa.; Edwin, who married Elizabeth McCracken, and lives near Milton; John, deceased; Charles, deceased; Emanuel, who died in the army; Catherine, who married Jacob Parks, of Montandon, Pa.; Sarah, who married Jacob Bower; Salome, who married Noah Ulrich; and Simon P. Five of the sons served in the Civil war.

Simon P. Beaver received his education in the public schools of his native county and spent his early life on a farm. When a young man he learned the trade of pumpmaking, which he followed until his removal to Milton, in 1902. In Milton he learned the heating business at Shimers' mills, but he gave up that line for manufacturing in 1907, when he commenced his present business, the making of cement blocks. There is a growing demand for his product, and his enterprise and judicious management have combined to popularize it and to keep the trade alive. He has shown excellent ability in the upbuilding of his establishment, which has been started upon a substantial basis.

On July 4, 1880, Mr. Beaver married Anna Catherine Solomon, daughter of Benjamin F. and Susan (Beaver) Solomon, of New Berlin, Pa., and they have had six children: Maude (who married Elmer Burkey and has one child, Mildred), Mabel (who married Cyrus DeHart and has one child, Harry W.), Cora (at home), Edward, Ernest and Rolliff. Mr. Beaver and his family are members of the United Evangelical church.

**ROBENALT OR ROVENOLT.** This name is found frequently in the upper end of Northumberland county, and as the ancestors of its representatives treated of in this article were from Berks county it is likely they are of the same stock found there under the name of Raubenhold. There are also a number of Raubenholds in Schuylkill county, this State.

Johannes Rabenold (as he spelled the name), grandfather of Lewis F. Robenalt, of Lewis township, Northumberland county, was probably born in Berks county, and coming to Northumberland county settled in Lewis township, where he followed farming. He died April 11, 1843, aged sixty-eight years, ten months, seven days, and his wife, Barbara, died Sept. 21, 1859, aged seventy-six years. They are buried in the old Turbut-

ville graveyard. They had the following children: (1) Michael settled at Five Points, in Lewis township, and followed farming. His children were: John, Thomas, William, Jacob, Mary, Alice and Annie. (2) William, who lived at Muncy Hills, was a laborer; his children were Jacob, Samuel, Elizabeth, Susan and Rachel. (3) John, who lived near Schuyler Station, was a laborer. He had three children: Michael, who became a farmer in Delaware township, this county; John, who was killed while serving in the Civil war; and Mary. (4) Jacob is mentioned below. (5) Susan married Jacob Menges. (6) Catharine married Samuel Menges, brother of Jacob who married her sister Susan.

Jacob Raubenolt, son of Johannes, was born June 12, 1818, in Turbut township, Northumberland county, and lived and farmed in Lewis township, dying on his farm there (the place now owned by H. M. Plotts) March 3, 1891, aged seventy-three years, six months. He is buried in the cemetery at Turbutville. He was not only a good farmer, but also a mechanic of ability, in his earlier life following the trade of gunsmith, making guns of excellent design and showing thorough workmanship; like old-fashioned tradesmen generally, he fashioned every part of the gun himself, being able to turn out the complete product with his own hands. His son Lewis had a gun of his father's make which was a fine specimen of his ability and skill, but it was destroyed in the great fire which swept Turbutville Aug. 11, 1900. Mr. Raubenolt was a Democrat in politics and took quite an active part in local affairs, serving as school director and supervisor. With his family he belonged to the Lutheran Church, in which he was much interested, serving as deacon, elder and trustee. His wife, Catharine (Strause), born Jan. 17, 1821, daughter of Lewis Strause, of Strausetown (now Schuyler), Pa., died Aug. 10, 1900. Her father was a blacksmith, and the village of Strausetown was so named in his honor. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Raubenolt: William, who lives in Ohio; Anna, Mrs. John Steigerwald; Lewis F.; Sarah, Mrs. Joseph Robinson; Jacob, of Turbutville; Elizabeth, Mrs. Frank Heffelfinger; Emma, Mrs. William Wolfinger; Samuel, of Ohio; and Susan, Mrs. William Davis.

LEWIS F. ROBENALT, now a retired citizen of Turbutville, was born in Lewis township Feb. 13, 1845, son of Jacob, was educated in the common schools of the locality, and reared to farming. Following farming until 1884, he that year engaged in the mercantile business at Comly, in Limestone township, Montour Co., Pa., where he was in business for six years, until his removal to Turbutville in 1890. For the next ten years he conducted a general store there, until completely burned out in 1900, with a loss of three thousand

dollars. In 1901 he purchased a store at Schuyler Station, which he carried on for four years, at the end of that time selling out his stock, good will and fixtures to his son-in-law, Frank Ellis. For the next three years Mr. Robenalt lived on a small farm at Schuyler, in 1908 settling at his present home in Turbutville, where he has since lived in retirement. He is a respected and useful citizen, taking little active interest in public affairs but giving his support to worthy enterprises and his influence to all movements for the benefit of the community.

On June 18, 1868, Mr. Robenalt married Alice Levan, daughter of William and Peggy (Fenstermacher) Levan, of Anthony township, Montour Co., Pa. They have four children: Zella, married to H. M. Plotts, a farmer in Lewis township; William, of Turbutville; and Hattie, married to Frank Ellis. Mr. Robenalt and his family are members of the old Lutheran Church at Turbutville. Politically he is a Democrat.

George Robenolt, founder of another branch of this family in Northumberland county, was the grandfather of Charles F. and Phineas F. Rovenolt. He was born in Berks county, Pa., and came to Northumberland county after his marriage, settling in what is now Lewis township, in the locality known as Menges Valley. He did laboring work. He died before the Civil war, and the place of his burial is uncertain. In religion he was a Lutheran. His wife, Kate (Barber), died soon after the Civil war, at the home of her son Frederick, when eighty-four years old, and is buried at Turbutville. Their children were as follows: Amos lived at "Speck Berg," in Luzerne county, Pa.; John lived near Speck Berg; George lived near Speck Berg; Peter lived in the vicinity of Limestone for a time, later moving out West; Frederick is mentioned below; Adam lived at Danville for many years, later moving to Williamsport, where he died; Daniel lived in Delaware township, this county; Kate married Jonas Patterson and they lived in Danville some years, later moving to Washingtonville, Montour county.

Frederick Rovenolt, son of George, was born in 1815 in Berks county, Pa., and came to Northumberland county before his marriage. For a time he lived in Limestone township, Montour county, thence moving to Watsonstown, where he died in 1898, at the age of eighty-three years. In his active years he followed farming, living in retirement for fifteen years before his death. His wife, Martha (Love), born in 1818, died in 1887. Mr. Rovenolt was a Lutheran, holding membership in Follmer's Church. To him and his wife were born the following children: Catharine died in infancy; Eliza died unmarried (she was an unusually large woman, weighing 280 pounds); Charles F. and Phineas F. are mentioned below; M. Jane



married Thomas Clayton, of Watsonstown; William is a resident of Danville, Pa.; Agnes, who is unmarried, lives at Watsonstown.

CHARLES F. ROVENOLT, farmer and extensive land owner of Lewis township, was born Sept. 7, 1845, in Limestone township, Montour Co., Pa., and was educated in the public schools. He was trained to farm, went from boyhood, and in the spring of 1867 began that occupation on his own account in Derry township, Montour county, where he continued to farm for five years. Moving thence to Delaware township, Northumberland county, he also farmed there for five years, at the end of which time he settled in Lewis township, where he has since lived. He has occupied his present farm since Oct. 6, 1884, moving thither from near Turbutville, where he had resided for one year. Previous to that he occupied a farm about one mile distant from his present place, selling his farm stock, etc., at public auction at the time of his removal. His home farm consists of 107 acres, and he owns another tract of 115 acres in Lewis township, now occupied and worked by his son Urban, both fertile and valuable tracts. He also has a piece of property in Turbutville. He has invested in two lots in Oklahoma City, Okla., where his son-in-law, Charles Cleman, lives, engaged in farming. Mr. Rovenolt has long been identified with the administration of local public affairs, having held the office of auditor longer than any other man in his township, and he has also served as tax collector. He was in public office for eighteen years altogether. Politically he is a Democrat, in religion a Lutheran, belonging to the Turbutville Church, which he has served six years as deacon. He is a substantial and widely known resident of his locality, and is everywhere regarded with respect by those who know him.

Mr. Rovenolt married Clara C. Seidel, who was born in 1848, daughter of William Seidel, of Derry township, and fourteen children have been born to them: William A. died in infancy; Lizzie A. married Alfred Snyder; Mattie L. married Franklin Menges; Mazie A. married E. B. Schuyler; Virgie D. married N. I. Smith; Urban is a farmer in Lewis township; Seidel C. is mentioned below; Franklin E. lives in Lewis township, this county; Corvie Belton, born in 1881, died in 1903; Avis L. married Charles Cleman, of Exchange, Pa.; Melva married John Moser; Ralph lives at home; Arabella and Edna are unmarried and living at home.

Seidel C. Rovenolt, of Turbutville, son of Charles F., was born Nov. 7, 1876, was reared on the farm, and worked for his father until April 1, 1903, since when he has been carrier on the Rural Free Delivery Route No. 2, from Turbutville, covering twenty-three and a half miles per day. On March 2, 1904, he married Amy Lerch, daughter of Samuel Lerch, of Lewis township, and they have three children, Milford, Margaret and

Charles S., Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Rovenolt are members of the German Reformed Church.

PHINEAS F. ROEHNOLT, another son of Frederick, a retired farmer now living at Turbutville, was born Dec. 27, 1847, in Limestone township, Montour Co., Pa., and was educated in the public schools of that township. He was reared upon the farm, and in the spring of 1871 commenced farming for himself in Derry township, Montour county, where he continued to reside for a number of years, about 1880 removing to Lewis township, Northumberland county. Here he bought a four-acre lot with a house near Turbutville, and made his home there for three years, next moving to one of the Montgomery farms, upon which he lived for five years. His next move was to the Joshua Bowman farm, which he cultivated on shares for ten years, in 1898 buying his present property in Lewis township, 150 acres of the best land in Paradise Valley, all limestone soil. There he lived and farmed until 1903, after which he retired but continued to make his home on the farm until the spring of 1910, when he moved with his family to Turbutville. He and his family are members of the Lutheran Church. In political matters he is a Democrat.

In 1869 Mr. Roebenolt married Catharine Stamm, daughter of Daniel and Anna C. (Diefenbach) Stamm, who lived in Montour county, Mr. Stamm dying in Derry township; Mrs. Roebenolt's grandparents were Daniel and Catharine (Barnhardt) Stamm. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Roebenolt: Calvin A., who farms his father's homestead, married Emma Trick and their children are Domer P., Elwood C., Guy F., Alberta C., Helena A. and Martha I.; Cora I. married Frank Murray and they live in Lewis township on a farm adjoining the Roebenolt place (their children are Katie A., Willard F., Carrol E. and Hunter L.).

VALENTINE S. TRUCKENMILLER, merchant miller of Delaware township, Northumberland county, is a native of the district in which he lives, born Aug. 23, 1843. His ancestors have lived there for several generations, and we give the family record from the time it was founded in this country. The family has become numerous in eastern and central Pennsylvania, and the name is often found corrupted into Druckenmiller, the Berks county branch spelling it so. The ancestor of the Northumberland family, Sebastian Truckenmiller, spelled it with a "T," however, and that seems to be the correct form.

Sebastian Truckenmiller came to America on the ship "John and William," of Sunderland, Constable Tymperton, master, from Rotterdam, which qualified at Philadelphia Oct. 17, 1732. On the original list of passengers (Pennsylvania Archives, Vol. XVII, Second Series, pages 72-73)

his name is given as Sebastian and Bastian, and his wife's name as Catarina. In a secluded spot, in a field on the farm of the late Jacob Nuss, at Koch's schoolhouse, in Upper Milford township, Lehigh Co., Pa., lie the remains of this pioneer and Revolutionary war soldier and his wife. He is called "Captain" Truckenmiller. For the benefit of their many descendants a verbatim copy of the inscriptions on their tombstones is herewith given:

Hier ruhet  
Sebastian Truckenmiller  
Geboren den 1 Aug. 1715,  
Gestorben den 1st Feb.  
1795 Alt. 79 Jahr, 6 m.  
Leichten Text Elmaz 26, 19-20.

Hier ruhet  
Catharina Truckenmiller,  
ein geborene Schmuck—  
brucken geboren den 1st Jenner,  
1719 gestorben d. 30 Sept.  
1793. Alt 74 jahr 9 m.  
7 da. Lied—Las die  
todten auferstehen den  
letzen tage.  
Text 2 Tim. 4-7 and 8.

Among the many children of the pioneer were John, Jacob, Christian, George, Charles and Frederick; there were also daughters.

The Federal census of 1790 mentions a number of Truckenmillers. Christian Trickymillar had died by that time, but his family, consisting of his widow and six daughters and three sons who were under sixteen years old, were residents of Northumberland county.

George Truckenmiller, according to the Federal census of 1790, was a resident of Hereford township, Berks county, his family consisting of himself and wife, one son, and one daughter.

Charles Truckenmiller, according to the same authority, was a resident of Hereford township; family consisted of father and mother, three sons over sixteen years of age, four daughters, and one slave.

John Truckenmiller (Jno. Junior) was head of a family of Rockland township, Berks county, consisting of himself and wife, one son above sixteen, and two under sixteen, and three daughters.

(There are sons bearing these three names, George, Charles and John, in Sebastian Truckenmiller's family, but according to one account these three are said to be the sons of Johan Michael Truckenmiller, who emigrated in 1742, coming in the ship "Francis and Elizabeth.")

In 1790 Sebastian Truckenmiller, the emigrant, lived in Upper Milford, Northampton (now Lehigh) Co., Pa., had wife, but no children left at home.

Jacob Truckenmiller the same year lived in that place and had family consisting of himself and wife, two sons over sixteen, one son under sixteen, and two daughters.

There also lived in 1790 in Upper Milford a

George Trockenmiller, family consisting of himself and wife, one son and two daughters.

John Truckenmiller died in the latter part of January, 1799, in Northumberland county, Pa., an account of his estate being filed Feb. 2, 1799. Michael Meiser was named the administrator.

In 1802, among the list of taxables in Mahantango township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., appeared the names of Valentine and Michael Truckenmiller.

Frederick Truckenmiller moved from Berks county to Penn township, Northumberland (now Snyder) county, at an early period. He died shortly before March 29, 1796, and his last will and testament, on record in Will Book 1, page 86, provides as follows for his "dearly beloved wife" Christina: Ten acres of land on north side of Middle Creek, one hundred pounds of lawful money, choice of one cow, six sheep. The executors were wife Christina, George Motz and Adam Bohlander. The children of Frederick and Christina Truckenmiller were: John Frederick, Peter, Mary, Elizabeth, Margaret, Christina, Catarina, Maghtalena and Barbarah.

Jacob Truckenmiller, evidently son of Sebastian, was born Aug. 29, 1759, in lower Berks county, and came to Northumberland county before the Revolution, settling in Delaware township, where his descendants still live. He was the pioneer of the family in this immediate locality, and being a millwright and miller by calling built the original Truckenmiller mill, selecting the site now owned by his great-grandson, Valentine S. Truckenmiller. He died Aug. 23, 1823, at McEwensville and is buried there, in the old upper cemetery. In religion he was a Lutheran. His account, entered Sept. 9, 1823, in Will Book 2, page 442, mentions sons Jacob, Solomon, George, Samuel, and also Mrs. Mary Truckenmiller, probably his wife. The executors were Solomon Truckenmiller and Henry Reader. The account was filed in the Register's office. As shown by tombstone records, Jacob's wife was named Annamaria, and she was born Jan. 16, 1763, and died July 27, 1843. Their children were: Solomon, mentioned below; Jacob, born March 22, 1790, who died April 15, 1880 (his wife, Sarah, died Oct. 3, 1873, aged seventy-six years, one month, fifteen days); George; and Samuel, born in 1803, who died in 1883 (his wife, Sarah, born in 1805, died in 1895).

Solomon Truckenmiller, son of Jacob, was born June 11, 1785, and lived in Delaware township, Northumberland county, near McEwensville, where he had a farm of 120 acres, this property remaining in the family name until 1903. He died on that place Nov. 7, 1857. Mr. Truckenmiller was a Lutheran in religious faith, a member of the church at McEwensville, which he served in official capacities for many years. He was a tall man, of medium build, and light complexion. His wife, Eve, died Sept. 21, 1864, aged eighty years, seven



months, twenty-seven days. Their children were as follows: Edmund, Charles and Solomon are all mentioned below; Mary (Polly) married John Clapp and they lived in Lewis township, Northumberland county; Susan died Dec. 25, 1895, aged seventy-three years, six months, fifteen days, unmarried; Rebecca died July 7, 1886, aged sixty years, three months, eleven days, unmarried; Sarah married Jonathan Strause and lived in Montour county; Elizabeth married David Dieffenbacher and lived in Delaware township.

Edmund Truckenmiller, born in Delaware township, was a farmer there for many years, at the time of his death owning two farms, one of 145 acres and one of 120 acres. He was enterprising and intelligent in his agricultural work, and was not only admired for his ability but esteemed for the many sterling traits which made his influence strong in the community. He was a Lutheran, active in church work, and helped to build the Union church at McEwensville, donating liberally toward the expenses of its construction. He served as deacon and elder. Mr. Truckenmiller was a resident of McEwensville the last thirty years of his life, dying May 16, 1889, aged seventy-eight years, eleven months, twenty-five days. Few citizens of his locality were more generally missed, and he was held in the greatest respect by all who knew him. Politically he was a Republican. His wife, Mary (Schmeck), whose family came from Berks county, died Oct. 17, 1876, aged sixty-nine years, two months, eighteen days. Eleven children were born to this couple, of whom Eliza died unmarried; Edmund died young; Solomon; Malinda married Ephraim Leinbach; Daniel lives retired at Watsontown; Rachel died unmarried; Dr. William is at Allenwood, Union Co., Pa.; Calvin is a resident of Centerville, Mich.; Valentine S. lives in Delaware township.

Valentine S. Truckenmiller received his early education in the common schools of his native township, later attending McEwensville Academy and a commercial college at Elmira, N. Y., from which he was graduated in 1863. Until 1874 Mr. Truckenmiller followed the business of cattle broker, being thus engaged in Chicago and other western places, and in that year he purchased the old Truckenmiller mill and homestead site in Delaware township, near Watsontown, where he has since been established. There are thirty-six acres of land attached to the mill property. When he purchased the mill he remodeled it throughout, installing the most modern machinery and bringing the capacity up to one hundred barrels daily, and he commands the principal trade in his line in the upper part of Northumberland county, producing high-grade flour, which he ships all over eastern and central Pennsylvania, the demand being particularly large in the coal regions. The popular brands are Satin, Boss and Queen, and five men

are kept constantly employed. The mill is now conducted by the firm of V. S. Truckenmiller & Son, Mr. Truckenmiller's son Frank E. being in partnership with him. They also deal in grain and mill feed of all kinds. Mr. Truckenmiller has become interested in other business matters in his section, and was one of the organizers of the Farmers National Bank of Watsontown, of which he has been a director ever since. He has been active in various projects affecting the general welfare and is a leading citizen of his section. He is a member of the Presbyterian church at Watsontown, and socially belongs to Warrior Run Lodge, No. 401, F. & A. M., of Watsontown, and to Warrior Run Chapter, R. A. M. Politically he is a Republican, and during the Civil war he was in the Union service, enlisting from Watsontown in 1861 in Company B, 131st Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, with which he served nine months.

In 1870 Mr. Truckenmiller married Sarah E. Montgomery, daughter of William and Mary (Caldwell) Montgomery, of McEwensville, and to them were born two children, Frank E. and William S. Mrs. Truckenmiller died Nov. 7, 1890, aged forty-eight years, and is buried at Watsontown.

Frank E. Truckenmiller, son of Valentine S. Truckenmiller, is a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, and conducted a drug store at Williamsport, Pa., for five years. He sold out on account of his health, and since 1902 has been associated with his father, being the junior member of the firm of V. S. Truckenmiller & Son. He is a thirty-second degree Mason.

Charles Truckenmiller, son of Solomon, was born Sept. 20, 1813, and lived in Delaware township, where he followed farming. He had an eighty-acre property near McEwensville. His wife, Susanna (Dieffenbacher), born Sept. 20, 1820, died May 2, 1892. Mr. Truckenmiller died Feb. 13, 1893. They had children as follows: Augustus, of Catawissa, Pa., a musician; George, who lives in Dakota; Henry, of Dakota; Elizabeth, married and living in Scranton, Pa.; and Ella, married and living in Dakota. The three who settled in the west have all done well, and all the members of the family are in prosperous circumstances.

Solomon Truckenmiller, son of Solomon, lived near McEwensville, in Delaware township, where he had a small farm and followed agricultural pursuits. He married Eliza Strab, and they had two children: Peter, who died at Milton, Pa.; and Isaac, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Mr. Truckenmiller died Oct. 9, 1896, aged seventy-six years, six months, nineteen days; his wife died Jan. 13, 1892, aged sixty years, eight months, seven days.

Jacob E. Truckenmiller (son of Jacob) of Com-



pany B, 131st Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, died in hospital at Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 15, 1862, aged thirty-five years, nine months, twenty-two days.

As previously mentioned, some branches of the family spell the name Druckenmiller. Of these, Michael Druckenmiller, millwright, of Hereford township, Berks county, was said to be a descendant of the Charles Truckenmiller who in 1790 lived in Hereford township. Michael's children were: Daniel, Enos, Clara, Hannah, Lucy and Elizabeth.

Enos Drunkenmiller (as he wrote his name), son of Michael, was born Dec. 14, 1821, and died March 29, 1899, at Zieglersville in Upper Milford township, Lehigh Co., Pa., his death being caused by apoplexy. He is buried in the Lutheran cemetery at that place, and was long an active worker in the church, in all its departments, serving as elder and Sunday school teacher. He was a member of the building committee when the new church was erected. For many years he was director of a singing school. Mr. Druckenmiller was a prosperous farmer and mechanic all his life, owning several farms. He was a Democrat in politics, and served nine years as school director of Hereford township, Berks county. He married Elizabeth N. Desch, daughter of George and Margerite (Marsteller) Desh, and they had a large family, namely: Benneville died of measles and brain fever when twenty-two years old; Rev. Joel settled about 1880 in Michigan, where he serves a charge at Rogers City; Tilghman married Barbara Frey; Elizabeth married Milton Kleinsmith; Henry, now of Atlanta, Ga., married Ellen Wagonhorst; David married Katie Nuss and lives at Sellersville, Pa.; Benjamin D. is a resident of Kutztown, Pa.; Emma died of diphtheria in her ninth year; Mame married William Weiss and (second) Hiram Welker; Susanna married Benjamin Brey; Rosa married Allen W. Sheimer; Sallie married John Sweitzer; George D. is a Lutheran minister; Maggie married William Shubert; Laura married Richard Reese; Annie married Allen Snyder.

Rev. George D. Druckenmiller, son of Enos, graduated from Muhlenberg College in 1894, and then entered Mount Airy Theological Seminary, from which he was graduated three years later. He was ordained at Lancaster June 14, 1897, by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent states, and in July of the same year took charge of the Freeburg parish, in Snyder county, to which he had been called. Three years later he received a call to the Freemansburg charge, in Northampton county, in May, 1900, and there he had a very successful pastorate, during which a house of worship was erected and the membership greatly increased. On Dec. 1, 1905, he accepted an urgent call to Nazareth, where a \$40,000 church was erected during his incumbency and 325 new

members added to the church roll. He resigned to accept a unanimous call to Hamburg, where he took charge of St. John's Lutheran Church Sept. 1, 1910. He has made many friends during his brief service at that church. Mr. Druckenmiller married Ellen J. Lerch, of Allentown, Pennsylvania.

GEORGE D. HEDENBERG, Milton, a coal merchant, is doing business under the firm name of Hedenberg & Son. This business is of about ten years' standing, during which time it has grown from a small coal yard to one of the largest and best equipped plants in this section.

The Hedenbergs are of Swedish descent, the American branch having come to this country in the early Colonial days and settled in Perth Amboy, N. J., from which point the family became widely scattered.

Charles J. Hedenberg, grandfather of George D., was born in Tennessee, and being of a roving disposition, resided in many parts of the United States. He was active in the Texan Revolution against Mexico, as well as in the Civil war. Shortly before the latter period he came to Pennsylvania, and he died in Danville in 1871. To him and his wife, Mary Ellen, were born the following children: Charles J., James M., Mary Augusta, Frances V. and William J., and one son that died in infancy.

James M. Hedenberg, father of George D., was born in Houston, Texas, Jan. 5, 1847. Coming north with his parents, he resided in Philadelphia, Pa., from which place he enlisted, at the age of sixteen years, in Company G, 192d Regiment, P. V. I. After the war he entered the University of Pennsylvania to study medicine, but on account of ill health gave it up. Later he went into partnership with his father in the drug business in Danville, Pa., continuing there until 1872, when he entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company. He was stationed first at Williamsport, Pa., being transferred thence to Milton, in 1873, as agent, which position he filled for twenty-five years. He was largely instrumental in the extension of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad branch into the center of the town. In 1898 he was transferred to Philadelphia, and he served there until his resignation in 1902 on account of failing health. He returned to Milton and made his home there until his death, which occurred Aug. 20, 1910.

On June 1, 1870, James M. Hedenberg married Susan R. Hiestand, daughter of John and Susan (Hoover) Hiestand, who, with two children, George D. and Charles L., of Madison, Ga., survived him. He was a member of Milton Lodge, No. 256, F. & A. M., the Scottish Rite Consistory of the Valley of Philadelphia, and of Post No. 2, G. A. R., of Philadelphia.

George D. Hedenberg was born Oct. 15, 1871, at Danville, Pa. He was educated at the Milton public schools and started work in the employ of the United States Express Company, at Milton. Later he became chief clerk in the Milton station of the P. & R. Railroad. In the year 1898 he enlisted in Company C, 12th Regiment, P. V. I. After the close of the Spanish-American war he re-entered the employ of the P. & R. Railroad Company, and was stationed at Port Reading, N. J., being later transferred to Rutherford Transfer, Harrisburg, Pa. In 1903 he came back to Milton, where he has since been engaged in the coal business.

George D. Hedenberg married Nov. 20, 1902, Anna M. Heinen, daughter of Henry J. and Anna (Mann) Heinen, of Milton. They have three children, George D., Elisabeth M. and Juliette L. Socially Mr. Hedenberg is a member of Milton Lodge, No. 256, F. & A. M., the Scottish Rite Consistory of the Valley of Williamsport, S. Hepburn Pollock Camp, No. 121, S. of V., and the B. P. O. Elks Lodge, No. 913.

WILLIAM A. DEAN, late of Watertown, had been a resident of that borough only a few years at the time of his recent death, but he was a well known citizen of this part of Northumberland county, where he passed the latter half of his long life. His earlier years were spent in the adjoining section of Montour county, and he came of an old family of this region—upper Northumberland county and the adjacent territory of what is now Montour county. He was active in politics and public affairs for a number of years, and had given honorable service in various positions.

Mr. Dean was born Oct. 27, 1827, near Washingtonville, Columbia (now Montour) Co., Pa. The family is of English origin, and his great-grandfather was one of General Wolfe's aides-de-camp at the battle of Quebec, in 1759. At the close of the French and Indian war he returned to England, where he died. His son, Joseph Dean, grandfather of William A. Dean, was impressed on board an English vessel, and brought from England to America. He served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and after its close married Esther Florel, and settled in Montour (then Columbia) county, Pennsylvania.

Joseph Dean, son of Joseph and Esther, was born in what is now Montour county in 1786, and died in 1867. He was a farmer by occupation, and proved himself a man of enterprise and intelligence in business matters, accumulating considerable means. He was an influential citizen of his day, serving one term as treasurer of Montour county and ten years as associate judge. He was a strong Democrat in politics, and in religion a member of the Presbyterian church, in which he served many years as elder. Progressive and en-

ergetic, he took a leading part in the affairs of his time. A young man when the war of 1812 broke out, he entered the service and attained the rank of colonel. He was twice married, his first union being with Mary Pollock, daughter of James Pollock, of Anthony township, Lycoming Co., Pa., and she died about 1822, leaving one son, Joseph. Mr. Dean's second marriage was to Adeline C. Cole, of Fishing Creek, Columbia Co., Pa., and member of an old family of that county. She had three brothers and one sister, as follows: Ezekiel, Isaiah, William (who was county commissioner of Columbia county) and Helen (Mrs. Samuel Lowery). Mrs. Adeline C. Dean died in 1858, at the age of fifty-one years. She and her husband are buried in the Derry cemetery adjoining the church of that name in Montour county. To their union were born nine children, the family record being as follows: Joseph married Mary Ann Gehrlinger, by whom he had two children, Margaret (Mrs. James Pollock) and Wallace (who married Ella Foust), and by his second wife, Margaret (Corneleson), he had five children; William A. is mentioned below; Jane married Russell Sheddson and had one son, Clarence, of Gardner, Kans.; Mary married William Clingan and had children, Charles (of Kansas City, Mo.), Margaret (wife of A. Brown, of Lewisburg, Pa.), Jean (Mrs. Price, of Galesburg, Ill.) and Helen (Mrs. Pennfield, of Connecticut); Ursula is the widow of Daniel Gouger; Alice married F. J. Foster, of Kansas, and had children, Dr. Dean Foster (of Stamford, Conn.), Andrew (an electrician, of Joplin, Mo.), Hugh (an electrician, also of Joplin, Mo.), Lloyd (of Harper county, Kans.) and Peggie (Mrs. Fulton, of Harper county, Kans.); Martha married Capt. Samuel Bryson and had children, James, Dr. Howard, Nellie and Janette; Helen and Susan died young; Oliver H. is a member of the law firm of Warner, Dean & McLeod, of Kansas City, Mo. (Mr. Warner, the senior member, is United States senator from Missouri).

William A. Dean, oldest son of Joseph by his second marriage, was reared and educated in Montour county, where he followed farming and surveying until he purchased a farm in Lewis township, Northumberland county, in 1872, removing thereon. He lived there until 1884, when he gave up arduous labor and settled at Milton, making his home in that borough until 1906, in which year he removed to Watertown, at which place he spent his remaining days, in retirement. He lived on Main street, above First. He died June 9, 1910, in his eighty-third year. Though farming was his principal vocation during his more active years, Mr. Dean had other interests of importance and was chosen to a number of public positions, in which his services were highly satisfactory. He served over twenty years as justice of the peace, in Montour and



Northumberland counties; represented the district including Northumberland county in the State Legislature from 1886 to 1888; was school director some years, and for three years secretary of the school board; was deputy sheriff under Robert Montgomery, and upon his death, in 1892, was appointed sheriff to complete the unexpired term. He has always been an enthusiastic Democrat, and has been delegate to a number of county and State conventions. He was a stockholder in the Milton Trust & Safe Deposit Company and served as member of the examining board. Mr. Dean was made a Mason in Danville Lodge, No. 224, F. & A. M., in 1850, later transferring his membership to Milton Lodge, No. 256, to which he belonged until his death. He and his family were associated with the Presbyterian church. Although past eighty at the time of his decease, Mr. Dean was active and vigorous for one of his years, possessed a good memory, and was greatly beloved for his kindly spirit and admirable disposition.

On Oct. 3, 1853, Mr. Dean married Susan Gauger, daughter of John and Mary (Billmeyer) Gauger, of Montour county, and she died March 3, 1881. This union was blessed with two daughters: (1) Mary Ada married John Z. McFarland, of Watsonstown, and they have a family of seven children: Dean, who is a mail carrier on the rural route from Watsonstown; John Z., who married Maggie McGee, of McGees Mills, Clearfield Co., Pa., where they reside (they have two children); Jessie, who graduated from Bucknell University and is now teaching at Altoona, Pa.; Sarah, a student at Bucknell University; Oliver H.; Francis; and George. (2) Jessie is the wife of George F. Richmond, of Scranton, Pennsylvania.

On Jan. 8, 1884, Mr. Dean married (second) Louisa McCurdy, daughter of Jacob and Ann (Day) McCurdy, of Union county, Pennsylvania.

JOHN W. BARR, of Watsonstown, Northumberland county, has been connected with the Breon Table Company ever since his arrival at that place, having come there in the spring of 1903 to take charge of the plant, which he purchased four years later. It is one of the important local industries, and Mr. Barr has made a high reputation as a manufacturer and as a business manager during his comparatively brief residence in the borough. He has had a varied business career. Mr. Barr was born March 25, 1872, at Degraff, Logan Co., Ohio, son of Hugh H. Barr and grandson of William Barr. The latter lived in Illinois, where he followed farming, and died about 1880. He is buried in that state. He was of Scotch-Irish extraction and a Presbyterian in religious faith.

Hugh H. Barr was born April 14, 1845, in Ohio, where his parents were then living, and was reared in Logan county, that state. He was only sixteen when the Civil war broke out, and at that age en-

tered the Union service, in which he remained three years, being a member of the 13th Ohio Volunteer Infantry. In his young manhood he read law, but the legal profession did not appeal to him and he never completed the course. Immediately after the war he taught school, and through his own efforts has become a man of marked intellectual attainments, reading and study having always been his delight and a source of keen pleasure to him. He has for years been successfully engaged as a general contractor and builder, employing from ten to twenty men, as occasion requires, and has done considerable government work and built many bridges. He has continued to reside at Degraff, Logan Co., Ohio, and has long been an influential citizen of his community, having served a number of years as mayor of his town and several terms as county auditor. A Republican whose activity and influence in the party have made him widely known, he has served as delegate to a number of state conventions and once as a national delegate. Mr. Barr married Mary E. Stilwell, who was born in Logan county, Ohio, where her father, Stephen Stilwell, lived at the time; he subsequently moved to Kentucky, where his death occurred.

John W. Barr received his common school education at Degraff, and took a technical course at Springfield, Ohio, leaving school to engage in the steel business at that place. After two years' experience in that line he went to Baltimore, Md., in the fall of 1889, to take the position of assistant to the manager of the Whitley Harvesting Machine Company, continuing there about four years, until the eastern branch was removed. His next employment was at the photo engraving business in Baltimore, at which he was engaged for one year, at the end of that time selling out and moving to Philadelphia, where he became interested in architectural work. During the several years of his residence in that city he built nearly three thousand houses, doing a very successful business. In 1901 Mr. Barr removed to New York City, where he was engaged as consulting engineer on construction work, and during 1902-03 he built a considerable part of the Coney Island resort. In the spring of 1903 he came to Watsonstown, Northumberland Co., Pa., where he has ever since resided. He immediately took charge of the works of the Breon Table Company, and after four years as manager of that concern bought it. The business is a large one, the manufacture of dining tables being its special feature, and the product finding a ready market all over the east, the demand being so extensive as to keep seventy men steadily employed. Mr. Barr devotes himself almost exclusively to business, and he has gained high standing in local circles, where the prosperity of his establishment is regarded as an important factor in the industrial situation. He is a Republican in political matters.



Mr. Barr married Virginia M. Cover, daughter of William Cover, of Frederick county, Md., and they have had two children, Virginia H. and John S.

**NICELY.** There are in the county of Northumberland, Pa., two representatives of this name, William A. Nicely, cashier of the Watsonstown National Bank, and Edward V. Nicely, register and recorder of the county, worthy and valued citizens of their communities. The Nicelys are an old Lancaster county family. Originally the name was spelled Knisely. One of the ancestors, probably the great-great-grandfather of William A. and Edward V., settled near the Dorry station in Lancaster county, Pa., in 1725. He was one of the founders of the Hanover church in Dauphin county, this State.

Prior to the Revolutionary war two brothers, John and Stephen Nicely, left the old home, going together as far as Sunbury, where they separated, John going up the north branch of the Susquehanna river and settling near Shickshinny, Pa., where he reared a family.

Stephen Nicely went up the west branch of the Susquehanna river and settled at Dewart, Pa., where he took up 200 acres of land, which is still owned by his descendants, and remains in the Nicely name. Here he spent his entire life, following the occupation of farming, and here his death occurred. He is buried at the River Church near Dewart. Among his children were: Joseph, John, Mrs. John Staver, Mrs. Freimyer and Mrs. Oyster.

Joseph Nicely, grandfather of William A. and Edward V., was born on the old homestead, Jan. 12, 1807, and upon the death of his father received 100 acres, half of his father's farm, it having been divided between him and his brother John, they in turn paying their sisters their share. Mr. Nicely was a prominent Republican and served his community as associate judge from Aug. 4, 1869, to Nov. 30, 1875. On March 15, 1827, he married Rebecca Fox, born Oct. 13, 1808, and they reared a large family, born as follows: George W., Feb. 22, 1828; Margaret E., Oct. 19, 1829; Mahlon Augustus, Oct. 7, 1831; Joseph and Rebecca (twins), Sept. 30, 1833 (Rebecca married William Taylor); Mary, April 13, 1836 (married William Bryson); William, March 24, 1838; Sarah, July 8, 1840 (married J. Herbert Nye); Charles Stephen, March 31, 1842 (lives in Kansas); John F., Feb. 2, 1845 (lived in Montoursville, Pa.); Alfred S., Feb. 13, 1847 (lives in Ohio); and Oliver P., Dec. 27, 1851 (lives in Williamsport, Pa.). Of these, all grew to maturity but Margaret and William, who died young. Only three now survive: Charles Stephen, Alfred S. and Oliver P. The father died Dec. 11, 1877, and the mother Feb. 22, 1888, and they are buried at the River Church.

Mahlon Augustus Nicely was born Oct. 7, 1831, on the old homestead. He married Susan, daughter of Valentine and Blanche (Scheaffer) Beeber, of Lycoming county, and moved to Lycoming county, where he followed farming. Later he purchased the old homestead and was a prominent dealer in grain at Dewart, Northumberland Co., Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Nicely were the parents of the following children: William Augustus; Ida, wife of Reuben Neyhard, of Elmsport, Pa.; Sara E., wife of J. H. Baily, of Muncy, Pa.; Edward V.; Carrie M., Mrs. Samuel A. Lowry; Eva, wife of Ambrose Hering, of Williamsport; Luther B., a dentist at Montgomery, who died in 1909; and two sons who died young. Mr. Nicely died in September, 1907, and is buried at Muncy, Pa.; his wife died in June, 1907.

WILLIAM AUGUSTUS NICELY was born Dec. 29, 1857, in Delaware township, Northumberland Co., Pa. He attended the public schools of Lycoming county, the Muncy normal and Williamsport Commercial College, from which latter he was graduated in 1876. He then engaged in the grain business with his father, after which he went west, and on his return accepted a position in the Watsonstown National Bank, at its organization, Aug. 9, 1880. He held this position until 1900, when he was promoted to the position of cashier, which he still retains. He was one of the founders of the Watsonstown Brick, Clay & Produce Company, and is treasurer of the company.

Mr. Nicely married Rebecca J., daughter of Charles and Rebecca (Corson) Mosley, of Muncy, Pa., and their union has been blessed with three children: Amey R., married to Davis L. Bly; Charles A.; and Mable A. Mr. Nicely is a member of the Watsonstown Lodge, No. 401, F. & A. M.; Warrior Run Chapter, No. 246; Mount Hermon Commandery, No. 84, Irem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and to I. O. O. F. Lodge, No. 619, and Encampment No. 294, both of which for many years he has served as treasurer. Mr. Nicely is a member of the Lutheran church at Watsonstown, Pa. He assisted in the erection of the present edifice, and has been a member of the church council for twenty-six years, much of which time he served as treasurer of the church and for several years as president of the council.

EDWARD V. NICELY, son of Mahlon A., and brother of William A., was born upon the homestead May 17, 1865. He was employed with his father for several years and farmed in Delaware township for fifteen years. In 1906 he was elected register and recorder of Northumberland county, which offices he now holds. He is a Democrat in politics and has served as clerk of the Orphans' court. He is a very popular and well liked man in the county, is a member of Maclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M., of Sunbury; of Bloomsburg Consistory, 32°; Irem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at

Wilkes-Barre; I. O. O. F. Lodge, No. 619, of Wat-sontown; Artisans' Order of Mutual Protection, Wat-sontown; the B. P. O. E., and the F. O. E. at Milton. Mr. Nicely was married in August, 1890, to I. J. Mentz, and they have one child, Wood M. The family attend the Lutheran church.

WILLIAM H. ECKMAN, a farmer of West Chillisquaque township, is a member of the fourth generation of his family to reside in Northumber-land county, where this branch of the Eckmans has been represented since the time of his great-grandfather, Charles Eckman.

Charles Eckman was born in 1779 near Blooms-bury, N. J., married Margaret DeWitt in 1800 and spent the following few years in the home district. In 1807 they came to Pennsylvania, settling in Northumberland county, where Mr. Eckman purchased a farm near Snyderstown. In 1813 he exchanged this tract for another near by, which became the family homestead. There he lived and died, and he and his wife are buried in the old Presbyterian graveyard near Reed's station. They had a family of eleven children, eight sons and three daughters, and we have record of the follow-ing: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, James, John, Charles (who married Elizabeth J. Kline), Catha-rine and Naomi; four of this family died young.

Jacob Eckman, son of Charles, was born Sept. 22, 1805, in New Jersey, and was only two years old when his parents removed thence to Northum-berland county and settled near Snyderstown. He followed farming and became a well known citizen of his section, and at his death, which occurred April 19, 1876, in Sunbury, was widely mourned. In July, 1826, he married Emma Gulick, who was born Dec. 6, 1802, and died April 8, 1882. We have the following record of their family: Wil-liam, born Nov. 27, 1826, married Didama Sloan May 10, 1849 (he died Aug. 30, 1850); Matilda, born July 28, 1828, married Lorenzo Mettler May 21, 1861; Peter, born May 10, 1831, married Ange-line Shipe; James K., born Dec. 16, 1833, married Mary Ann Kline Jan. 12, 1856; John G., born Oct. 7, 1836, married Margaret Louisa Hile Sept. 25, 1856; Philip H., born March 19, 1839, was fatally wounded at the battle of Fair Oaks, near Richmond, Va., May 31, 1862; Charles W., born Dec. 3, 1841, married Alice Clark Aug. 21, 1862; Sarah E., born Sept. 12, 1844, married Emanuel Z. Shipe, Jan. 14, 1869. James and Charles are now residents of Kansas.

The following letter was sent to Jacob Eckman announcing the death of his son Philip:

Headquarters, Company H, 93d Pa. Reg't  
Camp Seven Pines, Near Richmond, Va.,  
June 3d, 1862.

Dear Friends:—It is a painful task for me to write you the death of your son Philip H. Eckman, who fell on the battlefield on last Saturday, mortally wounded, and died before he was carried from the field. He was

shot through both legs near the groin, by the enemy. He was standing at his post in the front rank when he was shot. He was carried part way from the field by Corporal Weaver and myself, and the other part by Orderly Goodrich and D. R. Eckman, in whose hands he died. He appeared to have no pain, and died without saying a word but "God save me!" It was a long and hard battle; it lasted from 2 o'clock p. m. until dark when we were outnumbered and outflanked by the enemy. We were compelled to leave our dead, among whom were our poor brothers in arms, Philip, Samuel Kertz, A. Reynolds and J. Bear, all of our company. Early on Sunday morning we received reinforcements, and drove the enemy from the field, but poor Philip was robbed of everything he had in his pockets by the Rebels. You can console yourselves by knowing that he was very nicely buried on Monday by Charles Weaver, A. B. Patton, D. R. Eckman, myself, and several others, under a beautiful cedar tree near the road. We made as good a coffin as possible under the circumstances, and buried him with his clothes and blanket around him. He died with a smile on his countenance. The loss in our company is four killed, two missing and seven wounded; the loss of the regi-ment is about one hundred and thirty killed, wounded and missing. It is impossible for me to give the de-tails of the battle; you will doubtless have the full par-ticulars of it in the papers before you get this. I will have to close for the present. While you in the hour of your bereavement have the sympathy of the entire company, we deeply feel the loss of a friend and a faithful soldier, and one beloved by the whole com-pany. With my kindest regards to all inquiring friends, I close.

Yours truly,

Charles W. Eckman,  
2d Lieutenant, Co. H.,  
93d Pa. Reg't.

Peter Eckman, son of Jacob, was born May 10, 1831, near Klinesgrove, in Upper Augusta town-ship, Northumberland county, and there resided until he was about twenty-one years old. He fol-lowed farming near Sunbury for a number of years, and moving to the borough about 1883 com-menced work in the machine shops of the Pennsyl-vania Railroad Company, where he was employed for a period of eighteen years, being placed on the retired list May 31, 1901, having reached the age limit. He died July 31, 1906, at his home at the corner of Catawissa avenue and Reagan street. The end came suddenly, without warning, shortly after he arose in the morning, and with the excep-tion of a slight feeling of illness the evening before he had been in his usual health. He was buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery. The funeral was held from the Catawissa Avenue M. E. church, of which he had been a faithful member. At the time of his death he was steward of the church, and had previously served as trustee. A lifelong Metho-dist, he was sincere in his profession, and tried to live so closely to his faith that a friend once told him he was too honest to get rich. He was a good citizen, a good neighbor, a good Christian, beloved throughout a wide circle of friends and acquaint-ances.

On Nov. 23, 1852, Mr. Eckman married Ange-line Shipe, who was born in 1832 in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, and survives



him, continuing to make her home in Sunbury. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Eckman: William H., Elizabeth (who died in infancy), a son that died in infancy, and Joseph Warren.

Johan Heinrich (or John Henry) Shipe, grandfather of Mrs. Peter Eckman, lived in Berks county, Pa., in his earlier life, later settling in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, where he owned about two hundred acres of land and followed farming. He died upon his farm and is buried at the Blue Church in Shamokin township. His wife was Elizabeth Sherry and they had children as follows: John, Polly (married Valentine Hummel), Henry, Abraham, Jacob, Michael and Elizabeth (married Jacob Persing).

Michael Shipe (son of John Henry) and his wife Judith H. had a large family, namely: William married Elizabeth Keefer, and their children are Charles A., Martin L., Jonathan R., Arthur B. and Bessie E.; Isaac married Elizabeth Berger and their children are Mary A., Clara, Angeline and Tressa; Henry H. (deceased) married Louisa Reeder, and they had four children, James A., Michael W., Emma and Anna; Ira (deceased) married Louisa Clark, and they had Edward, Swartz, Harry M., Thomas and Jane; Moses married Rebecca Clark and had children, Isaac, George and Herbert; Michael married Kate Barnhart and had Walter and Laura; Emanuel Z. married Sarah E. Eckman; Rev. Jonathan R., a Methodist minister, now stationed at Hazleton, Pa., married Mollie Besser; Angeline is the widow of Peter Eckman.

William H. Eckman was born Aug. 7, 1855, in Upper Augusta township, and there attended school, also going to school at Sunbury. He has successfully followed farming, and is now located in West Chillisquaque township. He purchased a piece of property in the borough of Sunbury where he lived for some years, during which time he was connected with the Pomfret Manor Cemetery Company. In June, 1891, he bought the Bieber farm, a beautiful tract of land lying near Pottsgrove, to which he removed with his family in 1893, and this has since been their home. Mr. Eckman has built a handsome and comfortable residence on this property since it came into his possession and has made a model farm of the tract, which is a credit to the community.

On March 1, 1888, Mr. Eckman married Sarah A. Montgomery, daughter of Hugh R. and Sarah S. (Moll) Montgomery, and they have had two children: Clara A., born in Sunbury Aug. 14, 1891, and Mae Montgomery, born at Pottsgrove Feb. 9, 1904. Mr. and Mrs. Eckman are members of the Presbyterian church. Politically he is a Prohibitionist.

JOSEPH WARREN ECKMAN, the other surviving son of Peter Eckman, was born Feb. 7,

1866, on a farm near Sunbury, where Pomfret Manor cemetery is now located. He was educated in the local public schools, and lived on the farm with his parents until eighteen years of age, when the family moved to Sunbury and he there studied stenography and typewriting when not otherwise engaged, continuing thus until he was twenty-one years old. He then accepted the position of stenographer at the Milton Car Works (Murray, Dougal & Co. Limited), Milton, Pa., Feb. 7, 1887, continuing to hold that position for almost seventeen and a half years, until July 1, 1904. Since that date he has been engaged in the First National Bank of Milton. He became private secretary to Hon. C. H. Dickerman, president of the bank, and on Jan. 1, 1907, was also made a clerk in the bank. On Dec. 5, 1889, Mr. Eckman was married at Sunbury to Lillie Dale Hile, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hile, and they made their home at Milton, where Mrs. Eckman died of typhoid fever March 5, 1900. She was the mother of two children: Ira Walter, born Sept. 6, 1892; and Roy Eugene, born Dec. 12, 1897, who died Jan. 8, 1899. On Feb. 7, 1901, Mr. Eckman married Maggie Belle Moyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phaon Moyer, of Unityville, Pa. They have one child, Alice Hanna, born Nov. 1, 1910.

Emanuel Z. Shipe, late of Sunbury, was born June 13, 1844, near Shamokin, this county, and in 1866 began working in the Sunbury shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, where he was employed until obliged to give up active labor because of ill health, about twelve years before his death. At the shops he was held in the highest esteem by his fellow workers, for his sturdy Christian character and manly life. For eighteen years before his death, which occurred early in 1908, he was a sufferer from locomotor ataxia, and during the last six years of his life was unable to walk. In December, 1862, Mr. Shipe joined the Mount Pleasant Methodist church, and after moving to Sunbury became a member of St. John's church, with which he was identified until the organization of the Catawissa Avenue M. E. church. He was a trustee of the latter for many years, and for thirty-eight consecutive years served as class leader. His funeral was held from the Catawissa Avenue church, and he was interred in Pomfret Manor cemetery. On Jan. 14, 1869, Mr. Shipe married Sarah E. Eckman, and to them were born five children, three of whom, with Mrs. Eckman, survived him, namely: Mrs. J. L. Creasy and John E., both of Sunbury; and Eugene A., of Pittsburg. One child died in infancy, and the daughter Minnie died several years before her father. Mrs. Shipe makes her home on Catawissa avenue, Sunbury.



**OBERDORF.** The Oberdorf family has been identified with that part of Northumberland county now known as Upper Augusta township since the early days, and there was born Peter C. Oberdorf, who now carries on an extensive real estate and insurance business in Sunbury, and is a director of the Sunbury Trust & Safe Deposit Company. Among the prosperous farmers of that township at the present day is George Forrest Oberdorf, and Elmer E. Oberdorf, now living retired in Sunbury, was also engaged in farming until recently.

The founder of the Oberdorf family in America after emigrating settled in Longswamp township, Berks Co., Pa., where apparently he died comparatively young, or in middle life. One Catharine Oberdorf, probably his widow, was married (second) to Martin Warfel, of Augusta township, Northumberland Co., Pa. On April 26, 1796, Martin Warfel and Catharine, his wife, of Augusta township, sold to Peter Oberdorf, Sr., the pioneer of the Northumberland county family, a tract of 306 acres and 72 perches of land then in Augusta (now Upper Augusta) township. Most of this land is still in the family name.

Peter Oberdorf, Jr. (son of the pioneer), made his last will and testament Sept. 17, 1842; sons Peter (3) and George were appointed executors. George Oberdorf willed his estate divided in six equal shares, legatees as follows: Brother Peter, of Augusta township, Northumberland Co., Pa.; Jacob, of Northumberland county; John, of Berks county; Magdalena, who married Jacob Carl, also of Longswamp township, Berks county; Catharine, who married John Hoffman, and lived in Ruscombmanor township, Berks county; and my mother, Catharine, intermarried with Martin Warfel, in Augusta township. Peter Oberdorf, brother, and George Bright, a trusted friend of Sunbury borough, were the executors. This will was made Jan. 3, 1800, and he died soon afterward.

Peter Oberdorf (evidently the son of the pioneer referred to as Peter, Jr.), the great-grandfather of Peter C., born April 20, 1772, lived in Upper Augusta township, on the farm now owned by his grandson, George Forrest Oberdorf. He was a farmer, and was known in the locality as "Little Peter," to distinguish him from his son, who was known as "Big Peter." He died April 22, 1853, and is buried in the old South cemetery at Sunbury. His wife, Elizabeth, born April 3, 1766, died Dec. 31, 1811. They had children as follows: John settled on the north branch of the Susquehanna river; Joseph lived in New York State; Peter is mentioned below; George lived and died on the old homestead; Elizabeth married Jonathan Stroh; Catharine married Abraham Moore; Margaret married Gilbert Deats; Mrs. Brewer moved with her husband to New York State (they had sons Peter and George W.).

Peter Oberdorf, son of Peter and Elizabeth, was

a native of Upper Augusta township and is buried at the M. E. Church at Klinesgrove. He was a prosperous farmer, owning three valuable tracts, one of 247 acres, his homestead farm of 165 acres, and what was known as the Bakeoven Hill farm, adjoining Pomfret Manor cemetery, which consisted of about two hundred acres, now owned by William H. Druckenmiller. Mr. Oberdorf was not only enterprising and farsighted in business but also intelligent and public-spirited in matters affecting the welfare of the community—a trait none too common in those days. He was one of eight voters in his township to advocate by ballot the establishment of the free school system at a time when free education was a most unpopular and misunderstood cause, his fellow voters on that question being Elijah Kline, Jacob Clark, Col. John Snyder, Samuel Bloom, Samuel Awl and two others whose names have been forgotten. He was a Lutheran member of the Zion Church at Sunbury, and has a monument on the Oberdorf family burial plot, where several generations of the family are interred. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. He married Mary Hauser, who bore him children as follows: Samuel is mentioned below; Martin, mentioned below, settled near the homestead, where he died; Jeremiah, who was a school teacher, died in young manhood; David, who never married, lived and died on the homestead; Mary, born Jan. 1, 1820, died Jan. 31, 1908, unmarried; Eliza, born June 25, 1825, died Feb. 6, 1883, unmarried; Susanna died unmarried.

Samuel Oberdorf was born April 27, 1815, in Upper Augusta township, and died June 10, 1884. He is buried at the M. E. Church at Klinesgrove. He was a lifelong farmer, owning one of his father's three farms, a tract of over 240 acres. A Presbyterian in religious connection, he joined the church at Rushtown in his earlier years, later uniting with the church at Sunbury. He married Rhoda C. Campbell, who was born Jan. 22, 1818, daughter of Christopher Campbell, and died Sept. 12, 1900, in her eighty-third year. Twelve children blessed this union, namely: Oliver P., born June 9, 1839, died while serving in the army; Isaac C., born May 9, 1841, died May 20, 1865, in Upper Augusta township; Mary E., born March 29, 1843, has never married; Peter C., born Dec. 7, 1844, is mentioned below; Victoria Isabelle, born March 13, 1847, died July 21, 1862; Omar, born Jan. 29, 1846, died March 29, 1846; Joseph C., born March 1, 1849, died Jan. 28, 1882, of typhoid fever; Marcy Hamilton, born April 19, 1850, died March 19, 1856; Prof. Charles D. is mentioned below; William R., born April 29, 1853, a merchant of Sunbury, married Olive Wolverton and has two sons, Calvin (who graduated from the Sunbury high school and from Bucknell College, at Lewisburg, and is now a civil engineer; he is a member of Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M.) and

Robert (who graduated from the Sunbury high school with the class of 1911); Susanna E., born Sept. 1, 1854, married E. M. Eckman, of Rush township; Samuel M., born Dec. 25, 1856, is a retired farmer of Riverside, Pennsylvania.

PETER C. OBERDORF was born Dec. 7, 1844, and was reared to farm life, meantime obtaining his early education in the local public schools. Later he attended Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport, Pa., and then locating at Klinesgrove engaged in the general merchandise business, which he continued for a period of six years. Thence he came to Sunbury, where he formed a partnership with P. H. Moore and D. H. Snyder, under the firm name of D. H. Snyder & Co. They successfully conducted a general store on Market street for nine years, the business being carried on under the original style until clerks bought out the founders and formed a new association, S. H. Snyder & Co. Mr. Oberdorf then entered the brick manufacturing business, which he continued until the silk mill was erected, when he sold his ground to the company. He was in the brick business about eight years in all. He has since been engaged in the real estate and insurance line, in which he has made a notable success. As agent of the Sunbury Mutual Fire Insurance Company he has built up its business from insignificance to profitable proportions, having taken hold of its business when it had less than two hundred thousand dollars worth of insurance in force; it has now considerably over a million. His real estate and insurance transactions have attained large proportions, and he is interested in local finance as a director of the Sunbury Trust & Safe Deposit Company.

Mr. Oberdorf is well known socially, being a member of Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., and of the Temple Club of Sunbury; of the Americus Club of Sunbury; and of the Rolling Green Country Club. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Sunbury, and served as trustee of the congregation for a number of years. Politically he is a Republican, and he has served as auditor of the town.

CHARLES D. OBERDORF, son of Samuel, was born July 17, 1851. He began teaching at the age of seventeen, on Bald Top, near Danville, afterwards teaching two years near the Old Fellows Orphanage in Upper Augusta township. For the next two years he was a tutor in the private school of N. Foster Browne, one year at Sunbury, and one in Lewistown, preparing at the same time for college. Entering Princeton University in the fall of 1874, he graduated in 1878; served as principal of the Mount Carmel high school for the next three years, and was then elected supervisory principal of the Sunbury schools, serving as such for twelve years. He was then elected borough superintendent of the Sunbury schools, for two terms of three years each. Since that time, from 1900 to 1911

inclusive, he has been principal of the Mount Carmel high school. On July 15, 1905, Professor Oberdorf married Olive A. Ruch, of Northumberland, and they have one child, Rhoda Jane, born Jan. 16, 1910. He is a member of Masonic Lodge No. 22, of Sunbury.

George Oberdorf, son of Peter, Jr., was born on the homestead in Lower Augusta township, Aug. 19, 1807, and died Feb. 28, 1866. He and his wife Charity are buried at the Klinesgrove M. E. Church. He was educated in the old day school of his day, and trained from early life to farming, which he began for himself in 1855, purchasing his father's place from the estate. He lived there all his life. The farm then comprised 226 acres. Originally a Democrat, later a Whig, when the war broke out he became a follower of Abraham Lincoln. He helped to establish the first public school in the township, which was built by subscription, and he himself did much of the carpenter work on this school building. He served as overseer of the poor, in short he was an all-round active and useful citizen. In religion a Lutheran, he was a member of St. John's Church, and was in the church council some years. Mr. Oberdorf was married twice, first to Catharine Campbell, daughter of Robert Campbell. She was born Jan. 12, 1812, and died May 30, 1835; she is buried at Klinesgrove. By this union there were two children: Margaret, born Jan. 11, 1834, who died Aug. 15, 1836; and Joseph, born March 8, 1835, who died Aug. 4, 1835. Mr. Oberdorf's second marriage was to Charity Sowders, on Feb. 16, 1837. She died Aug. 5, 1865, aged fifty-five years, eleven months, twenty days, the mother of five children, namely: Harriet, born July 5, 1838, married Oscar Heller, and they lived in Rush township; Mary C., born Sept. 25, 1841, married A. D. Moore and they live at Klinesgrove, Pa.; Peter J., born Nov. 13, 1843, died April 21, 1887, and is buried at Klinesgrove M. E. Church (he married Lydia A. Reed, who died Dec. 8, 1888, aged thirty-nine years, six months, four days, and their son, Frank H., born in 1873, died in 1894); George Forrest was born May 2, 1846; Elizabeth, born April 25, 1848, married Joel Rabuck, and they live in Rush township.

GEORGE FORREST OBERDORF, farmer in Upper Augusta township, at Klinesgrove, was born May 2, 1846, on the farm he now occupies. He was educated in the township public schools and reared as a farmer, beginning farming for himself in the spring of 1887, on the homestead where he has since continued to live. In March, 1887, the homestead farm passed into his possession. It was then a tract of 226 acres, of which he sold off forty-nine acres, subsequently adding thirty-three acres. He and his brother Peter J. at first owned the farm in partnership and built the present house, to which



George F. Oberdorf has since made additions. The old house which Peter Oberdorf built about 1810, on this tract, is still standing and in a good state of preservation. It is a log house, now weather-boarded. In 1856 George Oberdorf, his son, remodeled it, and tore out two big stone chimneys that extended from the first floor up. It is now occupied by George C. Oberdorf, of the fourth generation. In 1899 George F. Oberdorf rebuilt the barn, and in 1909 added a big straw shed. His land is fertile and adapted to general farming as well as fruit growing. He has a peach orchard of 300 trees. Mr. Oberdorf has been active in various interests in his locality and is one of the best known men in the township. He is a Republican and was school director for six years, serving a year as president and the same length of time as treasurer of the board. He is now president of the Augusta Mutual Fire Insurance Company, whose headquarters are in Sunbury, a well conducted company, of which Saul Shipman is secretary and David Cooper treasurer. The board consists of six directors. Mr. Oberdorf is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Snyderstown Lodge, No. 527, of which he is a past grand and at one time was most active in its work. He and his family have worshiped in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Klinesgrove since 1876, and Mr. Oberdorf is one of the pillars of the church, which he has served officially for a number of years.

On Jan. 5, 1876, Mr. Oberdorf married Laura Alice Mettler, daughter of Carter and Mary (Haughawout) Mettler, of Rush township, and they have had a family of five children: Mary, who died in infancy; Harriet M., at home; William R., at home; George C., who married Ruth A. Campbell, and lives in the old homestead residence; and Annie, who died of pneumonia when two and a half years old.

Martin Oberdorf, son of Peter, was born in Upper Augusta township, and was a farmer owning a farm of ninety acres. His death, which occurred in 1871 in Rush township, was the result of a cowardly shooting. He is buried at the Methodist Church at Klinesgrove. However, he was a member of the Reformed Church, as was his wife, Susan (Evert). They had children as follows: Henry M., of Stonington, Pa.; John E., of Sunbury, Pa.; Mary Eliza, who died Nov. 21, 1870, aged twenty-three years, six months, twenty-two days; William, of Iola, Kans.; Peter, who died at Berwick, Pa.; Philip, who died at Berwick; and Elmer E.

ELMER E. OBERDORF was a farmer in Upper Augusta township, on the farm of his grandfather, Peter Oberdorf. He was born Sept. 20, 1861, in Rush township, attended the public schools, and has always lived on the farm. When his father, Martin Oberdorf, was shot he went into the fam-

ily of his grandfather, Peter, when only ten years old, and there lived with them until they died. In the spring of 1907 he obtained the homestead, where he lived until his removal to Sunbury. He cultivated a tract of 185 acres, and conducted his affairs successfully, also taking an active interest in local public affairs. Politically he is a Republican. In the spring of 1911 he came to Sunbury to live, making his home on Catawissa avenue.

On Sept. 30, 1908, Mr. Oberdorf married Edith Shipman, daughter of John H. and Barbara (Snyder) Shipman, and granddaughter of Jacob Shipman, both the Shipmans being from Lower Augusta township, as was also Barbara Snyder, daughter of Col. Thomas Snyder. Mr. Oberdorf is a Lutheran in religious connection, and his wife is a Baptist.

HARRY C. BARNHART, farmer, who has a large property in Point township, Northumberland county, located along the north branch of the Susquehanna river, was born Aug. 9, 1871, in Montour county, Pa., son of Martin Barnhart and grandson of Michael Barnhart.

Michael Barnhart was born in Rush township, Northumberland county, and died at Shamokin Creek, below Sunbury, when sixty-eight years old. He is buried at Snydertown. He was a farmer by occupation and a Lutheran in religion. His first marriage was to a Miss Keefer, his second to Sarah Elizabeth (Neidig) Fryling, widow of Stophel Fryling. The following named children were born to the first union: John settled in Ohio; David became a resident of Sunbury, Pa.; Benjamin, of Watsontown, Pa.; George, of Sacramento, Cal.; Martin was the father of Harry C. Barnhart; Mary married Jonas Hollenbach; Hannah married John Bowen; Sophia married Mr. Donavan; Elizabeth married Thomas Rogers.

Martin Barnhart was born Jan. 4, 1823, in Rush township, was a lifelong farmer, and for many years owned and lived on the farm in Point township now occupied by his son Harry C. He died June 3, 1898, and is buried at Northumberland. Like the members of his family generally, he was a Lutheran in religious matters. In 1845 he married Sarah Elizabeth Fryling, who was born in October, 1826, daughter of Stophel and Sarah Elizabeth (Crissinger) Fryling, and granddaughter of Christopher Fryling, who lived along the Shamokin creek in Northumberland county. Though now in her eighty-eighth year, Mrs. Barnhart is well preserved. She is the mother of ten children, born as follows: William, 1846; Mary Alice, 1849 (died in 1855); Anna D., 1852; Hannah J., 1854 (died in 1855); Sarah Elizabeth, 1857; Josephine Lee, 1860; Angeline, 1862; James McClellan, 1865; Emma, 1867; Harry C., 1871.

Harry C. Barnhart was reared to farming, and when twenty-six years old began cultivating his



father's farm in Point township on his own account. This place has remained in the family since the father's death, in 1898, Harry C. Barnhart now owning it, and he has operated it profitably, showing himself equal to the responsibility of so large a tract. The place contains 200 acres, located on the north branch, and its level, fertile fields, of productive river soil, make it most valuable for general farming purposes. It was the old Joseph Bird homestead and has been occupied for several generations. A number of Indian relics have been found on the place.

On May 6, 1908, Mr. Barnhart married Minnie Morgan, daughter of William Morgan, and they have two children, Elizabeth and William. Mr. and Mrs. Barnhart are members of the Lutheran Church, and he is a Democrat politically.

**MOSER.** The Moser family now well known in the northern portion of Northumberland county is descended from Peter Moser, a native of Berks county, Pa., who in 1838 came to Derry township, then in Northumberland county, but now included in Montour county. He had considerable land and was a lifelong farmer, being succeeded on his home place by his son-in-law, Gideon Dietrich. He was an early live stock dealer, and was a prominent and successful man, being able to give a farm to each of his nine children. He is buried at Washingtonville Church, which he helped to build, being one of the foremost members of the Lutheran congregation there; he served many years in the church council. His children were as follows: Jacob, Samuel, John, George, Henry, Fred, Mrs. Samuel Shirey, Sallie (wife of Samuel Snyder), Susan (wife of Gideon Dietrich) and Margaret (married Philip Boyer).

John Moser, son of Peter, was born Jan. 19, 1822, near Amityville, in Berks county, Pa., and was a youth when he moved with his parents to Derry township, in what is now Montour county. He was trained to agricultural work from early life, and inheriting a tract of 264 acres from his father continued to cultivate that place until 1897, when he removed to Turbutville. In 1900 he built the fine home there (the place now owned by his son Henry) where he died Feb. 13, 1909, at the advanced age of eighty-seven years. He is buried in the Moser family plot in the new cemetery at Turbutville. Mr. Moser was an unusually successful man, and as he dealt in horses and cattle for many years in addition to farming he became widely known throughout this region. Though he suffered a loss of about three thousand dollars in the Turbutville fire of Aug. 11, 1900, the estate which he left at his death was valued at fifteen thousand dollars, and he had distributed a much larger amount among his children during his lifetime. Moreover, his means were all accumulated in honorable business transactions and not by penurious-

ness, for he was very liberal in his charities and in his gifts to religious work, giving with a free hand to his own and to all other churches. In Columbia county he donated seven hundred dollars to the Madison township Lutheran Church. He was the oldest resident of Turbutville at the time of his death, and his funeral was largely attended. In 1907 his sons John Wellington and Henry Moser gave a fine memorial window to the German Evangelical Lutheran Church at Turbutville in his honor. His wife, Margaret (Cromly), daughter of Daniel and Margaret (Evert) Cromly, though now in her eightieth year (she was born Aug. 5, 1831), is well preserved, and still makes her home at Turbutville. Children as follows were born to this honored couple: Henry, Daniel (of Montour county), S. Anna (who died young), J. Wellington, Catharine (married John A. Ellis and died leaving two children, Margaret and Ella), William Hurley and Peter (a farmer of Lewis township).

**HENRY MOSER**, son of John, is a prominent citizen and farmer of Lewis township, where he owns a fine tract of eighty-four acres near Turbutville. He was born Sept. 24, 1852, near Washingtonville, Montour county, and was educated in the common schools, beginning work meantime with his father, with whom he remained until he reached the age of twenty-four years. He then began operations on his own account in Anthony township, Montour county, where he farmed on shares for seven years, in 1884 coming to his present farm in Lewis township, Northumberland county. It is a fine piece of limestone soil, formerly the old Wykoff homestead, and Mr. Moser has developed its resources to the best advantage, having three lime kilns on the place which are kept going nearly all the year round. He burns from fifty thousand to sixty thousand bushels of lime annually, employing five men in this work alone. An able manager in the conduct of his business affairs, he has reached a substantial place among the well-to-do citizens of his locality, having acquired several properties in Turbutville and holdings of considerable value in various banks. His reliability and acumen in financial matters have been recognized by his fellow townsmen, who elected him to the office of township treasurer for many years, and he has also served as tax collector. He votes independently, being bound by no party ties.

In 1876 Mr. Moser married Anna E. Carey, daughter of James and Rachel (Hindershot) Carey, of White Hall, Montour Co., Pa. They have no children. Mr. and Mrs. Moser are members of the old Lutheran Church at Turbutville, and he has served as trustee thereof. Socially he holds membership in Warrior Run Lodge, No. 401, F. & A. M., of Watsonstown, and in Warrior Run Lodge, No. 645, I. O. O. F., of Turbutville.

**JOHN WELLINGTON MOSER**, son of John, a highly

esteemed resident of Turbutville, was born Dec. 4, 1857, in Columbia county, Pa., and received his schooling at White Hall. He was reared to farm life, and began farming for himself in the spring of 1889, for the next eighteen years being thus engaged in Limestone township, Montour county. In 1907 he built the home at Turbutville which he has since occupied, renting his farm, though he occasionally works upon it. He is a man of the most honorable standing, widely esteemed.

On March 7, 1889, Mr. Moser married Emma R. Dietrich, daughter of Daniel Dietrich, of No. 1007 Franklin street, Reading, Pa., who died Jan. 10, 1911. They have one son, J. Alvin, born Aug. 26, 1894. The family are members of the Lutheran Church, in which Mr. Moser takes an active interest, being a member of the building committee that has the remodeling of the church in hand at present (1910). Politically he is a Republican.

WILLIAM HURLEY MOSER, son of John, is also a highly respected resident of Turbutville. He was born May 6, 1861, at the homestead in Columbia county. He attended the common schools and assisted with the farm work at home until he was thirty-three years old, after which he undertook the cultivation of the place, which is near White Hall, on his own account. He continued thus for fourteen years, when he sold out his farm stock and moved to the borough of Turbutville. He has a large residence on the main street. Mr. Moser retains the ownership of the homestead farm, a tract of 264 acres, which he rents out.

On Feb. 26, 1895, Mr. Moser married Sue Wolfe, daughter of William and Martha (Wolfe) Wolfe, of Derry township, Montour county, her paternal and maternal grandfathers, George Wolfe and Leonard Wolfe, having been second cousins. Mr. and Mrs. Moser have no children. They are members of the Lutheran Church. In politics he is a Republican.

Jacob Moser, son of Peter, was born in Berks county, Pa., and went to Montour county about two years after his father's removal thither. He followed farming, and also conducted a store at Mooresburg for eleven years, after which he retired. He died at Pottsgrove, Northumberland county, at the age of ninety-three years, and is buried in Oak Grove cemetery. His wife, Justine (Boyer), daughter of Jacob Boyer, of Berks county, died at the age of eighty-four years. They had children as follows: Anna, who married Jeremiah Fix; Hettie, who died unmarried; Peter, who died at Pottsgrove in 1911; Catharine, who married Daniel Dietrich; Sarah, who married Samuel Sanders; David, who died in 1861; Mary, who married William Sheets and (second) Eli Bickel; Jacob B.; and John, deceased.

JACOB B. MOSER, now living retired in the borough of Watsonstown, Northumberland county,

was born March 28, 1845, in Liberty township, Montour C., Pa., son of Jacob and Justine (Boyer) Moser, and grandson of Peter Moser. He was educated in the public schools and reared to farming, also assisting his father in the general store at Mooresburg, Montour county. In 1868 he began farming on the homestead in Liberty township, where he lived and farmed on shares for sixteen years, his parents making their home with him. After that he bought a tract of sixty acres in Liberty township, along Mexico Ridge, and a year later bought another sixty acres, adjoining. He continued to cultivate this property for nine years, when he sold it and moved to Limestone township, where he had a 170-acre tract. There he also farmed for nine years, and he still owns the place, which is one of the most valuable farms in that district. He has a tenant on the place now. Mr. Moser also owns another farm, of 118 acres, in Turbut township, Northumberland county. He is now living retired in Watsonstown, where he has occupied his fine modern residence since April, 1908. He is a man of substance and sterling worth, and has an honored place in the community. He and his family are members of the new Lutheran Church, and he was deacon and elder of the church at his former home. On political questions he is a Republican.

In 1869 Mr. Moser married Mary Fenstermacher, daughter of Charles and Catharine (Shumaker) Fenstermacher, who lived in Valley township, Montour county, where he had a farm and also followed tanning. To this union have been born the following children: Ella married Allen Watson and they live in Anthony township, Montour county; Warren lives on his father's farm in Turbut township; Laura graduated from the State Normal school at Lock Haven and is engaged in teaching; Charles lives with his parents; Clyde farms his uncle Peter Moser's farm in Liberty township, Montour county; Tina married Cortney Baird and they live in Lock Haven, Pa.; Catharine and Ida are unmarried; Jacob farms a place belonging to his uncle Peter Moser in Liberty township; Mary is unmarried.

WALTER L. WEIDENHAMER, merchant of Watsonstown, Northumberland county, belongs to a family which has been settled in Pennsylvania from about the middle of the eighteenth century. The progenitor in America, Johannes Weidenhamer, was a native of Germany, born Nov. 14, 1726. In 1750 he married Margaret Magdalena Ebinger, and they were survived by five sons and four daughters, twenty-seven grandchildren and forty-eight great grandchildren. Johannes Weidenhamer died Aug. 3, 1804, in his seventy-eighth year, his wife, who was born in 1729, dying in April, 1812, when eighty-three years old. The original Weidenhamer homestead was about three quarters of a



mile north of Moselem Springs, in Berks county, Pa., on the Easton road.

John Adam (or Johann) Weidenhamer, one of the sons of Johannes, the emigrant, came with the family from Germany and lived in Maiden-creek township, Berks county, where he followed farming. He married Elizabeth Danker, and to them were born children as follows: Jacob; Benjamin, who moved to Ohio, where he died; George, who died in Maiden-creek township, Berks county; John; Susanna, Mrs. Daniel Kauffman, whose children were Mrs. Charles Hottenstein, Mrs. Peter Dunkle and Mrs. Jacob Hoffman; Maria, Mrs. Daniel Althouse; Sarah, who died unmarried; and Betsy, Mrs. Williams.

Jacob Weidenhamer, grandfather of Walter L. Weidenhamer, and son of John Adam, was born in 1797 in Berks county. He married Susanna Dreibelbis, also a native of Berks county, born Oct. 1, 1805, daughter of Daniel Dreibelbis, of Richmond township, Berks county. In 1837 Mr. and Mrs. Weidenhamer moved to Montour county, this State, settling in Limestone township, where Mr. Weidenhamer bought a valuable farm of about two hundred acres. Here he followed farming until his death, which occurred in 1863, in his sixty-seventh year. He was also interested in the mercantile business at Limestoneville. Politically he was a Democrat, and held various township offices. His wife died in 1887. To them were born children as follows: Wellington D., who lived and died in Limestone (he was a tanner by occupation, and served as justice of the peace); Sarah, who lived and died at Limestoneville; William, who died July 7, 1910; John Adam; Daniel, living at Milton; and Elizabeth E., who first married John Sheep and later Emanuel Mauser, of Liberty township, Montour county (or maybe of Milton), and had three children, Edward Sheep (now living in Michigan) and William and Maude Mauser.

John Adam Weidenhamer, son of Jacob, was born April 5, 1836, in Berks county, Pa., and received a common school education. When fourteen he began clerking in his brother's store, and for some years during his earlier manhood he was engaged in farming in Limestone township, Montour county, whence he came to Dewart, Northumberland county, in 1867, buying C. B. Reifsnyder's general store. He conducted that business until his removal to Watsonstown in 1882, from which time until about six months before his death, when he retired, he had a general store at that place. He became widely known in that connection and was a respected citizen. In politics he was a Democrat, and he served several years as assessor of Delaware township. He died in 1899 in Sutton, W. Va., where he was visiting his son, Charles D.

On Nov. 1, 1859, Mr. Weidenhamer married Sarah Ann Deitzman, of West Milton, and to them were born three children: Charles D., Horace G.

and Walter L. Mr. Weidenhamer was a member of the Lutheran Church, to which his wife also belonged, and he served as deacon and elder.

Walter L. Weidenhamer was born Sept. 9, 1870, at Dewart, and there began his education in the public schools. He early began to assist his father as clerk in the store, and was thus engaged until 1893, when he opened his present business at Watsonstown, carrying a line of stationery, jewelry, sporting goods, cigars and tobacco, as well as newspapers. He has a well appointed store on Main street, between First and Second, and by enterprising methods has built up a prosperous trade, which has increased steadily.

On April 24, 1895, Mr. Weidenhamer married Eva Rissel, daughter of Peter Rissel (formerly spelled Rishel), a railroader, and they have had two children, Harold R. and Alberta May. Mr. Weidenhamer and his family are members of the Lutheran Church. He is well known fraternally, holding membership in Watsonstown Lodge, No. 619, I. O. O. F.; Council No. 514, Jr. O. U. A. M., at Watsonstown; the A. O. M. P., No. 33; and Milton Lodge, No. 913, B. P. O. Elks, of Milton, this county. Politically he is a Democrat, and he has held local offices at Watsonstown.

**EVERITT.** The name Everitt was for over forty years closely associated with business interests in Watsonstown, where Enos and Enoch Everitt, twin brothers, were engaged in general merchandising for many years, were foremost in the organization of the Farmers' National Bank, and otherwise filled a useful place in the welfare and advancement of the community. They were born in December, 1829, in Columbia county, Pa., sons of James Everitt. The father was born in Easton, Northampton Co., Pa., where he married a member of a substantial family of that county, a woman of energetic disposition and noble character. They came to Columbia county after several children had been born to them, and there followed farming. Their family was a large one, viz.: Andrew; William; Moses; Enos and Enoch, twins; Hiram, who was the youngest; Elizabeth, Mrs. Long; Sarah, Mrs. John Wells; Martha; Mary, who died out West; Susan, who married; Lucy, Mrs. Finas Young.

ENOS EVERITT spent his early life in his native county. In 1861 he and his twin brother Enoch came to Watsonstown, Northumberland county, and embarked in the mercantile business on a humble scale, in a stone house which stood along the canal. By close application to business and excellent management they prospered, accumulating a comfortable fortune in that line and with the other interests they acquired as the years passed. At one time they had a dry goods business, building a large brick building for their dry goods store at the corner of Main and Third streets, Watsonstown.



During Lincoln's administration they were postmasters at Watsonstown for three years. After giving up the general store and dry goods business Enos Everitt engaged in undertaking, following that line for many years, until he retired, only a few years before his death. He was one of the organizers of the Farmers' National Bank, and served as the second president of that institution, being succeeded by William Nicely. For some years during his earlier manhood he was in partnership with the Pardees in the lumber business, near Muncy. He was a large real estate owner, in association with Drs. Hall and Marr owning a number of fine farms in Prince George county, Md. Mr. Everitt was a foremost member of the First Presbyterian Church, was one of the organizers of that congregation, and served as a member of the building committee when the church was erected, soliciting the greater part of the money subscribed toward its cost and himself contributing liberally toward the project. He served as school director in Watsonstown. Mr. Everitt was a Democrat in politics. He died at Watsonstown Dec. 19, 1904, at the age of seventy-five years, a citizen honored in every relation of life, one whose industry brought him prosperity and whose success was shared by all his fellow men, his useful life benefitting all who came in contact with him.

Mr. Everitt's first wife, Catharine Connor, came from Columbia county. She was born in 1832, and died in 1870, the mother of four children: Anna, who has never married; Alice, wife of George Walters; Lillian, who never married; and Grace, wife of Albert Bersinger.

Mr. Everitt married (second) Mary E. Hill, daughter of Jacob and Anna (Achenback) Hill, of Center township, Columbia county, and four children were also born to this union: Forest, who died in 1903, aged twenty-three years; Helen, deceased; Elizabeth B., who is unmarried; and Ralph, who is a college student.

ENOCH EVERITT was so closely associated with his twin brother Enos that their lives were much the same in many respects. They were in business together at Watsonstown for many years, filled the office of postmaster jointly, were associated in the organization of the Farmers' National Bank, of which Enoch Everitt long served as director, and always had interests in common. Like his brother Enoch Everitt was a member of the First Presbyterian church and helped to build its house of worship. He died July 10, 1901. A man of the highest worth and usefulness, he will long be held in loving remembrance by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

Mr. Everitt by his first marriage had three children: Eva Jane, who married Wilson Remley; Lorenzo, who died Oct. 30, 1897; and a son who died young. In 1868 Mr. Everitt married, for his second wife, Catharine M. Barnfield, and to

them were born two children, Agnes and Sarah H., both of whom are deceased. Mrs. Everitt, who survives her husband, is one of the oldest residents of Watsonstown, where she is comfortably situated. She was born in 1828, but she is nevertheless able to see well without glasses, and reading is her favorite pastime, her keen fondness for good literature affording her many pleasant hours.

Edward Barnfield, father of Mrs. Everitt, was a native of England, whence he came to America before his marriage, which took place at Jersey Shore, Pa., to Mary Elizabeth Nelson. He was a school teacher and possessed of some means. He had a sister, Mrs. Wahl, who also came to America. To Mr. and Mrs. Edward Barnfield were born six children, as follows: Sarah (wife of Horace Bliss), William Nelson, Benjamin, John, George and Catharine M. (Mrs. Everitt). By her second marriage the mother had another son, John N. Slonacker.

EDGAR SUMMERS, of Milton, who since September, 1909, has conducted a restaurant at No. 18 South Front street, and formerly conducted the restaurant in that borough now carried on by his brother, is a member of the third generation of his family to reside at that place, and was born there March 9, 1866.

John P. Summers, his grandfather, was born in 1801 in Philadelphia, whence he came to Milton in an early day. He bought a tract of land and followed farming and trucking throughout his active years. He reached an advanced age, dying March 12, 1887, at the age of eighty-five years, seven months, twelve days. His wife, Rachel (Davis), born in 1806, in Philadelphia, died April 11, 1886, and they are buried in the Lower cemetery at Milton. They had children as follows: Sallie married Samuel C. Follmer; Amanda married Spencer Kase; Mary J. married Levi Trukenmiller; Emma married William Schreyer and (second) Nathan Noteston; John A. was the father of Edgar Summers.

John A. Summers, son of John P. Summers, was born Nov. 24, 1839, at Milton, and died there Feb. 24, 1899. He followed the huckster business for many years and later engaged in the restaurant business, in 1875 establishing himself in that line on Front street under the old opera house, where he remained till 1880, and then located at the site of C. Hull Knauer's shoe store. He continued the restaurant business until two years before his death, and naturally was one of the best known citizens of the borough and the surrounding districts. He served six years as constable of Milton, and was a Democrat in political connection. Mr. Summers married Elizabeth Smith, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Bastam) Smith, and four children were born to this union: Spencer, who died when three years old; Edgar;

Clarence A., now proprietor of the Summers Cafe in Milton; and Carrie M., who died when twenty-four years old, the wife of Frank A. Young.

Edgar Summers received his education in the common and high schools of Milton and when he commenced work assisted his father, with whom he was in business until the latter's retirement, after which he took the restaurant himself. On Feb. 1, 1896, he bought the old Logan property, at Broadway and Elm streets, Milton, which he improved to suit the needs of his business, and there conducted a cafe until January, 1906, when he sold his interest to his brother, Clarence A. Summers. The latter has since conducted the cafe, and the name of Summers is thoroughly identified with the restaurant business in Milton. As previously mentioned, Edgar Summers has had a restaurant at No. 18 South Front street since September, 1909.

In April, 1889, Mr. Summers married Mary Z. Martin, daughter of David and Delilah (Zellers) Martin, of Lewisburg, Pa. They have a beautiful residence at No. 131 Broadway, which Mr. Summers built in 1905. Fraternally he is a member of Council No. 158, Heptasoph; of Castle No. 265, K. G. E.; and of Lodge No. 9, B. P. O. Elks.

HARRY R. SLIFER has been located at Watsonstown, Northumberland county, since 1900 as auditor of the S. B. & B. railroad, and he has become a well known citizen of that borough, taking an active part in the local government, in which he has been honored with the highest offices. He was born Feb. 8, 1870, in Union county, Pa., where his grandfather settled in an early day.

The Slifers are of German extraction, but the family has been settled in America for over two hundred years. The first ancestor in America left the Fatherland in 1700 and crossing the Atlantic made a home in Bucks county, Pa., where his son Abraham, the great-great-grandfather of Harry R. Slifer, was born. Abraham also had a son named Abraham, whose children were as follows: David married Sarah Lotcher and had one daughter, Mary; Samuel was the grandfather of Harry R. Slifer; Col. Eli, who became a very prominent man in Pennsylvania, serving in both houses of the State Legislature, as State treasurer and as secretary of the State under Governor Curtin, married Catharine Frick, and they had a large family, John Frick, Samuel H., Catharine (married Andrew B. Dill), Clara (married Robert Green), William H., John, Eli and Anna Frick (married William Walls); Jacob married Mary Carothers and had two children, John and Amanda; Mary married John Adams.

Samuel Slifer, son of Abraham, was born in 1816, in Chester county. His parents, who were of the sect known as German Baptists (commonly

called Dunkards), died when he was a boy. He learned shoemaking, and followed that trade for some time, both before and after his removal to Lewisburg, Union Co., Pa. There he became protector of the Lewisburg bridge, in which position he was retained for about forty years, his son George M. succeeding him in that work in 1894, and serving until the time of his death, July 27, 1910. Thus the place was in the family for over half a century. Mr. Slifer married Eliza Metzgar (whose mother's maiden name was Elizabeth Snyder), and they became the parents of the following children: George M., Charles, Alfred, Jacob, Catharine, Mary and Samuel.

George M. Slifer, son of Samuel, received his education in the public schools of Lewisburg. When a young man he engaged in the iron business, in which he continued for many years, for a period of forty years running the furnaces at Winfield, Union county. In 1894 he moved to Lewisburg, that year succeeding his father as protector of the Lewisburg bridge, in which capacity he served until his death. He became well and favorably known in that place, was a member of the borough council, and a notary public. He attended the Christian church. Mr. Slifer married Anna P. Rodenbaugh, who was born Aug. 5, 1839, daughter of Elder Jacob and Susan Rodenbaugh and granddaughter of Isaac Rodenbaugh, of Berks county, Pa., who was born Oct. 23, 1772, and married Margaret Stillwagon, who was born in Delaware county, Pa., May 19, 1772. Elder Jacob Rodenbaugh was born in Montgomery county Feb. 12, 1812, and for more than fifty years was actively engaged in the ministry of the Christian church. Mr. and Mrs. Slifer had the following children: Frank R., who lives in Milton, Pa.; Harry R.; Jessie M., wife of George S. Blood; and Susan R., who is unmarried.

Harry R. Slifer received his education in the public schools of the home district, supplemented by a course at the Williamsport commercial college, from which he was graduated in 1889. His first employment was with the Reading Railway Company, which he served as operator and agent at different points. In 1900 he accepted his present position, as auditor of the Susquehanna, Bloomsburg & Berwick railroad, and has since been located at Watsonstown. Mr. Slifer has taken an intelligent and active interest in borough affairs for several years, serving as councilman three years, was secretary of the council for two years, and in 1909 became president of that body, serving one year. His political affiliations are with the Republican party, his religious affiliations with the Presbyterian church, in which he has been an efficient worker, serving as elder and trustee and as superintendent of the Sunday school since April, 1910. Socially he is a High Mason, belonging to Watsonstown Lodge, No. 401,



F. & A. M., of which he was Master in 1907; Warrior Run Chapter, No. 246, R. A. M., of which he was High Priest in 1911; Mount Hermon Commandery, No. 85, K. T.; Williamsport Consistory, thirty-second degree; and Irem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Wilkes-Barre. He was one of the organizers and charter members of the Northumberland County Horticultural Association, of which he is the first treasurer. During the Spanish-American war he served in Company F, 12th Regiment, P. V. I.

On Oct. 1, 1902, Mr. Slifer married Jennie S. Montgomery, daughter of Oliver P. and Priscilla (McKinney) Montgomery, and they have two children, Oliver Montgomery and Anna R. Mr. and Mrs. Slifer own the old Montgomery place, a tract of 205 acres in Lewis township, this county.

**LERCH.** The Lerch family has a number of representatives in the northern section of Northumberland county, where its members have long ranked high as intelligent and progressive citizens, leading useful lives and raising the standards of the community by their example and influence. Daniel Lerch, a farmer of Delaware township, and his brother, the late Samuel P. Lerch, of Lewis township, have long upheld the family reputation for high character and civic usefulness, both having served ably in local offices and otherwise taken a prominent part in the life of their section.

John Lerch, their grandfather, a native of Heidelberg township, Berks Co., Pa., was a prominent farmer of that county, and is buried there. In 1823 he bought a farm in Lewis township, Northumberland county, which his son John farmed on shares until he bought it, in 1832. His children were as follows: John, who settled in New York State; David, who settled in New York State; Daniel, who lives in Berks county, near Hains Church; Elizabeth, who married Morris Evans, of Berks county; Sarah, Mrs. Ludwig; Katie, Mrs. John Leib; Susan, who died unmarried; and Samuel.

Samuel Lerch, son of John, was born in 1806 in Berks county, Pa., and came thence to Northumberland county, settling on the farm of 144 acres in Lewis township where he died Sept. 23, 1873, aged sixty-six years, two months, nineteen days. His death was caused by cancer. He was a lifelong farmer, and prospered in his work. In politics he was a Democrat, and he held the office of school director. His wife, Mary (Raup), who died Nov. 19, 1882, aged seventy-two years, eight months, twenty-seven days, was a daughter of Philip and Catharine (Moll) Raup, the latter of whom died at the age of ninety-six years. To Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lerch were born children as follows: John, who is deceased; Katie, deceased; Sarah Jane, deceased; Samuel P., deceased;

Susan, wife of Thomas Klapp; Daniel; Rachel, who died when sixteen years old; Clara, wife of I. D. Gresh; and one that died in infancy.

**SAMUEL P. LERCH** was born Oct. 23, 1839, on the homestead in Lewis township, and received his education in the local public schools and at McEwensville high school. He was reared to agricultural work, and from the spring of 1868 until his death farmed on his own account, living on the homestead in Lewis township during all that long period but five years, when he farmed on the place in Delaware township now occupied by his brother. The brick residence on the place was built by his father in 1852. Mr. Lerch was not only recognized as a progressive farmer, but as an able man in every respect, highly regarded for his intelligence and good judgment. In fact he was often called the "Lewis township lawyer," because of the frequency with which his advice was sought by his friends and neighbors generally, his counsel being found so valuable that his opinion was highly esteemed by all who knew him. He served twelve years in the office of overseer of the poor, to which he was elected by the Republicans, though he himself was a Democrat in political connection. From 1870 to 1879 he was school director. He was also prominent in church work, worshipping with his family at the Reformed Church, which he served in various official positions, having been deacon, elder and member of the council of Paradise Church for fifteen years.

On Nov. 28, 1867, Mr. Lerch married Margaret Fullmer, daughter of Charles Fullmer, of Paradise Valley, this county, and to them were born children as follows: Rev. Charles D., a minister of the Reformed church, now located at Mount Crawford, Va., taught school in Lewis township for two years, and his first charge was what is known as the Mandales charge at Danville, where he was located for ten years, taking his present charge in October, 1909 (he was married in October, 1909, to Mary James); Samuel E., who is in his father's employ, married Fannie Menges and has children Miriam I. and Lera L.; Mary T. taught select school four summers; Amy F. married Seidel Rovenolt and has children Milford L., Margaret S. and Charles S.; Sallie E. and Maggie I. are twins. Mr. Lerch died, very suddenly, Nov. 9, 1910. His taking away left a vacancy in the business and social circles of the borough which cannot be easily filled.

**DANIEL LERCH**, of Delaware township, was born Jan. 1, 1848, on his father's homestead in Lewis township, and received his elementary education in the local schools. Later he attended the State Normal school at Millersville for six months, and took a commercial course at the Williamsport Business College, from which he was graduated in 186-. He has followed farming all his life, and in 1874 began farming on his own account



on the place in Delaware township where he has since lived on a 130-acre tract of limestone land, nicely located near the Warrior Run church. Mr. Lerch is a modern agriculturist and has prospered in his work, which he has carried on by the most approved methods, and he has improved his property greatly. He built an addition to the dwelling on the place and remodeled it in 1904. He was one of the organizers of the Farmers' National Bank of Watsonstown, which he served as a director for nine years. He has taken considerable interest in public affairs and has served the community in various offices of trust, having been auditor of the township nine years, school director six years and tax collector three years. In political connection he is a Democrat. Few citizens of the township have been more faithful to their duties of citizenship. Mr. Lerch has also been active in church work, as a member of Trinity Reformed church at McEwensville, to which his family also belong. They now hold membership at Turbutville. He has served this congregation as deacon and elder, still filling the latter office, and helped to build the present church edifice, serving as treasurer of the building committee.

On Dec. 23, 1873, Mr. Lerch married Sarah E. Gouger, daughter of J. W. Gouger, of California, and they have had two children, Bertha M. and Donald G.

Donald G. Lerch, M. D., received his literary education in the McEwensville high school and at Franklin and Marshall College, graduating from the latter institution with the class of 1900. He entered Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, as a sophomore, graduated in 1903, and for the next fifteen months was connected with a private surgical hospital in New York State. From there he went to Allegheny, now the north side of Pittsburg, Pa., where he served three years in a local hospital, and he is still serving as a member of its surgical staff by appointment and reappointment. He has proved to be an able general practitioner as well as a skillful surgeon, was police surgeon of the north side of Pittsburg for three years, and has contributed to various medical journals. His activity and usefulness in public work has brought him considerable prominence.

**AARON S. ROMIG**, who owns and cultivates a fine farm in West Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, has lived in that section of the county since 1876. He is a native of Union county, this state, born May 8, 1849, in Kelly township, son of Thomas Romig and grandson of Philip Romig.

Philip Romig was born and reared at Alburtis, Lehigh Co., Pa., lived some time in Union county, and died at Allentown, Lehigh county. His children were: Thomas; Mary, Mrs. Stiltz; Charles;

Benjamin; Catharine, who was twice married, her husbands being brothers, named Jacoby; and Susanna, Mrs. Fredericks.

Thomas Romig, son of Philip, was born in Lehigh county, and lived to the age of eighty-nine years, five days, dying in West Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, at the home of his son, Aaron S. Romig. He is buried at Lewisburg. Mr. Romig learned the trade of tinner, which he followed, and later farmed in Kelly township, Union county, having moved from his native county when sixteen years old. His wife, Mary A. (Weary), was a daughter of Daniel Weary. They had three children, Benjamin, Aaron S. and Augustus W., Aaron S. being the only survivor of the family.

Aaron S. Romig attended school in Kelly township, Union county. He has been engaged in farming throughout his active years, having commenced on his own account in the spring of 1876 in Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, on the Cook farm, located along the West branch of the Susquehanna river. After eight years on that place he moved to the Joseph Rissel farm in East Chillisquaque township, where he remained one year, and thence to the Peter Vonadia farm, upon which he lived and worked for eighteen years. At the end of that time he bought and moved to the property where he now resides, the Kinkad farm, a tract of sixty acres in West Chillisquaque township, at East Lewisburg, just below the iron bridge. Here he has since been successfully engaged in general agricultural pursuits. The place is a very desirable one, and Mr. Romig has made a number of general improvements during his ownership, besides putting up an addition—30 by 18 feet in dimensions—to the dwelling. Outside of his private affairs he is particularly interested in securing the best educational facilities possible for his neighborhood, and he has served six years as school director of his township. He has also been elected supervisor. He is a useful citizen, and has the esteem of all who know him.

Mr. Romig married Sarah J. Whitmeyer, daughter of Amos Whitmeyer, of Columbia county, Pa., and they have two children: Annie M., the daughter, married John Haas, of Reading, Pa., where they reside, and they have four children, Lester, Raymond, Sarah and Dorothy; Clyde T. married Mabel Smith. In religious matters the family are identified with the Lutheran church.

**CHARLES N. MARSH**, of Milton, who has carried on the insurance business in that borough of recent years, has been identified with its business life for some time and with its public affairs as borough treasurer, in which office he is now serving his second term. He has also followed surveying throughout his active years and has con-

siderable reputation in that line of work. Mr. Marsh comes of a family of Scotch origin founded in this section of Pennsylvania by his great-grandfather, Isaac Marsh, a native of New Jersey and member of a family long settled in that state. Isaac Marsh was married in New Jersey to Ellonanna Griggs and continued to live there until 1807, when he and several of his neighbors moved to Pennsylvania, settling in Rush township, Northumberland county. There he bought a farm and passed the remainder of his days. Mr. and Mrs. Marsh were the parents of three children: Isaac, Daniel and Griggs, Daniel remaining in Hunterdon county, in New Jersey, and the others coming with their parents to Northumberland county. Isaac and Griggs Marsh both married in Rush township, and in 1841 moved to Turbut township, this county. The descendants of Griggs Marsh are mentioned elsewhere, with the history of the Follmer family.

Isaac Marsh, son of Isaac, was born in New Jersey, and married Sarah Gulick, a native of Northumberland county, Pa., daughter of Charles Gulick. She was of German extraction, her ancestors coming from Gulick, Wurtemberg. Mr. and Mrs. Marsh had the following children: Minner G.; Mary, who was married June 9, 1864, to Reuben Klapp, and died Jan. 26, 1886, leaving no children; Daniel G.; Williamson; and Ellen, who married Emanuel Haus. The mother of this family died May 28, 1867, the father Jan. 31, 1874.

Minner G. Marsh, born in Rush township April 9, 1824, married Margaret Follmer, and they became the parents of two children, Charles N. and Harriet, the latter the widow of Charles Moll (she resides at Pottsgrove, Pa.). Mr. Marsh engaged in farming during his active years, and died Jan. 8, 1911. He was buried at Milton.

Charles N. Marsh was born June 25, 1858, in Turbut township, Northumberland county, and received his education in the schools of his native township. He taught school for ten terms, meantime also following farming, and in 1897 he took a position in the First National Bank of Milton, with which he was connected until his resignation, in 1908, when he was elected a director of this bank. During this time he had become interested in the insurance business, to which his attention is now principally given. He has by his success in the management of his own affairs so won the confidence of his fellow citizens that they honored him with election to the office of borough treasurer, which he filled two terms. Before his removal to the borough of Milton, in 1897, Mr. Marsh made his home for sixteen years in Chillisquaque township, upon his own farm, and there he followed surveying, which he still continues. He still owns this farm. In 1890 he was elected a justice of the peace in that district, holding the office until he

resigned on account of changing his home to Milton.

On March 27, 1879, Mr. Marsh married Mary Montgomery, daughter of Hugh and Sarah (Moll) Montgomery, and they have one son, Hugh Montgomery Marsh, who is married to Ada Yost and has two children, Hugh Montgomery, Jr., and Sarah Grace. Mr. Marsh and his family reside at No. 221 Broadway, Milton. They are members of the Presbyterian church, in which he is a ruling elder, in which capacity he has served for the last twenty years. In political connection he is a Republican. He is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, and presiding officer of Northumberland and Montour counties; a member of Knights of Malta, and of the Modern Woodmen of America. In April, 1911, when the Horticulture Association of Northumberland county was organized, Mr. Marsh was elected its first president.

WILSON H. REMLY, a resident of the borough of Watsontown, formerly engaged in farming in this portion of Northumberland county, was born Nov. 24, 1854, in Columbia county, Pa., and is a son of Michael Remly and grandson of John Remly.

John Remly came to Columbia county, Pa., from one of the lower counties of the State, and engaged in farming. He married Mary Kelchner, and to them were born the following children: William died out West; Henry died in Columbia county, Pa.; John lives in Columbia county, Pa.; Michael was the father of Wilson H. Remly; Sallie married George Muffley, of Columbia county, Pa.; Julia married a Mr. Bower; Kate married Adam Hill; Amanda married Stephen Hill, a cousin of Adam Hill.

Michael Remly lived in Center township, Columbia county, where he followed farming. He also ran a coal yard at McEwensville, Northumberland county, and he died on his birthday, Jan. 11, 1899, at the age of seventy-two years. He married Mary Hart, who now makes her home at Watsontown. They became the parents of six children, namely: Wilson H.; Margaret, Mrs. Charles Beck, deceased; Sarah, Mrs. Albert Allebach; Grant, of Berwick, Pa.; Oscar, deceased; and Sanderson, deceased.

Wilson H. Remly passed all his early life in his native county, making his home there until his removal to Northumberland county, in 1883. Settling near Turbutville, in Lewis township, he engaged in farming there for two years, and then moved to Warrior Run, in Lewis township, where he remained for eleven years, following farming. Moving across the Susquehanna river into Union county, he farmed there for the next six years, after which he spent two years in Washington, Lycoming county, engaged in agricultural pursuits.



In 1901 Mr. Remly returned to Northumberland county and settled at Watsonstown, where he has since resided, occupying a nice home built by Enoch Everitt, father of Mrs. Remly.

On Jan. 7, 1875, Mr. Remly married Effie J. Everitt, daughter of Enoch and Martha (Vance) Everitt, and they have a family of three children, namely: Martha married Jacob Wertman and resides in Delaware township; they have one son, Stewart. Hurley R. is mentioned below. Pleszie S. married Lloyd Everitt, and they reside with her parents; they have one child, Donald. Mr. and Mrs. Remly are members of the Lutheran Church, in whose welfare he has taken an active interest, having served at one time as deacon.

Hurley R. Remly, only son of Wilson H. and Effie J. (Everitt) Remly, was born July 7, 1879, and received his education in the public schools of Lewis township. He is engaged in farming, cultivating his father's eighty-two-acre property at Springtown, in Delaware township, where he makes his home. He married Letitia Clark, daughter of Jacob and Charlotte (Baker) Clark, and they have had three children: Mildred, Florence and Effie.

CHARLES E. HOY, a merchant of Milton, Northumberland county, is a native of this county, born in that part of Turbut township now included in Milton. The Hoy family is an old one in Pennsylvania, identified with Berks and Schuylkill counties. The first member of the family mentioned in Berks county is one Ulrich Hoy, who paid two pounds tax in 1759. From Berks the Hoy's moved to Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county, where lived Philip Hoy, who reared a large family, viz.: Joseph, Henry, Abram, William, John, Maria (Mrs. Wiltrout), Susanna (Mrs. Izull) and Sallie (Mrs. Gehret).

John Hoy, the grandfather of Charles E., was born Dec. 20, 1805, in Schuylkill county, and in 1828 married Sarah Kimmel. For some time they lived near Orwigsburg. In 1848 he purchased a farm in Turbut township, Northumberland county, to which he moved that year, and where he lived until his death, May 3, 1891. He followed farming and brickmaking. Mr. Hoy filled a number of township offices, and in political connection was a Democrat. In religion he was a consistent member of the Reformed Church. His first wife died Sept. 22, 1862, and he subsequently married (second) Mrs. Sarah (Miller) Frailie, widow of George Frailie. Fourteen children were born to the first union: Sarah (who married Nathan Fehr), born June 22, 1828, died Dec. 13, 1897; Charles, born Jan. 16, 1831, died Aug. 31, 1881; Hannah (who married Michael Farley), born April 5, 1833, died Jan. 21, 1909; Edward, born March 10, 1834, died July 18, 1892; Lavina (who married Thomas Karchner), born Jan. 9, 1836, died Dec. 12, 1891;

Hetty (who married William G. Follmer) lives in Milton; Frank moved to Kansas and is still living in the West; John, born Dec. 2, 1840, died Sept. 30, 1894; Maria, born Nov. 8, 1842, married William B. Wagner, and has three children, William H., Anna M. and Emily E.; Amanda (who married Jacob Fries), born Dec. 17, 1844, died March 12, 1900; Samuel was born Sept. 9, 1846; Elizabeth (who married John Noriconk) was born Sept. 9, 1848; David N., born Nov. 28, 1850, married Maggie Harman and is living on the old homestead in Turbut township; William died young.

Edward Hoy, father of Charles E., owned a farm east of Milton, now included in that borough, and there made his home and followed farming and trucking to the end of his days. His death occurred in 1892. He married Rachel Houtz, and they became the parents of five children: Charles E., Emma (who married Joshua Kelly), John, Gertrude (married John Mast) and Lulu (deceased).

Charles E. Hoy first learned the trade of machinist and steamfitter, beginning work in that line as an employee of Charles H. Godcharles (predecessor of the F. A. Godcharles Company). He next worked for S. J. Shimer's Sons and then for the American Car & Foundry Company at Milton, from which he changed to the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company and finally to the government employ, being engaged as steamfitter for the war and navy departments. In 1894 he engaged in the mercantile business at Milton, which he has since conducted. He is a thrifty and substantial citizen, has represented his ward one term in the borough council, and is a creditable member of the community in every way. He is a member of St. John's Reformed Church of Milton and a Democrat in political affiliation.

On Jan. 16, 1889, Mr. Hoy married Katie L. Hause, daughter of John R. and Mary A. Hause, and they have had two children, Frank Edward and Marie Ruth, twins. The comfortable family home in Milton was built by Mr. Hoy in 1893.

ROBERT M. CUMMINGS, of Montandon, Northumberland county, is an attorney of high reputation and standing in the locality where he has been engaged in practice for half a century and more, since 1859, and his son, Herbert W. Cummings, who has served two terms as district attorney, is adding distinction to a name which has been well and favorably known to the legal fraternity in this region for an unusually long period. The father was born Nov. 21, 1833, in Chillisquaque township, where he has passed all his life. The son is located in Sunbury.

The Cummings family is of Scotch-Irish stock. John Cummings, the first ancestor of this branch in America, was born in Londonderry, Ireland,



and came to this country with fifteen brothers about 1760, when about six years old. They first settled in Chester county, where he lived for a number of years, serving in the Revolutionary war as captain in a Chester county regiment; he was at Valley Forge. He was married in that county to Elizabeth Church, and in 1794 they came to Northumberland county, where Mr. Cummings purchased between 350 and 400 acres of land which had been taken up originally by Peter Boor, in 1769. This tract lies along the Chillisquaque creek, about two miles east of Montandon. Here Mr. Cummings remained to the end of his days, reaching the advanced age of eighty. He followed farming, built and conducted a distillery, and being a man of judgment and acknowledged ability was chosen justice of the peace after he settled in Chillisquaque township, serving many years in that office. He and his wife are buried in the Northumberland cemetery. They were the parents of the following children: (1) Ann, born Sept. 29, 1782, married Mr. Foresman and died Nov. 29, 1821. (2) Thomas, born July 7, 1784, lived near Jersey Shore. For many years he farmed one of the Hall farms near Montoursville, Pa. Mr. Robert M. Cummings visited him in June, 1843, when a severe frost killed the corn and all fruit. (3) James, born Dec. 7, 1786, lived on the Fairchild farm in Chillisquaque township. (4) Elizabeth and (5) Polly, born Jan. 10, 1790, both died in infancy. (6) William, born Nov. 19, 1791, is mentioned below. (7) John was born Oct. 5, 1793. (8) Polly (?) was born Jan. 11, 1795.

James Cummings, a brother of John Cummings (father of the above family), lived in Northumberland county and was engaged in the mercantile business.

William Cummings, father of Robert M. Cummings, was born Nov. 19, 1791, and died in 1865. He settled on a part of the homestead and there followed farming all his life, improving the property as prosperity rewarded his efforts. He remodeled and enlarged the original house, part of the old house remaining as it was in the early days—made of logs with weatherboard covering. He married Hannah R. Erwin, daughter of William and Mary (Emery) Erwin, and she survived him, dying at Sunbury in 1883. They were the parents of the following children: (1) John Andrew Jackson, born Feb. 15, 1832, was born without hands, but nevertheless he became a skilled penman, and having received a good education taught school, and for two terms—1861-67—served as register and recorder of Northumberland county. In 1877 he made a map of Northumberland county, and he also published maps of Montour and Columbia counties. He married Helen M. Sisty, daughter of Mahlon Sisty, and they had two children, William and Annie. (2) Robert M. is mentioned below. (3) Mary Ann,

widow of Thomas T. Baker, who died at the age of sixty-one years, resides at Montandon, where she is now postmistress. They had children: Clara A., Elmer E., Ella J., Carrie M. and Hannah Mary. Mr. Baker was born in Huntingdon county, Pa., son of Jacob Baker, and was one of ten sons who served in the Civil war; they later moved to Roanoke, Va. He was a member of Company I, 192d P. V. I. He was a foreman when the first college building of what is now Bucknell University, at Lewisburg, Pa., was erected. (4) Sarah Jane, a resident of Montandon, is the widow of David Kingsbury, of Luzerne county. (5) Anna C., now a resident of Baltimore, married Wesley Auten, who was prothonotary of Northumberland county from 1879 to 1885. They had one son, John, who is assistant engineer on the West Jersey division of the Pennsylvania railroad. (6) Harriet J. married J. W. Taylor, moved to Kansas, and died at Meriden, that State. (7) Margaret Agnes married Amandus Freize, and resides on the old homestead. (8) Eliza T. died when seventeen years old. William Cummings, the father of this family, was a member of the Presbyterian Church and in politics a staunch Democrat.

Robert M. Cummings, second son of William Cummings, received his early education in his native township, attending the public school at Sodom. Later he went to the Lewisburg Academy, which was then taught by John Randolph, before the university was established. He studied law with George F. Miller, of Lewisburg, was admitted to the Northumberland county bar in 1859, and has been engaged in practice continuously since. His clientele has been a large one, though his work has been confined principally to Orphans' court cases and real estate proceedings. In the latter field he is regarded as an authority of high value, particularly in his home neighborhood, where his judgment is highly regarded, his advice being sought in many important cases. His knowledge of local conditions as an owner of and dealer in real estate has brought him into touch with both sides of this question. In 1865 he and his brother, John A. J. Cummings, purchased land and laid out what is now Montandon. At that time there were only two buildings on what is now the site of the thriving town, and Mr. Cummings showed his faith in its future by erecting the large brick residence and office which he has ever since occupied. He has been interested in various other movements materially benefiting the village and his fellow citizens generally, having an intelligent outlook upon public affairs which makes him a most valuable citizen. He has served ten years as school director, throughout that period acting as secretary of the board, and for one term was justice of the peace. In politics he is a Democrat and interested in the success of the party.

taking an active part in its workings in the locality. He is a member of the Methodist Church, which he has served in an official capacity, and helped materially in the construction of the present church edifice. As an Odd Fellow of long standing he originally joined Mutual Lodge, No. 74, at Milton, Pa., in 1868, and when Montandon Lodge, No. 704, was established, became a charter member of that organization. He was the first officer of that lodge, and he has served as district deputy grand master of Northumberland county. Few citizens of his locality have been more closely identified with the various phases of life in the community.

On Nov. 14, 1865, Mr. Cummings married Mary E. Albright, daughter of John Albright, late of Turbut township, Northumberland county, and children as follows were born to them: Helen Alton died at the age of four years; Clara Elizabeth married Franklin B. Irvin, of Brooklyn, N. Y., where they reside, he being engaged as clerk in the rate department (they have had children, Miriam, Kathryn E., Beulah E. Cummings and Edna); John William, who was formerly a teacher, is now freight agent for the Pennsylvania Railway Company at Ozone Park, Brooklyn; Herbert W. is mentioned below; Mary A. is at home; Harriet J. married Edward Reitz, and has children, Herbert W., Lena M., Robert C., Elizabeth C. and Wilson. Mrs. Cummings died April 11, 1908, and is buried in Harmony cemetery, at Milton, Northumberland county.

HERBERT W. CUMMINGS was born at Montandon. After graduating from the Lewisburg high school he read law with his father, and on entering upon legal practice he settled at Sunbury, where he formed a partnership with Lewis Dewart. He has risen rapidly in the profession, and in November, 1904, was honored with election to the office of district attorney, the duties of which he assumed Jan. 1, 1902. The term is for three years, and he was reelected at the November, 1904, contest, serving two successive terms with distinguished ability. He enjoys a wide general practice, receiving the patronage of a clientele whose custom is a distinct acknowledgment of his talents and judgment in handling important legal work. He has a large library, and is considered one of the best informed attorneys at the Northumberland county bar.

Socially Mr. Cummings is a member in high standing of the Masonic fraternity and the B. P. O. Elks. In the former connection he unites with old Lodge No. 22, at Sunbury, with Northumberland Chapter, R. A. M., and with Bloomsburg Consistory, thirty-second degree. As an Elk he holds membership in Lodge No. 267, of Sunbury, which he is at present serving as exalted ruler.

MASON I. HOOVER, of Lower Augusta township, is one of the younger agriculturists of his

section who are doing good work in modern farming. He has a pleasant home in Hollowing Run Valley, where he has resided since 1907.

This Hoover family came into the vicinity of Northumberland county from Berks county, Pa., where George Hoover, the great-grandfather of Mason I. Hoover, was born. He was a farmer by occupation. About 1835 he moved to Snyder county, Pa., where he died some time before 1850, at the age of fifty-six years. His wife Hannah, daughter of Benjamin Rishel, died about 1868, aged eighty-four years, and they are buried at Witmer's Evangelical Church in Snyder county. They had eight children, as follows: Hannah married John Kantner; Sarah, Leah and Rachel died unmarried; Charles is mentioned later; George was drowned in the Susquehanna when forty-five years old, while engaged in catching logs; Morgan died at Rockville, Pa.; Mary married Martin Rishel and they lived at Milton, Pennsylvania.

Charles Hoover was born in 1819 in Berks county, and was sixteen years old when he moved with his parents to Snyder county, where he passed most of his life. He worked on the farm, which was situated on the banks of the Susquehanna, and followed milling as well as farming, being the owner and proprietor of the Yost Mill, the largest gristmill in Snyder county, which was built by John Richter at an expenditure of \$26,000. Mr. Hoover operated this mill for twelve years, when he retired, and thereafter he occupied one of the three houses which he owned at that point until his death, July 5, 1892, when he was seventy-two years, nine months of age. In politics he was a Republican, in religion a member of the United Evangelical Association, belonging to the Middle Creek Church, which he served officially. He was an upright, conscientious man, a good citizen from every point of view. His wife, Molly (Gougler), died Dec. 18, 1907, aged eighty-three years, seven months, three days, and they are buried at Witmer's Church. They had the following children: Zacharias, who lives at Allentown, Pa.; John, of Snyder county; Henry, of Lycoming county; George, of Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county; Jeremiah; David, of Snyder county; Ira, who farms on Red Hoover Island; and Agnes, widow of Capt. John Moyer, living at Selinsgrove.

George Hoover, son of Charles Hoover, was born Oct. 20, 1854, in Snyder county, and in 1856 moved with his parents to Hoover island, in the Susquehanna, where he has now resided for over half a century. The island at present contains three hundred acres of land, and was originally much larger. Mr. Hoover has been very successfully engaged in farming, and has a valuable farm stock. He married Anne Witmyre, daughter of Daniel and Caroline (Krebs) Witmyre, and they have had a family of nine children, viz.: Mason I.; Mary, wife of Harry Ney; Raymond, who died



in infancy; Osborne, who married Agnes Condrum; Eugene, who married Jennie Ziegler; Hall; Marguerite; George, Jr.; and a daughter that died in infancy. Mr. Hoover and his family are members of the United Evangelical Church and worship at what is known as the Hoover Church in Snyder county; the ground upon which this church is erected and the cemetery land adjoining were donated for the purpose by Charles Hoover, father of George Hoover, Sr.

Mason I. Hoover was born Nov. 5, 1879, on Hoover island, and there spent all his youth and early manhood, making his home there until he was twenty-seven years old. His early education was received in the common schools, and later he attended a summer term at the Herndon normal school, preparing to teach. He was licensed during Prof. Benjamin Apple's term as county superintendent, and taught his first term on Hoover's island (which is a part of Lower Augusta township), where all of his eleven pupils were Hoovers like himself, and all related. The island has also been known as "Red Hoover Island," because of the ruddy complexion possessed by the Hoovers generally. Mr. Hoover taught nine terms in all, all in Lower Augusta township, and in the spring of 1907 commenced farming upon his present place in Lower Augusta township, which he had purchased the year previously, moving there April 3, 1907. It is a tract of seventy acres in the Hollowing Run Valley, formerly the homestead of Washington Brosius, who erected the present buildings on the property. The land is very fertile, and Mr. Hoover is doing all that can be done with modern implements and ideas to improve it to the extent of its possibilities. He is an intelligent citizen, and is respected by all who know him. Though he has not held any public offices he has been active in the Republican party, and has helped to hold the elections in his district.

On Feb. 20, 1907, Mr. Hoover was married to Bessie Brosius, daughter of Washington Brosius, late of Lower Augusta township. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Charles H. Brocious, a cousin of Mrs. Hoover, who is now a missionary in Africa. Mr. and Mrs. Hoover have two children, Tamsie Marguerite and Mary Agnes.

**WILLIAM P. HOTTENSTEIN**, owner of the old Hottenstein homestead in Turbut township, Northumberland county, and present tax receiver of that township, was born there May 11, 1863, son of Charles Hottenstein.

The Hottenstein family has a long record in the Old World, its history beginning A. D. 380, when Count Reidbold von Hottenstein lived in the forest of the Spessard, in what is now Germany. The name signifies "Holy Stone." In the forest mentioned the Count annually held great and solemn court upon a large rock under a spreading oak.

He died in the year 415. His wife, Ilseboda, was a daughter of a Westphalian count. In 500 Alfred, a grandson of Count Reidbold, was the only living representative of the family, and he was killed in a battle with the Frisian warriors in 538. His wife, Anna von Herboldseche, was from Alsace. He had two sons, Sueno and Percival, the latter dying in the monastery at Fulda. Sueno was a warrior. Upon a hill where his ancestors had resided he erected a strong castle, which he called Hottenstein. He married Hirlanda von Bremhorst. Later two brothers, Theobald and Ausgar von Hottenstein, resided in the castle. Ausgar married Waldine von Elnfurt and died in 887, leaving a son, Filbert von Hottenstein, who at his death left an only representative of the family. Giselbert, who lived in the castle of his ancestors and married Kunnigunde von Velleres, of the French province of Poitou, died in 1317, leaving three sons. Two brothers dying, the other became sole heir of the family possessions, and married Lea von Dannenburg. In 1524 the castle was burned by the peasants. Only Kuno von Hottenstein, who was in the German army, survived. He married Louisa von Berg, and died in 1563. His two sons were Nicholas and Ernst. The latter, who was mayor of Esslingen, married and left three sons who came to America, one dying in Philadelphia, another settling in Lancaster county, Pa., where some of his descendants still live, and the third, Jacob, was the ancestor of the Hottenstein family of Northumberland county. In the early days the von Hottensteins belonged to the Frankish knighthood.

Jacob Hottenstein settled about 1727 in Oley township, Berks Co., Pa., in 1729 moving to Maxatawny township, that county, where Nov. 18, 1729, he purchased from Caspar Wistar 116 acres for forty pounds, twelve shillings (owned in 1890 by Dr. Edward Hottenstein). Later he purchased 327 acres more. He married Dorothea Reber, by whom he had these sons and daughters: Jacob, William, David, Henry, Dorothea and Maria. He died March 23, 1753, aged fifty-six years.

David Hottenstein, son of Jacob, had three sons and two daughters: Jacob, David, Daniel, Catharine (married Jacob Grim) and Dorothea (died young).

David Hottenstein, son of David, studied medicine in Philadelphia. He married Elizabeth Kline, and their children were: David, Jacob, Daniel, William, Isaac, Henry, Catharine and Sarah (married Jonas Trexler, who was the father of Jonas Trexler and grandfather of A. R. Trexler, of Sunbury, Pa.).

William Hottenstein, son of David and Elizabeth (Kline) Hottenstein, had children as follows: David H., Charles A., Robert, Henry, Edward (born Oct. 1, 1831), Caroline, Sallie A. and Matilda.



William Hottenstein, son of Jacob, the emigrant ancestor, had among his children a son Henry.

Henry Hottenstein, son of William, purchased a farm in Ontelaunee township, Berks county, where he lived. His death occurred in 1844. He served one term of three years as county commissioner. In politics he was independent. To him and his wife Catharine (Spohn), who died in 1839, were born thirteen children, nine sons and four daughters, as follows: Mary, William, Abram, Benjamin, Henry, Daniel, Catharine, Sarah, Philip, Jacob, Isaac, Charles and Esther.

Charles Hottenstein, son of Henry, was born May 25, 1812, in Berks county, Pa. He obtained his education in the common schools and at the academy in Reading, and made such good use of his opportunities that he was able to teach, being the second German considered competent for that work in Ontelaunee township. He continued to teach common school during the winter season in his native county for twelve years, and in the meantime also followed surveying, in which he was very proficient. In 1840 he moved to Montour county, Pa., and in 1845 he purchased a farm in Turbut township, Northumberland county, to which he moved. He was one of the leading men of the community in his day. While in his native county, when still a young man, he was elected township auditor, resigning that position to accept that of clerk of the county poorhouse for one year. In 1854 he was elected justice of the peace, which office he continued to fill throughout the remainder of his life. In 1855 he was elected county commissioner of Northumberland county, served three years and at the close of that period was elected to represent his district in the State Legislature. Later he was elected county auditor, serving from 1876 to 1878. During the Civil war he was treasurer of the bounty fund, handling about thirty thousand dollars without being required to furnish bond. In politics always an ardent Democrat and a most effective worker in his party's interests, he was a delegate in 1860 to the national convention held at Charleston, S. C., which adjourned to Baltimore, where Douglas and Breckenridge were nominated. He attended both meetings, but did not vote.

Mr. Hottenstein's first wife, Veronica (Kauffman), died in 1877, and he subsequently married Caroline Elwell, of Orleans county, N. Y., who died in July, 1909. By his first marriage there were twelve children: Allen S., now deceased, who was a prominent citizen of Milton, lawyer, postmaster and publisher; Henry and Daniel, both of whom still live in Turbut township; Mary, who married Harrison Hafer, of Union county, Pa.; Sarah, who graduated from the Keystone State normal school and taught four years in Scranton before her marriage to Jacob K. Stahl, of Union county; Susan, who married Thomas O.

Long of Williamsport, Pa.; Clara, who married Daniel F. Raup, of Turbut township; Abram C., a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, class of 1882, who moved to North Carolina and now lives at Snow Hill, Md.; William P.; and three that died in infancy. The father of this family died March 12, 1891. He was a prominent member of the Reformed congregation of Paradise Church, which he served as trustee, deacon and treasurer.

William P. Hottenstein was educated in the public schools of his native township and at Limestoneville Academy. Upon the death of his father he purchased the family homestead in Turbut township, where he lives and works, being one of the substantial and worthy citizens of his community. He takes an interest in all movements affecting the public welfare, and is now serving his sixth year as tax receiver of his township. Like his father he is a member of the Reformed congregation at Paradise church.

Mr. Hottenstein married Ida Raup, daughter of William Raup, and they are the parents of two children, Merrill and Wilfred.

Philip Raup, the founder in America of the family to which Mrs. William P. Hottenstein belongs, came from Germany and settled in Berks county, Pa., where he lived and died. He was a farmer by occupation.

Philip Raup, son of Philip, was born in Berks county and there passed his early life. He learned the milling trade, serving an apprenticeship of three years. When a young man he was a soldier in the war of 1812. In his native county he married a member of the Moll family, and about 1814 came to Northumberland county, taking up about four hundred acres of land in what is now Lewis township. There he spent the remainder of his days, dying at the great age of ninety-six years, and he is buried close to the Union church building at Turbutville. His children were as follows: Leonard, Jacob, Philip, Christopher, John, Henry, Katie (married Daniel Derr), Mary (married Amos Glase), Polly (married Samuel Lerch) and Mrs. Stephen Glase (Stephen and Amos were brothers).

John Raup, son of Philip and grandson of Philip, followed farming until his death, owning 120 acres in Lewis township. He is buried at Turbutville. He married Polly Clapp, daughter of John Clapp, of Lewis township, and nine children were born to them: A son that died young; William and John, twins; Daniel; David; Jeremiah; Adam; Kate, who married Joseph Minsemeyer; and Emma, who married William Conway.

William Raup, son of John, was born Oct. 27, 1839, in Lewis township, there attended school, and remained with his father until he attained his majority. He has since been working on his

own account, and has been engaged principally in farming, though he occasionally works at the trade of stonemason. For seventeen years he lived on the Daniel Follmer farm in Turbut township, and for the past nineteen years he has been located on the old Peter Voris farm in East Chillisquaque township, a tract of 140 acres. He is at present serving as supervisor of his township. Politically he is a Democrat and in religion a Lutheran, belonging to the congregation at the Follmer church. He is a prosperous farmer, and a highly respected citizen.

Mr. Raup married Sarah E. Follmer, daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Lantz) Follmer, and nine children have been born to them: Daniel, who married Clara Hottenstein, lives in Union county, Pa.; Elizabeth married Elmer Strine and lives at Milton; Sallie is at home; Newton, of Milton, married Bessie Krumm; Clarence, of Milton, has been twice married, his first wife having been Nina Young, his second Florence Wertz; Frank, now of Rockford, Ill., married Cora Miller; Harvey is unmarried and lives at home; Ida is the wife of William P. Hottenstein, of Turbut township; and Katie is at home.

**SWENK.** There have been a number of respected and substantial citizens in Northumberland county bearing this name, among them the late esteemed Jacob Harris Swenk and his son, the present Dr. Charles Haas Swenk, of Sunbury, and Reese H. Swenk, brother of Jacob H., of Turbut township, this county, descendants of Hans Michael Schwenk, as the name was originally spelled, the family being of German origin. The Swenks settled in Montgomery county, Pa., at or near the Trappe, prior to the Revolution.

The family is now widely scattered, but the reunions recently held have revived interest in the early history and brought many of the members together.

Hans Michael Schwenk was born in Germany in 1696, and a letter from Germany now in the possession of a member of the family shows that they belonged to the nobility in that country and were considered as military people. One of the family was in the Royal Guards. He emigrated to America with his family in 1741, coming in the ship "Lydia," James Allen, master, which arrived at Philadelphia Sept. 20th, and the list shows that Hans Michael Schwenk was accompanied by his wife Maria and sons Nicholas, Jacob and George. The names of females and children under sixteen years of age were not recorded. On May 8, 1757, there is record of Michael Schwenk and his wife Maria Elizabeth standing as sponsors for their grandson Daniel, born Nov. 6, 1756, son of Nicholas and his wife Anna Barbara. At the time of his death Hans Michael Schwenk had eleven

grandchildren. The line in which we are interested is traced through Nicholas.

Nicholas Schwenk, born in Germany, died March 19, 1808, in Salford township, Montgomery Co., Pa., where he followed blacksmithing as well as farming. He and his brother George were naturalized Sept. 24, 1755, at a session of the Supreme court held in Philadelphia. On June 9, 1756, he bought of Adolph Pennepacker and his wife Susan 154 acres of land, the consideration being £500. On Dec. 7, 1768, he purchased of David Strieb and his wife Susan, of Whitemarsh township, two tracts of land, containing, respectively, twenty-three acres, 120 perches and thirty and three-quarters acres. One of these properties was a hotel, but he did not care to conduct it and on May 23, 1770, sold the hotel and thirty-two acres, sixty-seven perches of land to Frederick Dickensheid, for £400. He sold two other tracts to Christian Moyer. His last purchase was made in 1792, when he bought the lot now owned by Dr. J. K. Keeler. He owned nearly all the land on which the village of Harleysville has been built. On Feb. 1, 1798, he and his wife Anna Barbara conveyed their farm to their son George for £800.

Nicholas Schwenk was a prominent man in his community, filling several official positions in the township. Tradition says that he became blind in his old age. His will, No. 100, recorded at Norristown, in Will Book 8, page 18, dated March 7, 1808, proved April 7, 1808, refers to his children and grandchildren. His sons George and Jacob (the latter of Upper Providence) were the executors, and some time after the father's death they obtained the consent of their mother in writing and made public sale of her lot, which was sold to Daniel Harley; a deed conveying same was executed April 3, 1810. To his wife Anna Barbara Nicholas Schwenk willed £10 in gold and silver, various articles of furniture, clock and stove, a lot on which they lived (containing two acres, 120 perches of land) and the lot of woodland near Salford meetinghouse containing four acres, ninety-eight perches. In the will are mentioned his sons George and Jacob; his deceased daughter Elizabeth; his daughter Mary Magdalena, wife of Andrew Campbell; his granddaughter Elizabeth, wife of John Ziegler; Barbara, wife of John Stone; and his grandson Martin Begar, to whom he left £5. He mentions Elizabeth, wife of Abraham Markley; Mary, wife of Michael Wagoner, and Barbara Ott.

It is probable that Elizabeth, wife of John Ziegler, and Barbara, wife of John Stone, were daughters of Andrew Campbell; Mrs. Campbell received the income of £200.

Elizabeth Schwenk, daughter of Nicholas, and her husband, Martin Begar, died respectively, June 24, 1804 (aged fifty-three years, eight



months), and Jan. 17, 1806 (aged sixty-seven years, seven months, twenty-six days). Mr. Begar's two sons-in-law, Abraham Markley and Michael Wagoner, settled his estate. The three daughters of Martin and Elizabeth (Schwenk) Begar were: (1) Elizabeth, born Aug. 23, 1779, died April 5, 1830; she married Abraham Markley (son of Isaac and grandson of Jacob), born Aug. 1, 1764, died Sept. 25, 1829, and they are buried at the Lower Salford meetinghouse. Their children were Elizabeth, Sarah, Samuel, Martin, Isaac, Abraham, Mary, Eli, Catharine, Joel, Jonas, and Abraham. Abraham Markley was a saddler by occupation, and lived in Upper Salford township. (2) Mary died Nov. 29, 1864, aged eighty-one years, six months, twenty-five days. She married Michael Wagoner, who died June 1, 1860, aged eighty-two years, three months, twenty-two days. (3) Barbara, Mrs. Ott, died April 8, 1813, aged twenty-six years, one month, seven days.

Nicholas Schwenk was a resident of Harleysville for over fifty years, but it is not known where he and his wife are buried nor where his son George and wife are buried. They are probably buried at the Goshenhoppen church in Upper Salford and have no regular tombstones, and the graves have undoubtedly been sadly neglected. However, interest in family history and the preservation of important dates have received much attention lately and systematic search has been carried on by the family reunion, resulting in the discovery of many names and dates from the Schwenkville, Keelor, Leidy, Goshenhoppen, Six-Cornered, Lower Skip-pack Mennonite, Limerick Center and St. John's (at Norristown) graveyards. There are a number of Schwenks interred in the Schwenk-Grob-Ziebler burying ground on the farm of the late Samuel Faust in Frederick township, Montgomery county, which has been much neglected, though the families interested contemplate restoring it and preserving the various records, straightening the tombstones, etc.

Jacob Schwenk, son of Nicholas, was born in Frederick township, Montgomery county. On April 10, 1783, he married Elizabeth Reimer, only child of John Reimer, and he settled at Trappe with his wife and two children. He then took possession of the old Mühlenberg property, which he probably purchased, and followed farming and tanning. After giving up housekeeping at the Trappe he made his home with his son Samuel for several years, and early in 1828 moved to Milton, where he died about a year afterward. His remains lie in Harmony cemetery. He and his wife had eleven children, six sons and five daughters. We have the following record of the sons: (1) John, the eldest, married quite young, about 1811, and went west to Pittsburg. (2) Jacob is mentioned below. (3) David learned the trade of lathe under his brother Jacob. He married and set-

tled in the town of Limerick, in upper Montgomery county, later removing to New Berlin, Union county, and from there to Swinefordstown, now Middleburg, Snyder county. (4) Henry also learned hatting, but never followed the trade. He left Trappe, and resided until his death with Abraham Slifer, a hotel-keeper at Flourtown, Whitemarsh township. (5) Edward lived and died at Trappe. (6) Samuel followed millwrighting while he resided at Trappe. He removed to Conshohocken, where he kept store for a number of years, and then turned his attention to organizing building associations. He married and had two daughters, Susan and Andora, both of whom married Jacob Hunsicker.

Jacob Schwenk, son of Jacob, was born in the village of Trappe, where he grew to manhood and married. He was a hatter, and followed that trade and ropemaking at the Trappe from the time of his marriage, about 1808, until his removal to Milton, in 1823 or 1824. There he resided until his death. He was largely engaged as a dealer in produce, which he bought in large quantities and transported by means of several canalboats, which he owned, to various eastern markets on the Pennsylvania canal. On the return trip he brought goods for the different merchants along the route, railroad facilities at that time being few and inadequate, and he did a thriving business. He died May 20, 1862, at the age of seventy-five years, and his wife, Elizabeth (Lewis), died Feb. 17, 1828, aged forty-one. Their children were: Justus is mentioned below; Col. Thomas, born Feb. 3, 1812, in the village of Trappe, died Nov. 7, 1903, aged ninety-one years, nine months, four days, was a prominent man of his day, served as auditor of Northumberland county, and was a member of Governor Pollock's staff; William and Franklin, who were not married, lived at Milton (William died Aug. 19, 1879, aged sixty-four); Thompson died March 22, 1864 (aged forty), at Milton, leaving a wife and daughter, now deceased; Lewis died at Milton March 14, 1865, aged thirty-eight, leaving two children, both of whom located in the west; Susanna married Cephas Gorton and they resided at Milton.

Justus Swenk, son of Jacob, was born at the Trappe, and moved to Milton with his parents when a boy. There he spent nearly all his active career, a few years prior to his death, however, moving to Lock Haven, where he died in April, 1881, at the age of seventy-six. Early in life he engaged in rope-making, which he continued successfully at Milton until 1867, and for many years he was associated with his father in buying and shipping produce.

Mr. Swenk married Hannah Harris, who died in 1814, at the age of sixty-one years, and to them were born ten children, seven sons and three daughters, namely: Edward, Henry, Charles, Justus



and Mrs. C. C. Straub, of Milton, deceased; Mrs. Mary E. Frymier, of Williamsport, Pa.; Mrs. Anna Deffenbach, of Brooklyn, N. Y., deceased; Reese H.; Jacob Harris, deceased; and Thomas G., a merchant of Muncy, Pa., who is also operator for the Western Union Telegraph Company at that place.

REESE H. SWENK, a well known citizen of Turbut township, was born Oct. 14, 1841, in Milton, Northumberland county, son of Justus Swenk. He attended school in his native locality, and when he commenced business life embarked in merchandising at Milton, following that line until 1877. Meantime, in 1872, he had located on his present place in Turbut township, one of the old Irland homesteads, which contains 107 acres of valuable land located two miles east of Milton, in the locality called Pleasant Valley. He now devotes his attention to the care of this property. Mr. Swenk is a well known citizen of his locality, served nine years as school director of his township, and is an intelligent, progressive man in every respect.

On Oct. 18, 1871, Mr. Swenk married Harriet E. Irland, daughter of David L. and Martha (Hayes) Irland, and they have one son, David Irland Swenk, who is in the employ of the Bell Telephone Company at Altoona, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Swenk are members of the Presbyterian church at Milton.

IRLAND. The Irland family of Northumberland county traces its line back to David Irland, who was born in 1748 in Scotland, and on coming to America settled in Turbut township, this county, where he took up about one thousand acres of land. The house which he built upon his farm is still standing and in good condition. The location is known as Pleasant Valley. During the Indian troubles he and his family were obliged to take refuge at Fort Augusta, at Sunbury, where they remained until the trouble was over, returning to the home in Turbut township as soon as it was safe. Mr. Irland died June 16, 1827, at the age of eighty-nine years, and his wife Lenora, born in 1739, died June 16, 1799, at the age of sixty. They are buried in the Chillisquaque cemetery. They were members of the Presbyterian church. Seven children were born to this pioneer couple: Robert, who died Oct. 31, 1845, aged eighty-three years (his first wife, Mary, died Aug. 12, 1808, aged thirty-seven years, and his second wife Elizabeth died Feb. 2, 1845, aged sixty-four years); John; William; Mrs. John Chesnutt; David, Jr.; Anna E., who died unmarried; and Elizabeth, who married William H. Sanderson (their children were William, John J., Mrs. Margaret Brown, and David).

David Irland, Jr., grandfather of Mrs. Reese H. Swenk, was born while the family were at Fort Augusta, in 1779. He died upon his farm in Turbut township in 1858, aged seventy-nine years.

He was a well known man, and an active member of the militia in the early days. His first wife, Sarah Teitsworth, born Dec. 4, 1787, died in 1818, at the age of thirty-one years. Her parents, John and Mary (Gallagher) Teitsworth, were married Jan. 10, 1787, and their children were born as follows: Sarah, Dec. 4, 1787; John, Jan. 15, 1790 (died Nov. 2, 1804); William, Oct. 12, 1792 (died Jan. 23, 1794); Elizabeth, June 17, 1795; Maria, Oct. 9, 1797 (died Sept. 29, 1804); Thomas G., Nov. 3, 1800 (died Sept. 22, 1803). Mrs. Mary Teitsworth, the mother, died Oct. 9, 1804. For his second wife David Irland, Jr., married Eleanora Sanderson, born in 1770, who died in 1842, at the age of seventy-two. Mr. Irland and both his wives are buried in the upper cemetery at Milton. Four children were born to the first marriage: David L.; Sarah, Mrs. Staddon; Eliza A., who died unmarried in 1845, aged twenty-eight years; and Mary, who died in infancy. No children were born to the second union.

David L. Irland, son of David, Jr., was born at the homestead in Turbut township in 1807, and in his day was a prominent man in his district, serving many years as justice of the peace. He followed farming on the place now occupied by his son-in-law, Reese H. Swenk, and in 1854 built the fine residence thereon which is still standing. He died upon the farm in 1873. In 1843 Mr. Irland married Martha Hayes, born in 1820 in Gettysburg, daughter of Robert and Martha (Agnew) Hayes, who died in 1904; she is buried at Milton. Mr. and Mrs. Irland had one child, Harriet E., now the wife of Reese H. Swenk. She is the only representative of the Irland family in this district at the present time.

JACOB HARRIS SWENK, who, in his long service as trainmaster of the Sunbury & Shamokin division of the Pennsylvania railroad, became very well known to the citizens of that region, was born Aug. 18, 1846, at Milton, son of Justus Swenk. He there attended the public schools until he reached the age of fifteen years. He then spent five years in the office of the *Miltonian*, in that borough, learning the printer's trade, and during that time also mastered telegraphy. In December, 1866, he obtained a position in the office of the Pennsylvania Railway Company at Jersey Shore, Pa., as telegraph operator. After only two weeks' service there he was transferred to Sunbury, Pa., in January, 1867, in the same capacity. In 1870, after faithful service in various lines, he was made train dispatcher and division operator at that point, holding such position for thirteen years, and in the latter part of 1883 was relieved of his duties as dispatcher, being made assistant trainmaster, which position he filled along with that of division operator. On May 1, 1891, he was made trainmaster, which incumbency he filled until his death, Feb. 4, 1911, a period of almost twenty years. His

long service and the responsible nature of his work were the best evidences of his efficiency and of the value placed upon his services. He was one of the company's oldest employees. Mr. Swenk had charge of over four hundred men, all engaged in responsible duties.

On Nov. 2, 1871, Mr. Swenk married Clara Haas, daughter of Daniel and Margaret (Zimmerman) Haas, of Sunbury, and they had two sons, Charles Haas and Raymond. Mr. Swenk was for years a prominent member of St. Matthew's Episcopal church, where he served as (junior) warden for thirty years, and as treasurer of the parish house, which was built at a cost of \$35,000. He had charge of its management. Outside of his work his greatest interest centered in the church, and at the time of his death he was its oldest vestry man. He was also member of the choir for many years until a few weeks before the close of his life, and there was no more faithful attendant or sincere worshipper than he. As a member of the Young Men's club, he sought by this means to promote the welfare of the church and to build up an interest among the members of the congregation. He gave liberally of his time and money for the support of the church, and no matter how busy he might have been, was always ready to take up any task in the service of the church that might fall to his lot. The following "appreciation" gives some idea of the high esteem in which his services were held:

We, the Rector and Vestry, of St. Matthew's Church, desire to give an expression of our gratitude to Almighty God for the many blessings to this Parish through the life and service of Jacob Harris Swenk, and also of our grief at the great personal loss we have each sustained in the death of our very dear friend.

For more than forty years Mr. Swenk has been actively identified with the life and work of St. Matthew's Church; as a member of the choir, as vestryman and vestry's warden, but above all as a constant, unflinching attendant at the services of the church, he has been both a precept and example to the whole congregation. Eminently wise and conservative in counsel, of unflinching courtesy, most even tempered, he has largely assisted in tiding us through many dark hours in the years that are past.

He had the unusual honor of being elected accounting warden of the parish in the same year in which he was called to the vestry, so that for twenty-nine years he has had oversight of the property and finances of the church. An example of generous and faithful giving, he led us on to doing more than ever before for the Master's cause, and by his unremitting care of the property of the church during times of prosperity and stress, he aided materially in bringing the Parish to its present condition.

We have resolved to spread this expression of our appreciation upon the minutes, to furnish a copy to his family, with the assurance of our warmest personal sympathy, and to request its publication in the local papers.

C. M. CLEMENT  
W. L. DEWART  
H. S. KNIGHT, Committee.

Mr. Swenk was active in local politics to the ex-

tent of serving two terms in the borough council from the First ward. He was a Republican in political sentiment, and served as borough councilman. Fraternally he was a member of Maclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M., was a charter member of the Knights of Pythias in Sunbury, and an active member of the P. & E. Railroad Veterans' Association, which he served as member of the executive committee. A tall man of fine physique and commanding presence, he was frequently likened, in appearance and demeanor, to the late President McKinley. He was calm and deliberate in spirit and manner, and held the esteem of social and business acquaintances alike. His death occurred Feb. 4, 1911, at his home, No. 208 Arch street. He was buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery.

CHARLES HAAS SWENK, M. D., a physician of Sunbury, who has been located in practice there since 1899, is a native of the borough, born Oct. 20, 1872, son of Jacob H. Swenk. He received his early education in the public schools of Sunbury, graduating from the high school in 1889. He then attended Bucknell College for two years, and took his medical course at the Medico-Chirurgical College, in Philadelphia, graduating from that institution in the year 1897. Dr. Swenk was at Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa., for a year and a half, being physician in the Miners' State Hospital there for nine months, and was subsequently in Luzerne county for a year, returning to his native place in 1899. He has fine offices at No. 243 Market Square. Dr. Swenk's practice has grown steadily, and he deserves the success which has attended his work, for he is faithful to the best ideals of his profession and an earnest, conscientious physician in all that the name implies. He is surgeon for the Mary M. Packer hospital, and president of the Sunbury board of health. His worth has been recognized by his fellow practitioners, among whom he has excellent standing, as is demonstrated by his official connection with the Northumberland County Medical Society and the Medical Society of Sunbury, both of which he is serving as treasurer; he has held that position in the county society since 1902. He is also a member of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and of the American Medical Association. Socially he holds membership in Maclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M., in the Alumni Association of his alma mater, the American Club and the Temple Club. He is a vestryman of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, in the work of which he takes an active part.

Dr. Swenk married Catharine Grant, daughter of the late William T. and Rachel A. (Yoxtheimer) Grant, of Sunbury.

RAYMOND SWENK, younger son of Jacob H. Swenk, graduated from the Sunbury high school in 1903, and later took a course at State College, graduating therefrom in 1907. He has taken up



civil engineering, and is at present engaged as rodman for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Pittsburg. He is a member of Maclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M.

CAPT. JAMES BRYSON, who died in the prime of life while serving his country as a cavalry captain in the Civil war, was a descendant of one of the prominent old families of Northumberland county. The Brysons are of Scotch-Irish descent and Presbyterians in religious faith.

Robert Bryson, the Captain's great-grandfather, born in 1727, died Sept. 29, 1769, aged forty-two years. He lived in Delaware township, Northumberland county. His wife, whose maiden name was Esther Quigly, was born in 1728, and died in September, 1809, at the age of eighty-one years. They had children as follows: James, Rev. John, William and Samuel. Of these, Rev. John Bryson, born in January, 1758, in Cumberland county, Pa., died Aug. 3, 1855, in his ninety-eighth year; he married Jane Montgomery, and they had five children, Christian, Jane, John, Robert and Hetty.

James Bryson, son of Robert, was born Jan. 29, 1757, and was a large landowner and farmer in Delaware township, where he died April 5, 1847, in his ninety-first year. He is buried at Warrior Run Church. He married Esther Graham, daughter of John Graham, on June 22, 1780, and the following children were born to them: Robert, William B., Mrs. Reineansin, Mrs. Nickson and a daughter, also married, whose name is not known. The mother of this family, born in 1751, died April 21, 1820, aged sixty-nine years.

William B. Bryson was born Nov. 30, 1791, in Delaware township, where he died. He was a farmer and blacksmith, following those occupations for many years. On Feb. 3, 1820, he married Rebecca Caldwell, who was born May 12, 1801, and died in Watertown. They are buried at McEwensville, Northumberland county. Fifteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. William B. Bryson, namely: Margaret, born Nov. 10, 1820; Capt. James, born Jan. 1, 1822; Esther G., born Aug. 22, 1823, who married Andrew Russel (a son, William, resides at Watertown, Northumberland county); Mary E., born Feb. 20, 1825, who married John Easton, of Union county, Pa.; Ella R., born Feb. 25, 1827, who married Samuel McCarty; Rev. Robert C., born Dec. 3, 1828; John C., born Nov. 9, 1830; Hannah, born Aug. 16, 1832, who died in 1846, aged fourteen years; William, born Oct. 2, 1833, who married Mary Eisley (she still resides at Watertown, Northumberland county); Jane, born May 22, 1835, who married Samuel Russel; Capt. Samuel, born Jan. 31, 1837; Rebecca, born Jan. 13, 1839, who married William Wagner, of Winchester, Va.; Sarah, born Sept. 3, 1841, who married William Klopp; Martha, born

April 22, 1843, who married Dr. William Truckenmiller; and Priscilla, born Sept. 1, 1845.

Capt. James Bryson was born Jan. 1, 1822, on the old homestead in Delaware township, Northumberland county, and though he died in the prime of life, just at the age of forty, he was one of the most prominent young men in the county. He had entered the Union service as captain of Company D, 7th Pennsylvania Cavalry, and died of fever at Louisville, Ky., in April, 1862, while on duty at that place. His death was a shock to all who knew him and was widely mourned in the vicinity of his home. His remains rest in the upper cemetery at Milton, Pa., where a fine monument marks his grave.

On Jan. 1, 1852, Captain Bryson married Margaret Montgomery, daughter of William S. and Jane (Caldwell) Montgomery, the former born Dec. 17, 1808, the latter Aug. 13, 1808. Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery had a family of five children: David C., Robert (of McEwensville, Pa.), Oliver (deceased), Edward L. (of Grand Rapids, Mich.) and Margaret.

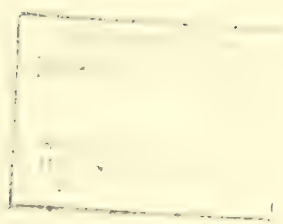
Four children were born to Capt. James and Mrs. Bryson: Agnes M., born in 1854, died in 1901; Clara J., born in 1856, died in 1902; Rebecca, born May 1, 1858, is the wife of William L. Wilson, a hardware merchant of Jersey Shore, Pa.; and William J., born in 1861, died in 1864. Mrs. Margaret Bryson makes her home in Milton, Northumberland county, residing on Front street.

Rev. Robert C. Bryson, son of William B., born Dec. 3, 1828, died April 13, 1873, aged forty-four years, four months, ten days. He was a Presbyterian minister, and was located at Ashland, Pa., for some years as pastor. On Aug. 25, 1859, he married Ruth E. Arnold, daughter of John and Hannah P. (Yeager) Arnold, and she still survives, now making her home at Reading, Berks Co., Pa. Four children were born to this union: Charles H., who is deceased; Myra, married to Gilbert Voris Russel; Robert C., who married Lydia A. Moore, and died in 1910; and Ruth, at home.

Capt. Samuel Bryson, the eleventh child of William B. Bryson, born Jan. 31, 1837, died Dec. 24, 1879. He was a farmer by occupation. Early in the Civil war he entered the Union service as a private, becoming a member of Company D, 7th Pennsylvania Cavalry, and after the death of his brother, Capt. James Bryson, of that company, was promoted to its command to fill his place. He served nearly four years in the war. On Dec. 23, 1868, he married Martha W. Dean, daughter of Judge Joseph Dean, who served two terms as associate judge of Montour county, Pa. The Judge was twice married, having three children by his first wife, whose maiden name was Pollock, and eight by his second, Adaline Coal. To Captain







Bryson and his wife were born five children: James, Howard, Janet, and Fannie and Ada (both of whom are deceased).

**JARED D. MAYES**, of Milton, Pa., manufacturer and importer of monumental work, was born Feb. 5, 1876, at Lemont, Centre county, Pa., son of Jones B. and Mary Brown. Jones B. Mayes was also engaged in the above business at Lemont, Centre county, Pa., where he is now living retired.

Jared D. Mayes, one of six sons, learned the business under his father, and became a partner of his father under the name of J. B. Mayes & Son, at Lemont. This firm continued for a period of two years, and in March, 1904, our subject located at Watsontown, where he established a business in March, 1908, buying out the business establishment of W. H. Wetzels, formerly known as the H. N. Swartz Steam Marble Works. In 1909 Mr. Mayes removed to Milton, where he built and equipped a fine plant located at No. 66 Bound avenue. This plant is fitted up with electric power and pneumatic appliances of various kinds, his equipment being adapted for the production of the best work known to the trade.

Mr. Mayes married Sophronia Segner, daughter of Michael and Christina (Gault) Segner. They have these children: Mary Agnes, Anna Louisa and Jared D., Jr.

**EDWIN M. CAMPBELL**, of Milton, Northumberland county, was born Dec. 7, 1867, in Shamokin township, and comes of an old family of that section, the Campbells having been settled in Rush township for several generations.

Joseph Campbell, his great-grandfather, was born in Rush township, where he lived and died, and is buried at the Rush Presbyterian church. He was a farmer by occupation. His wife, Lovina, is buried in the graveyard of the same church, of which they were early members. Their children were the following: Richard, who was drowned in the Susquehanna river, at Danville; William; Christopher, who died in Rush township; Martha, Sallie and Chartie, all of whom died unmarried.

William Campbell, son of Joseph, was born Oct. 10, 1810, and died in 1884. He spent all his life in Rush township, engaged in farming. In March, 1837, he married Catherine Johnson, who was born Dec. 15, 1811, daughter of William and Elizabeth Johnson, and died in 1883. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell are buried at the Rush Presbyterian church. They had a family of six children: Elizabeth, born Nov. 3, 1838, is the widow of Samuel Moore and makes her home at Snyderstown; Joseph A., born April 10, 1840, lives at South Danville, Pa.; John P. is mentioned below; Matilda, born Feb. 15, 1845, married Philip Miller and is deceased; Martha A., born Dec. 11, 1847, married John Hendricks; Margaret, born April 11, 1852, married

Daniel Acker and lives near Pottsgrove, Pennsylvania.

John P. Campbell, son of William, born Oct. 13, 1842, attended the schools of Rush township and there passed his early life. He remained at home with his father until he reached the age of twenty-one years, when he bought the old Mahlon Boughner farm in Shamokin township, upon which he made his home for almost a quarter of a century. It comprises 132 acres of excellent land, and there he carried on general farming, with continuous success, until his removal in 1887 to the borough of Snyderstown. He built a fine residence at Snyderstown, where he has since lived in retirement. He is a Democrat in politics, and since settling in Snyderstown has served four years as roadmaster. In religion he is a Lutheran, holding membership in Reed's church, of which he has been deacon.

Mr. Campbell married Mary Sholl, who was born March 18, 1843, and died in 1879. To this marriage was born one son, Edwin M. Mr. Campbell married for his second wife Emma Hile, daughter of William Hile, of Rush township. There have been no children by this union.

Edwin M. Campbell received his education in the schools of his native township and worked with his father until he attained his majority. At that time he commenced farming for himself, locating on his father's farm at Snyderstown, which contains 160 acres. After cultivating that place for five years he moved to his wife's farm at McEwensville, Northumberland county, on which he was located for two years, at the end of that time settling in Milton, where he has lived since March 17, 1896. He bought a fine residence on Walnut street which he and his family still occupy, and since taking up his residence in the borough has been employed in the car shops, where he has an excellent reputation as an intelligent, industrious worker. He is considered a substantial citizen, but he has never taken any part in public affairs. He is a member of the Woodmen of the World, belonging to the lodge at Milton.

On Dec. 20, 1888, Mr. Campbell married Ella V. Dreisbach, and they have had two children, Pearl Elizabeth and Emma Mae. Mr. Campbell and his family are members of Christ Lutheran church at Milton. In political faith he is a Democrat.

Daniel Dreisbach, ancestor of the Dreisbach family of Northumberland county to which Mrs. Campbell belongs, married Catharine Grodurbel, and they came to this county from Northampton county, where his father kept a hotel and farmed, at Dry Valley. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dreisbach had the following children: (1) George Washington. (2) Daniel. (3) Susan married Charles Leon, son of Jonathan Leon and grandson of Dr. Leon, and they had two sons who died young,



Elizabeth (who died young), Anna Maria, Catharine (married Levi Buch) and Fyetta (Mrs. Hagnour). (4) Elizabeth married Nicholas Hower and had five children, George, Alfred, William, Aaron and Caroline. (5) Kate married Daniel Balliet and they had three children, Kate, George and Caroline. (6) Mary married David Stahlnecker and had five children, George, Daniel, Mary (Mrs. Moye), Julia (Mrs. James Frederick) and Sarah C. (Mrs. Murray).

George Washington Dreisbach, son of Daniel, married Sarah E. Acor, a descendant of Andrew Acor, who came to Pennsylvania from New Jersey and settled in Montour county; he was between forty and fifty years of age at the time.

THOMAS SATTESON was at the time of his death one of the oldest residents of West Chillisquaque township, living upon what is known as the Mount Zion farm. He was born Oct. 10, 1833, in Lebanon county, Pa., son of Jacob F. Satteson. His grandfather, who was of German extraction, lived and died in Lebanon county.

Jacob F. Satteson removed to Northumberland county when his family was young, and settled in what was then Turbut township, now part of the borough of Milton. He did day's work until his death, which occurred March 23, 1885, when he was seventy-three years, five months, fifteen days old. He is buried in Harmony cemetery, at Milton. His wife, Elizabeth (Kohr), died Nov. 8, 1896, aged eighty-three years, one month, twenty-eight days. They had the following children: John, who died at Milton, Pa., served two years and eleven months during the Civil war, being a member of the 5th Pennsylvania Reserves, took part in the battle of Gettysburg, and was wounded in the right wrist at the battle of the Wilderness; Sarah married Adam Freymeyer and (second) David Knauer; James L., born in 1838, died in 1902; Jacob F. is living in Milton, Pa.; Thomas is mentioned below; one daughter died young.

Thomas Satteson attended school at Milton, and when a young man followed boating upon the canal. He was thus engaged until 1868, except during the time he was in the Union service, having enlisted in Company E, 74th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, with which he served six months. In 1868 he bought the old Fidler farm of ninety-five acres, known as the Mount Zion farm, in Chillisquaque (now West Chillisquaque) township, and ever afterward gave his attention to its cultivation. He was a substantial and intelligent citizen, well informed upon the topics of the day, and interested in the progress of local events. At one time he voted the Republican ticket, but he was subsequently identified with the Prohibitionists. In religious connection he was formerly a Methodist, but there being no church of that denomination in his neighborhood he was long a member of the

Evangelical Association. He was a member of Henry Wilson Post, No. 129, G. A. R., and was a Mason for over forty years, having joined Milton Lodge, No. 256, F. & A. M., in 1870.

Mr. Satteson married Jane McDaniel, daughter of Samuel and Tamer (Harris) McDaniel, and they had the following children: William married Susan Snyder and has two children, Jennie and Homer; Elizabeth married Edwin Balliet (they have no children); Louisa A. is the wife of William E. Steiger and has two children, Ruth and Harry; Harry married Sallie Baumgardner, and their children are Grace, Ralph, Susan, Thomas, Bud and Bruce; Ella J. married Calvin Steiger and has children, Robert, Thomas, Albert, Mary and Margaret; James F. married Elizabeth Derr, and their children are Elizabeth, Paul and Mary; Charles L. married Annie Fetzer, and their children are Ethel and Franklin; Sarah and Annie are unmarried and living at home.

Mr. Satteson died Nov. 22, 1910, and in the spring of 1911 Mrs. Satteson removed to Milton, where she makes her home at No. 454 Cherry street.

MAJ. FREDERICK A. REEN, a well known citizen of Watsonstown borough, has lived there since the close of his service in the Civil war, in which he had a distinguished record. He is a native of Liverpool, Perry Co., Pa., born May 13, 1839, son of George Reen.

Mr. Reen's grandfather came from Germany, his native land, and settled in Philadelphia, where he spent all the rest of his life. He had three sons, of whom George Reen was born in Philadelphia in 1803. When a young man George Reen moved to Perry county, Pa., near Liverpool, where he owned a farm and followed agricultural pursuits throughout his active years. He died in 1896, at the unusual age of ninety-three years. Mr. Reen married Clarentine Johnson, who was born in Perry county Feb. 19, 1806, and died there April 29, 1889. Mr. and Mrs. Reen are buried in that county. They had children as follows: Samuel, born Jan. 31, 1831, who is living at Newport, Perry county; Harriet, born June 2, 1834, who married Abraham Grubb and lives near her old home in Perry county; Christopher, born June 23, 1836, who served in the Civil war, and died in Michigan; Frederick A.; Anna Maria, born Dec. 5, 1842; and Gilbert, born July 21, 1845, who is living in Sacramento, California.

Frederick A. Reen received his education in the pay schools in vogue in Perry county during his boyhood. He assisted his father with the farm work until his enlistment, May 4, 1861, for three years' service in the Civil war, at which time he became a member of Company B, 7th Pennsylvania Reserves, which command was organized at Liverpool. He was in active service as a private until the sec-

ond battle of Bull Run, at which he was wounded, and he was discharged on surgeon's certificate April 30, 1863. Mr. Reen's second enlistment, Feb. 20, 1864, was in the 31 Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery. In April, 1864, the 188th Regiment was organized from the surplus members of the 3d Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery. It took the field at once, with about 900 men, a large proportion of whom were veterans who had served in other regiments. After the war had ended its enrollment was increased by an accession of men from the 199th Pennsylvania which had been mustered out, its recruits being turned over to the 188th. This was one of the three hundred famous fighting regiments of the Civil war, and lost 124 in killed and 156 in wounded. It was attached to Durnham's Brigade, Brooks' Division, 18th Army Corps, and its colonels were, successively, George K. Bowen, John G. Gregg, J. C. Briscoe and Samuel L. Given. The fatalities of this famous command occurred as follows: At Proctor's Creek, Va., May 11, 1862, 2; Proctor's Creek, Va., May 13, 1; Fort Darling, May 14, 2; Fort Darling, May 15, 18; Drury's Bluff, May 16, 25; Cold Harbor, June 1, 13, June 2, 6, June 3, 33, trenches, 3; Petersburg, assault, 3, mine, 2, trenches, 16; Fort Harris, Sept. 29, 14; Chapin's Farm, Sept. 30, 3. The regiment was also at Fair Oaks. Mr. Reen became a second lieutenant March 31, 1864; was promoted to first lieutenant July 22, 1864; to captain Dec. 14, 1864; and to major Nov. 26, 1865, being mustered out with that rank Dec. 11, 1865. At Fort Harrison, Sept. 29, 1864, he was wounded.

When he returned to civil life Major Reen settled at Watsonstown, Northumberland Co., Pa., where he has since made his home. Later he became a teacher, following that profession for five years, and for a number of years was engaged in various lines of business, in 1896 taking the position of tax receiver of the borough, which he continues to fill. He has always been active socially, being well known in the Masonic fraternity. He was made a Mason Feb. 21, 1866, in Adams Lodge, No. 319, F. & A. M., of New Bloomfield, Pa., and on March 22, 1871, transferred his membership to Watsonstown Lodge, No. 401, of which he became secretary in 1873, serving also in 1874; he was again elected to that office in 1904 and is still serving. He is a member of Warrior Run Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M., and also serves as secretary of that body. As a member of the G. A. R. he belongs to Bryson Post, No. 225, of Watsonstown, and became its first commander Sept. 30, 1881. Major Reen has long been a prominent member of the Methodist church, in which he has filled all the offices, being at present president of the board of trustees, in which position he has served many years. He is an intelligent and well informed man, and his counsel is much esteemed in all the circles in which he is known.

On July 12, 1866, Major Reen married Sarah E. Knight, who was born Mary 10, 1846, at Liverpool, Pa., daughter of Richard and Sarah (Berry) Knight, the former of whom kept hotel at Liverpool for many years, during the time the canal was building; he died there. Mrs. Knight's father was a drummer boy in the Revolutionary war, one of the youngest soldiers enlisted from his district. Major Reen and his wife had no children. Not long after settling in Watsonstown he bought ground on Elm street upon which in 1869 he erected the pleasant home which he has since occupied.

REYNOLDS. The name Reynolds has long been a respected one in the borough of Turbutville, well and favorably known in business and public circles, and two of its worthy representatives there at the present time are Henry Abram Reynolds, justice of the peace, and William N. Reynolds, merchant. They are descendants of John and Hester (Foster) Reynolds, who were married in October, 1797, at which time he was in his "twenty-first year of age" and she was in her "eighteenth year of age." Their children were born as follows: William, Jan. 20, 1799, at 10 a. m.; Grace, Dec. 30, 1801, at 5:30 a. m.; George June 12, 1803, at 10 p. m.; Philip, June 20, 1806, at 6 p. m.; Eliza, Dec. 27, 1808, at 7 p. m.; Henry, Dec. 16, 1810, at 11 a. m.; Hiram, Oct. 3, 1812, at 4 p. m. Of this family, Grace died June 26, 1805.

William Reynolds, son of John, born Jan. 20, 1799, in Montgomery county, Pa., lived for some time at Willow Grove, in that county, was at one time a resident of Schuylkill Haven, and later came to Turbutville, Northumberland county, where he was a pioneer innkeeper. In his earlier manhood he had followed farming and shoemaking. Some time before his death he moved to a farm in Anthony township, Montour county, where he passed the remainder of his days. He is buried at the Warrior Run church. He married Hester Barrel, and they had the following children: Ella married Dr. Cotner; Mary married Isaac Reader, (second) George Christman and (third) D. H. Dreisbach; John lived and died at Turbutville; Hiram lived for the most part in Turbutville, where he kept a hotel, later lived on a farm in Delaware township, and then moved to the Sulphur Springs hotel, in Lycoming county, Pa., where he died; George is mentioned below; William was a hotel-keeper in Pennsylvania, later moving out to Illinois, where he engaged in farming, and he died at Kingston, that state; Catherine married Jacob Smith and they lived and died at Schuylkill, Pa.; Louisa is the wife of D. P. Dreisbach and they live at Turbutville; Eliza married James Leech, a farmer, and they moved from Montgomery county to Northumberland county.

George Reynolds, son of William, was born in



Northumberland county, and passed most of his life at Turbutville, Northumberland county, where he died in 1876 and is buried. He did laboring work and threshing, and was an industrious, respected citizen, his fellow citizens showing their confidence in him by electing him to various local offices. He was constable a number of years, councilman, and served in other borough offices, giving faithful service in every capacity. In political affiliation he was a Democrat, in religion a member of the Reformed Church. His wife, Rebecca (Dreisbach), daughter of Daniel H. Dreisbach, still survives, making her home at Turbutville. She is now (1910) sixty-three years old. To Mr. and Mrs. George Reynolds were born the following children: Daniel, who is a resident of Williamsport, Pa.; Lizzie, married to Charles Moser; William N.; Augustus, of Turbutville; and George, a lawyer, who is now a prominent member of his profession in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM N. REYNOLDS, son of George, a business man of Turbutville, was born Feb. 14, 1872, where he now lives. He was educated in the public schools of the borough, graduating from the high school in 1890, after which he learned the trade of tinsmith from Fred Heisler, at Dallastown, York Co., Pa. In 1898 he embarked in business on his own account at Turbutville, where he has since been located, occupying a large building and carrying a full line of stoves, ranges, heaters, pumps, cream separators, paints, gas generators, and other things in the same line, his stock being very complete and up-to-date. He is agent for the celebrated Columbian stoves, ranges and furnaces, made by the Keeley Stove Company, of Columbia, Pa., and for the De Laval cream separators. He deals in all kinds of house furnishing supplies, including a large assortment of enamel and tinware. He installs plumbing and heating apparatus, also doing general job work, in which line he commands a wide patronage, keeping two men constantly employed. His business ability has been well demonstrated in the good judgment he has shown in the management of his establishment, being conservative yet progressive to such an extent that he wins and holds a high class of trade. Local enterprises have received his support and encouragement, he having been one of the organizers of the Turbutville National Bank in 1910; he became a member of the board of directors, and is vice-president. Politically he is a Democrat, and he is at present serving on the school board of the borough, and as secretary of that body. Fraternally he holds membership in the Masons and the Modern Woodmen of America.

On June 24, 1897, Mr. Reynolds married Lillie Weaver, daughter of Jacob Weaver, of Watsonstown, this county, and they have had four children: Earl, Gladys (who died when nineteen months old),

Edna and Leona. Mr. Reynolds and his family are members of St. James Lutheran Church.

Henry Reynolds, son of John and Hester (Foster) Reynolds, was born Dec. 16, 1810, in the neighborhood of Willow Grove, Montgomery Co., Pa. He was a shoemaker, his brothers George and Hiram also learning the trade. For some time he lived near Turbutville, in Lewis township, Northumberland county, later moving to Lycoming county, and thence to Montour county, where he continued to live until his death. He enlisted for service in the Civil war, but was accidentally killed March 15, 1863, at Turbutville, before entering the army. He and his wife, Kitty Ann (Barrel), who died March 28, 1880, aged sixty-three years, nine months, eighteen days, are buried side by side in the old grave yard, at Turbutville. She was a sister of Hester Barrel, wife of his brother William. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reynolds, namely: Theodore lives in Anthony township, Montour county; William is a resident of Kingston, Dekalb Co., Ill. (he was a soldier throughout the Civil war); Charles died young; George died young; Hiram, who served as a soldier throughout the Civil war, died when past forty in Denver, Colo.; Mary E. married John T. Kamp and they lived most of the time in Turbutville; Henry Abram is mentioned below; Alexander Smith lives at Kingston, Dekalb Co., Illinois.

HENRY ABRAM REYNOLDS, son of Henry, was born Nov. 24, 1854, in Moreland township, Lycoming Co., Pa., and received the greater part of his education at Turbutville, Northumberland county. In his younger manhood he was engaged for twelve years in school teaching, two years of this time in Northumberland county and the other ten years in Montour county, but his principal occupation was long civil engineering, which he has followed for the most part in his native State. He was thus engaged for three years in Florida. He has been prominent in the administration of public affairs in Turbutville, serving nine years as assessor of the borough, and two years as member of the council, and in February, 1906, he was elected justice of the peace, which office he still continues to fill. He is a man of ability and intelligence, and his high character has won him the universal respect of his fellow citizens.

On May 19, 1888, Mr. Reynolds married Margaretta Butler Wetzel, daughter of Henry E. Wetzel, of Montour county, Pa., and granddaughter of John Jacob Wetzel, of Montour county. Three children have been born to this union: Frances Helen, John Lloyd and Edward Levering. Mr. Reynolds and his family are members of St. James Lutheran Church.



DAVID L. BLY, present owner and conductor of the Watsontown ferry, is engaged in a business with which his family has been connected for the past fifty-five years. The ferry has been owned in the family since 1866. Mr. Bly is a son of James C. Bly and grandson of Capt. John Bly, whose father lived and died in Virginia. He was probably a farmer by occupation. The family is of Scottish descent.

Capt. John Bly was born Dec. 18, 1814, in Virginia, and came to Pennsylvania in young manhood. He was one of the original settlers at Watsontown, Northumberland county, in which vicinity he resided for over fifty years, having his home in White Deer township, Union county, until 1865, when he came across the river to Watsontown. He was one of the first to promote the establishment of the ferry at that place, across the Susquehanna, conducting it from 1861 until his death. He bought it in 1866. For about fifteen years he was captain of a canalboat on the Pennsylvania canal.

In 1835 Captain Bly married Lydia Rhoads, who survived him for many years, his death occurring in 1883, when he was within six days of his seventieth year; he was buried at Watsontown. Mrs. Bly died July 24, 1902, at the age of eighty-eight. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and her husband gave liberally to the support of the church. He was a member of the I. O. R. M. Ten sons were born to this couple, all growing to maturity except Edwin, the youngest, who died when seventeen months old. The others were as follows: Joseph, of Watsontown, who died in April, 1896, in his sixty-first year; David, mentioned below; James C., mentioned below; William R., mentioned below; Manoah, of Watsontown; Charles, of Watsontown; Alem, of Montoursville, Pa.; Phineas (twin of Alem), of Watsontown; and John A., of Buffalo, N. Y., who died near Pittsburgh, Pa. Four of the sons, Joseph, David, James C. and William R., served in the Civil war. Only four now survive, James C., Charles, Alem and Phineas.

Joseph Bly, brother of Capt. John Bly, lived in White Deer township, Union Co., Pa., and was a carpenter by occupation. He had a son William, of Hagerstown, Md., and daughters Hattie and Mary.

Capt. David Bly, son of Capt. John Bly, was at one time engaged as a broker at Williamsport. He saw active service in the Civil war, enlisting in Company G, 11th Pennsylvania Volunteers, when the war broke out, and later becoming captain of Company B, 131st Pennsylvania Volunteers. He took part in a number of battles, notably Antietam, second Bull Run, Chancellorsville, South Mountain and Fredericksburg. He died at Williamsport in 1901, quite suddenly, of heart disease.

William R. Bly, son of Capt. John Bly, was born in Union county, Pa., at White Deer, Dec. 1, 1814, and when thirteen years old left home to live with a relative in Turbut township, Northumberland county. When seventeen years old he enlisted for service in the Civil war, becoming a member of Company B (commanded by his brother David), 131st Pennsylvania Volunteers, on Aug. 1, 1862. He served nine months with that command, subsequently for three months in the 194th Pennsylvania Volunteers, and for one year in the 7th Pennsylvania Cavalry. On his return to civil life he engaged in the lumbering business on White Deer creek, after which he purchased the Bower homestead in White Deer Valley. Upon the death of his father, in 1883, he purchased the Watsontown ferry and farm property, and operated the ferry for over twenty years, until his retirement, about 1905, in which year he sold the ferry to his nephew, David L. Bly. He died at his home on West Third street, Watsontown, Dec. 25, 1908, after a long illness, and was buried at Watsontown with Masonic rites, having long held membership in the Masonic fraternity, in Watsontown Lodge, No. 401; he was also a member of the G. A. R., belonging to Bryson Post, No. 225. His religious connection was with the First Lutheran Church of Watsontown. Mr. Bly was a substantial citizen, and one of the stockholders in the Watsontown National Bank. He was twice married, the first time Dec. 23, 1869, to Mary Bower, who died Feb. 7, 1884, leaving four children: Elizabeth, John, Minnie and William. His second marriage, on Feb. 14, 1887, was to Annie M. Wallize, of Watsontown, daughter of Samuel and Rebecca (Clark) Walltze, who survives him. Three children were born to this union: Rhoads, now of Houston, Texas; Minnie, married to Harley Sterner, of Williamsport; and Elizabeth, who lives at home.

James C. Bly, son of Capt. John Bly, was born in White Deer township, Union Co., Pa., Jan. 16, 1840, and attended the Leisz school in his home district. In his younger life he followed sawmilling and lumbering at Williamsport for about seventeen years, after which he farmed for eight years in Kelly township, Union county. He then moved to White Deer township, that county, where he lived for eighteen years, meantime beginning railroad work, with the Philadelphia & Reading Company. He was employed on the construction of the south bound track. For four years he worked in the planing mill at Watsontown. His brother David having purchased the White Deer gristmill, Mr. Bly assisted him in the milling business for nine years. In 1905 he came to his present location on Second street, in Watsontown, along the river bank, where he has a home of his own. On Aug. 1, 1862, Mr. Bly enlisted in Company B, 131st Pennsylvania Volunteers, at Wat-

sontown, for nine months' service, his captain being his brother David. He was discharged at Harrisburg May 25, 1863. Mr. Bly's second enlistment was for one hundred days, in Company A (Capt. George H. Jones), 194th Regiment, with which he was connected from July 11, 1864, until his discharge at Baltimore Sept. 9, 1864, because of his third enlistment, Sept. 10, 1864, in Company D, 7th Pennsylvania Cavalry, for one year, under Capt. M. Breckbill. He was discharged June 17, 1865, at Nashville, Tennessee.

On Jan. 21, 1868, Mr. Bly married Mary E. Campbell, daughter of John Campbell, who lived in White Deer township, and she died in 1883, aged thirty-two years, one month, eleven days, the mother of six children: Grace, Mrs. John Lupold; Bertha, Mrs. Elmer Sanders; David L.; Lillie L., widow of Harry Harding, who was killed on the railroad in 1904; Mary, who is unmarried; and Charles, a traveling railroad telegraph operator.

David L. Bly was born Aug. 12, 1875, in Kelly township, Union Co., Pa., and received his education in the public schools of White Deer. In 1892 he commenced to learn telegraphy at White Deer, and followed the work for eleven years at that point. He then went to New Haven, Conn., where he was engaged as assistant car distributor for a period of three years. In July, 1905, he bought the interests of his uncle, William R. Bly, in the Watsonstown ferry, and has since devoted himself to its operation. He has installed a complete new equipment, and by strict attention to business is making a success of the institution which has so long been associated with the prosperity of the Bly family. Mr. Bly has a fine residence at the corner of Fourth and Elm streets, Watsonstown, which he and his family have occupied since 1908. He is a well known Mason of his locality, being a member of Watsonstown Lodge, No. 401, F. & A. M., of which he was master in 1908, and a member of Warrior Run Chapter, No. 246, R. A. M.

On Nov. 25, 1908, Mr. Bly married Amy R. Nicely, daughter of William A. Nicely, and they have one daughter, Ruth Mozley.

**MAURICE KEYSER**, a truck farmer of West Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, has a small but valuable tract in that township and attends the Sunbury markets. He was born Sept. 25, 1863, in Chillisquaque township, and comes of a family which has been settled in America since early Colonial times.

Dirck Keyser, the founder of the family in this country, was born in 1635 at Amsterdam, Holland, son of Gerretts Keyser, who married Cornella, daughter of Tobias Govertsz Van den Wyngant, a Mennonite minister. Dirck Keyser landed at Philadelphia in 1688, and settled in German-

town, where he was a pioneer manufacturer. He died there Nov. 30, 1714. His descendants are scattered all over the United States.

John Keyser, grandfather of Maurice Keyser, was born Jan. 17, 1796, in Germantown, and died Feb. 24, 1880. When a young man he settled at what is now Freeburg, in Snyder county, Pa., later coming to Northumberland county, where he made his home at Chillisquaque, in the township of that name. There he bought a tract of land, but he followed his trade, that of shoemaker, during most of his active life. His wife was Elizabeth Hackenburgh, daughter of Peter, and they were the parents of the following children: Peter, born in 1822, died in New York State; Samuel, born in 1823, died in Chillisquaque; Jacob, born in 1826, died in Chillisquaque; Daniel, born in 1828, is living in Sunbury; Mary, born in 1830, died in 1833; Alpheus W., born in 1832, died in New York State; Joseph was the father of Maurice Keyser.

Joseph Keyser, born May 24, 1835, at what is now Freeburg, Snyder county, was about four years old when brought to Chillisquaque township, to the farm he occupied until his death, May 24, 1911. He was one of the oldest residents of his district, where he was well and favorably known. Mr. Keyser was a lifelong farmer and trucker, and attended the Sunbury markets as such. He also followed boating upon the canal to some extent. He married Maria Garber, daughter of Augustus Garber, of Union county, Pa., and they had a large family, namely: Annie, Mrs. William Whalen; Maurice; Ada, unmarried; Ella, Mrs. Charles Hall; Sarah, unmarried; Virgie, Mrs. Boyer; Normand, who lives at Montandon; Augustus G., of Montandon; Joseph, living in Chillisquaque; and four deceased, Harry, Elizabeth, Carrie and Maria.

Maurice Keyser attended the public schools of his native township and remained with his father until eighteen years old, since when he has been engaged in trucking on his own account. In 1905 he bought his present farm in West Chillisquaque township, twenty-two acres of fine land especially adapted to truck farming, which he has since followed most successfully, finding a steady demand for his products in the Sunbury markets. He is an industrious worker and a good business man, and enjoys the confidence of his fellow citizens. In 1904 he was elected school director and has since served continuously in that office; for two years he was secretary of the board. He is a Republican in his political views.

Mr. Keyser married Mary Vandling, daughter of Peter Vandling, and they have the following children: Lucy, a graduate of the Montandon high school, who has been teaching the Chillisquaque school since 1906; Laura; Clifford, who is a member of the class of 1913 at Bucknell College, Lewisburg, Pa.; Lester; and Elizabeth. The family are Lutherans in religious connection.



FRANKLIN S. FRIES, of Montandon, Northumberland county, who has conducted a blacksmith shop at that point since 1900, was born Jan. 1, 1861, in Lewisburg, Union Co., Pa., son of Frederick Fries and grandson of Rev. Jost Heinrich Fries.

Rev. Jost Heinrich Fries was born in 1777 in Germany, where he received his classical and theological education. When a young man he came to America, where he became a highly successful preacher, his vigorous mind and high attainments, no less than his open honesty and true character, winning him a high place in the ministry. Though blind for some years before his death his astonishing memory enabled him to continue his forceful preaching, and he commanded the confidence of his people to the end. He was a fearless preacher and a forceful writer, contributing many articles to the press. A quotation from one of his sermons shows the directness with which he addressed his remarks: "Money rules the world, ignorance Brush Valley. Like calves I have led you on, like oxen I now leave you. Farewell." His death, which was caused by blood poisoning, occurred Oct. 9, 1839, when he was sixty-two years, five months, sixteen days old, and he was buried in Mifflinburg cemetery, in Union county. In his last illness, in full possession of his senses, he refused to take medicine, saying "I wish to die." He was twice married, and by his first wife, Catharine (Groff), had two children. His second wife, Susanna (Groff), bore him eleven children. One of his sons was Judge Henry W. Fries, who died in Wisconsin.

Frederick Fries, son of Rev. Jost Heinrich and Susanna (Groff) Fries, was born in Union county Sept. 7, 1826, and died July 11, 1885. He was a farmer, living near New Berlin. A consistent and active member of the Reformed Church, he served many years as member of the consistory, and also acted as superintendent of the Sunday school. He married Elmira Hassenplug, who was born Feb. 17, 1829, and died Jan. 26, 1907. Five children were born to them, as follows: Franklin S., born Jan. 1, 1861; Rachel C., born March 3, 1863, who married William H. Smith, and died Jan. 23, 1885; a daughter, born Nov. 27, 1864, who died in infancy; Alexander, born Aug. 5, 1866; and Sue M., born April 6, 1868.

Franklin S. Fries attended the schools of New Berlin and Union Seminary at that place. He served his apprenticeship to the trade of blacksmith with William Derr, near Milton, Northumberland Co., Pa., and subsequently opened a shop of his own in that vicinity, where he remained until his removal to Montandon, in 1900. He has built up an excellent business, enjoying the good will and esteem of all with whom he has had dealings, in business or social relations.

Mr. Fries married Adeline Elizabeth Berk-

heimer, daughter of Henry Berkheimer, and they are the parents of two daughters, Florence Emma and Pearl Eva. Mr. and Mrs. Fries have also reared Harvey Berkheimer, who married Maggie McKean and has one child, Helen E.; they live at Milton, Pa. The entire family are members of the Reformed Church.

William Berkheimer, grandfather of Mrs. Fries, was born in Berks county, Pa. He married Mary Hillhart, and they had the following children: Samuel, who lived at White Deer, Pa.; George, who lived at White Deer; Frank, who died in Chillisquaque, Northumberland county; Henry; Jacob, who died in Chillisquaque; Mary, who married Andrew Fetzer; Margaret, who married Daniel Keiser; and Susan, Mrs. Shannon.

Henry Berkheimer, son of William, was born March 28, 1827, and married Adeline Haupt, who was born Oct. 28, 1831. Their children were born as follows: William H., Nov. 26, 1851; Mary M., Oct. 4, 1853; Sarah J., April 20, 1856 (died Nov. 23, 1858); Isabella, March 23, 1858; Charles F., Aug. 2, 1860 (living in Jersey City); Clara, Dec. 11, 1862; Adeline E., Feb. 17, 1865 (Mrs. Fries); Horatio S., May 9, 1868; Jamella, June 19, 1870; James, Jan. 24, 1875.

JOHN HOFFMAN, a retired citizen of Watsonstown, Northumberland county, has been a resident of that place since 1884. He still owns two farms, one in Lewis township, near McEwensville, and another in Delaware township, and occasionally works on his land, but he gave up the arduous duties of farming many years ago.

Mr. Hoffman was born Nov. 6, 1832, in Lancaster county, Pa., son of John and Mary (Kauffman) Hoffman. His grandfather died a number of years before his grandmother, who remarried, her second husband being a Mr. Stertzler, of Berks county, Pa. John Hoffman, the father, was born in 1802, lived for several years in Lancaster county, Pa., and for some years was a resident of Maiden-creek township, Berks county, where he was engaged in farming near Halfway House. Thence he moved in 1844 to Northumberland county, settling in Turbut township, where he had a farm of 127 acres upon which he spent the remainder of his life, dying there in 1858, at the age of fifty-six years. He is buried at Paradise Church, in Turbut township. He was a rugged man, apparently able to endure anything, and in the winter exposed himself fearlessly to the elements, but his hardihood in this respect proved his undoing, for his death was caused by drinking cold water while overheated after haymaking. He was a Lutheran in religious faith, a Democrat in politics. Mr. Hoffman married Mary Kauffman, who was born in 1814, daughter of Daniel Kauffman, a prominent public man of Berks county, who lived at Leesport. Mrs. Hoffman died in 1893, aged sev-



enty-nine years, the mother of the following children: Matilda married Thomas Carl; John is mentioned below; Susanna married Samuel Clapp; Jacob died in Montour county; Mary married Edward Kerschner; Adam died young.

Jacob Hoffman, brother of John Hoffman, Sr., died near Blandon, Berks county. He was married, but had no family.

John Hoffman was a boy when his parents came to Turbut township, Northumberland county, and there he attended the common schools. He worked for his father until twenty-four years of age, in the spring of 1857 beginning farming on his own account, on shares. After eleven years' work on that basis he bought a thirty-acre farm near Paradise Church, which he farmed for two years, at the end of that time selling out and again farming on shares, which he continued for another three years. Buying a ninety-one-acre farm in Lewis township, near McEwensville, he farmed that place for fourteen years, until he settled in Watsonstown, in 1884. He still works on his farm when occasion requires, but has not been actively engaged in agricultural pursuits since he took up his home in the borough. In addition to his Lewis township property Mr. Hoffman has a farm of 103 acres in Delaware township, which he rents out. He also owned property at Springtown, Northumberland county. Mr. Hoffman has not been particularly active in public affairs, but he is interested in the welfare of the community and has served six years as school director. He is a Democrat in politics, and in religious matters he and his family are Lutherans. He served a long term of years as deacon of the Paradise Church.

In the fall of 1856 Mr. Hoffman married Susanna E. Kerschner, daughter of John Kerschner, and she died May 9, 1909, at the age of seventy-three years; she is buried in the family plot at Watsonstown, where the Hoffman monument has been erected. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman had no children of their own, but they adopted a daughter, Lizzie Ulrich, who came from Berks county, and who lived with them from the age of nine years. She is now the wife of C. J. Yagel, who is engaged in operating a gristmill at Exchange, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Yagel have a family of seven children, one of whom, George H., was adopted into the Hoffman family when a mere child and has been given the name Hoffman legally; he was born in the Hoffman home.

George H. Hoffman resides with his foster parents, and is engaged as a dealer in live stock, poultry, etc. He married Florence S. Wertman, daughter of Wesley Wertman, of near Turbutville. Mr. Hoffman is a member of the Artisans Order of Mutual Protection and of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and he is a Democrat in political sentiment. He owns an old left-handed sickle of a by-

gone style seldom seen nowadays, even among curiosities.

HARVEY M. STAHL, superintendent of the Pomfret Manor cemetery at Sunbury, Northumberland county, has filled his present position since 1899. He has previously been engaged in similar work at Lewisburg, Union county, and his experience fits him well for his responsibilities. He is an excellent manager, showing good judgment and taste in all the details of his duties at Pomfret Manor, and the various improvements which have originated with or been carried out by him have proved that he has marked ability in his line.

Mr. Stahl was born Dec. 12, 1863, in Snyder county, Pa., and comes of an old family of that section of the State, his great-great-grandfather coming from Switzerland and settling in one of the lower counties of Pennsylvania. His great-grandfather, Adam Stahl, was a farmer in Union township, Snyder county. He was a Mennonite in religious faith, and he and his wife are buried at Witmer's Evangelical Church in Snyder county.

Frederick Stahl, son of Adam, was born in 1801 in Union township, Snyder county, and there passed his whole life, engaged in farming. He died in Union township in 1881, but is buried at Winfield, Pa. Like most of the early members of the Stahl family, he was a Mennonite in religious faith. His wife, Susanna (Shottsberger), of Union township, Snyder county, was born in 1803 and died in 1884. Their children were as follows: Peter, Jacob, John and William all lived in Union township; Elias is mentioned below; Katie married John Sholly; Mary married Joseph Herald; Susan married Peter Sholly, brother of John.

Elias Stahl, son of Frederick, was born in 1843 in Union township, Snyder county, and engaged in farming at Lewisburg, Union Co., Pa., where he is buried. He died July 1, 1903. His wife, Anna (Miller), still makes her home at Lewisburg, where several of their children also reside. Mr. and Mrs. Elias Stahl had children as follows: Alfred, who is a resident of Lewisburg; McClellan, of Kelly Point, Pa.; Harvey M.; John, of Lewisburg; Sarah, wife of Edward Bondeman, of Reading, Pa.; William, who died at the age of sixteen; Adam, of Montandon, Northumberland Co., Pa.; and Frederick, of Lewisburg.

Charles Miller, father of Mrs. Anna (Miller) Stahl, was born in 1801 and died in 1880. He came from Montgomery county, Pa., not far from Philadelphia, and settled in the vicinity of Keiser's Church, in Union township, Snyder county, about 1824. Previous to his removal to this section he married Eva Reiter, and they had one child born in Montgomery county. Mr. Miller was a carpenter by trade. He and his wife are buried at Keiser's Church. Their children were: Levi, of

Shreiner's Church, in Snyder county; Sophia, deceased; Anna, Mrs. Stahl; and Matilda.

Harvey M. Stahl was educated in the public schools of his home locality and at Freeburg Academy. He began work as clerk in a general store, being thus employed for six years, after which he was in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company for a time, as foreman in the freight department at Shamokin. In 1897 he moved from Shamokin to Lewisburg, where he was engaged by the Lewisburg Cemetery Company until his removal to Sunbury, in 1899. He arrived at Sunbury Aug. 20th, and has since been superintendent of the Pomfret Manor cemetery, where, at that time, 605 interments had been made. Up to Oct. 1, 1910, the number was 1,756. From twelve to twenty men are employed in the cemetery work, according to the season, and the work is thoughtfully planned and systematically executed, as the first-class condition of the grounds shows. Mr. Stahl has inaugurated a number of improvements in the manner of handling the care of the cemetery, and he is at present contemplating a systematic record of burials, etc., which would be valuable to all interested. His energetic and methodical performance of all the work at Pomfret Manor has won the appreciation of all concerned.

On Oct. 27, 1887, Mr. Stahl married Ella Heintzleman, daughter of Elias and Deborah (Reichenbach) Heintzleman, of Union township, Snyder county, and granddaughter of John Heintzleman and his wife (who was a Reigel), also farming people of Snyder county. Mrs. Stahl is one of a family of eight children: Laura married S. A. Dinger, of Shamokin; Ella is Mrs. Stahl; Harvey married Miss Monday, of South Fork, Pa.; Katie married Joseph Shaffer, of Snyder county; John A. married Annie Foltz, and is a farmer of Snyder county; Annie C. married Charles Seachrist, and they are farming people of Snyder county; Charles married Miss Hopewell, of Northumberland, Pa.; Jennie married Clayton Steffen, and they are farming people in Snyder county.

To Mr. and Mrs. Stahl have been born three children, two sons and one daughter, namely: Stella M. is a graduate of the Sunbury high school and of the commercial department of Susquehanna University, at Selinsgrove, Pa.; Roy E. is a member of the class of 1911, Sunbury high school (he has considerable local fame as an athlete); Norman W. is a member of the class of 1913, local high school. Mr. Stahl and his family worship at the Lutheran Church. Socially he is a member of the Royal Arcanum.

**JAMES J. HOLLAND**, a well known business man of Shamokin, Pa., was born at Locust Dale, Pa., March 19, 1866, son of Richard Holland.

Richard Holland was born in County Kilkenny,

Ireland, and came to America in 1845, settling at Pottsville, Pa. He became an employee in the mines and was superintendent of mines for a while. He later went to what is now Brockville, Schuylkill county, and in company with George Clark and a Mr. Rausbeck opened up a mine there. Then they went to Locust Dale and opened up the old Potts colliery, and later the Marion colliery, which is about three miles west of the Potts colliery. He was employed at different collieries until 1880, when he accepted a position with the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, being located at Tremont till 1883. At this time he went to East Franklin, working there until December, 1885, and on Jan. 1, 1886, he became superintendent of the Enterprise colliery for the late Thomas Baumgardner, continuing there the remainder of his life. He was killed Nov. 24, 1886, near Excelsior, by the Empire freight train of the Northern Central railroad, and was buried at Ashland, Pa. He was an energetic and industrious man, whose strict integrity and indefatigable devotion to business made him a valued employee.

Mr. Holland married Margaret Monaghan, who died at Frackville, Pa. They had thirteen children, viz.: Edward, John, Michael, Mary, Stephen, Richard (assistant superintendent of the Susquehanna Coal Co.), Ellen, James J., Ann, Lawrence, and three who died young.

James J. Holland attended the public schools of Locust Dale, Pa., and when fourteen years of age entered the office of the Potts colliery as a messenger boy. Here he remained for some time and then went to Tremont to work in the mines, from 1881 to 1886, when he entered the office of the Enterprise colliery for Thomas Baumgardner, taking charge of the pay department. When this colliery was sold in 1891 to Hon. W. L. Connell and others, he remained with them. In 1893 he took charge of the Anthracite Store Company, at Excelsior, as manager, and in July, 1909, he was also made manager of the Bernice Store Company, in Sullivan county, Pa. He still retains these positions.

Mr. Holland married Feb. 26, 1889, Clara E. Wean, daughter of Percival and Sarah (Henninger) Wean. Mr. and Mrs. Wean have lived at Donaldson, Schuylkill county, for sixty-five years. Mr. and Mrs. Holland have had children as follows: Estelle, nurse at the State Hospital at Scranton, Pa.; Margaret, died young; Hilda, graduated in the class of 1910 from the Shamokin high school; Richard, a student at the high school; Edith, deceased; and Percival, deceased. Mr. Holland is an independent voter. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and of St. Edward's Catholic Church of Shamokin.

**HARRISON RINGLER**, of Milton, has been engaged as an insurance man for over twenty-five



years and has established a fine business in the borough and surrounding region, his territory covering about five counties. Mr. Ringler was born in Milton Nov. 14, 1842, son of Eli and Margaret (Tobias) Ringler.

Eli Ringler was born in Berks county, Pa., where the Ringlers have been settled since the early days. He became a school teacher there, later removed to Muncy, Lycoming Co., Pa., where he lived for a time, and thence came to Milton. In his later years he did day's work. He died at an advanced age, at Cogan station, Lycoming Co., Pa., and is buried in that county. His family consisted of eight children, namely: Rudolph; Elizabeth, married to John Humphreys; Mary, married to Sam Irvin; Amanda, who died unmarried; William, of Philadelphia; Henry, of Philadelphia; Harrison; and Ella, married to Milton Potts, of Harrisburg.

Harrison Ringler attended school in Chillisquaque township, this county. In his earlier years he worked among the farmers, later drove a canal team, and in 1859 went to New York State, where he engaged as canal boatman upon the Erie canal. During the Civil war he served in the Union army for three years as a member of Company D, 164th New York Regiment, Irish Brigade, enlisting Aug. 27, 1862; was wounded May 18, 1864, at Spottsylvania courthouse, Va., and was discharged on account of his injuries Jan. 2, 1865. After the war he located at Milton and was employed by the American Car & Foundry Company (then Murray, Douglass & Co.) there for nine years, after which he clerked for B. K. Haag, continuing with him also nine years. In 1885 he began the insurance business, in which he has established a large and constantly growing trade, doing business over about five counties in Pennsylvania. His office is in the Buoy block. His business has prospered through systematic care and intelligent management, and he enjoys excellent standing among those who have had dealings with him.

Mr. Ringler's first marriage was to Lydia Strine, who died in Milton, Pa., Aug. 3, 1891, the mother of three children: Harry, who died July 6, 1893, and was buried at Mifflinburg, Pa.; Grace, Blanche. For his second wife Mr. Ringler married Lillian McCollin. He is a member of the Methodist Church. Socially he belongs to the G. A. R. and the Union Veteran Legion.

**MALICK.** Among the representatives of the Malick family in Sunbury, Northumberland county, are Charles A. and Solomon E. Malick, both of whom are employees of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, holding responsible positions at that point. They are sons of Solomon Malick and grandsons of David Malick, and belong to one of the earliest families of Northumberland county,

which has been settled in this region since before or about the period of the Revolution. The Malicks are of German extraction, and the early spelling of the name was Malick or Mehlig, but it is now found in various forms, Malick, Malich, Mellick, etc. One Jacob Malick and five brothers came to this country from Germany, four of the brothers, among whom was Jacob, settling along the Susquehanna river in what is now Lower Augusta township, in the region of Sunbury. They were among the pioneers in that section, where their descendants are now very numerous, several branches of the family being well represented. There is record of three brothers, Peter, Henry and another who died soon after his marriage, leaving a widow and one daughter. This does not quite agree, however, with the Federal Census Report of 1790, which records Peter, Henry and a Widow Melich as heads of families in Northumberland county: Peter Malich had one son and six daughters; Henry had one daughter; the widow had two daughters. Among the taxables of Augusta township, in 1768, were David and John Malick.

According to one account, the Malicks came to Pennsylvania from New Jersey, settling in the woods in what was then Northumberland (now Columbia) county, at the present location of Lightstreet. At any rate, the pioneer Peter Malick lived there until the time of the Indian scare in 1713. The family were panic-stricken at the report that the Indians were approaching, on the warpath, and the men hastily got the horses together, the women collecting clothing, etc., which they tied to a young mare. The animal took fright at its unusual burden and ran away, and was shot by the Indians. Eventually men, women and children had to make their way on foot to Fort Augusta, at Sunbury, which had been built in 1756, and there the family remained until the immediate danger was over. It appears that Jacob Malick, son of Peter Malick, Jr., obtained his land in that region through the family's escape to the fort for safety. Peter Melick, Sr., made a will, but we have not found it on record at Sunbury. Peter Melick, Jr., made his will March 6, 1789; it was probated June 5, 1789. He bequeathes to his wife Mary "Mellick," and to children: Son John (double daughter Christiana shall have); son Peter (double of daughter Charity); son Mickel (double of daughter Margaret); son Henry; son David; and daughters Cristana, Charity, Margaret and Elizabeth. Some children died young.

One David Malick, born Oct. 4, 1759, died in 1834. His old family Bible is now in the possession of Mrs. William F. Keefer, of Sunbury, a distant relative of the Malicks, her mother having been a Malick.

Jacob Malick, son of Peter, Jr. (he is not mentioned in will among children of Peter, Jr.), had a number of brothers and sisters, among them



Peter, David and Maria (who died Sept. 2, 1822, aged nineteen years, eleven months; buried at Augustaville Union Church). Jacob lived near Seven Points, in Rockefeller township, in territory formerly embraced in Lower Augusta township, and had a large acreage of fine, level land, the farm now owned by Levi Shipe. He also owned the land on Shikellimy Hill, on the west side of the Susquehanna river. He was a Lutheran, a member of the Augustaville Stone Church, where he was buried, and in the construction of which he bore his part, helping to get out the timber. He hewed the main girder on New Year's Day, the weather being clear and favorable for the work. His first wife, whose maiden name was Epler, bore him children: John, Jacob, Henry and Daniel. By his second wife he had children as follows: Jeremiah settled in Iowa; Mary married Jacob Martz; Charlotte married William Raker, a merchant of Trevorton, Pa.; Sarah married a Mr. Dottery, of Mount Carmel, Pa.; Hannah died unmarried, at Herndon, this county.

Daniel Malick (Melick according to tombstone records) was born March 20, 1819, in Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, and died Feb. 8, 1891. He was a saddler by occupation, and lived about a mile above Seven Points, where he owned a farm of about one hundred acres. He is buried at the Stone Church before mentioned, and was long an active member of the Lutheran congregation there, serving as deacon, elder and trustee, which latter position he held at the time of his death. His wife Lovina (Raker), daughter of Jacob Raker, was born Dec. 1, 1821, and died Sept. 23, 1884. Their children were as follows: Alice, who is unmarried, lives at No. 603 Catawissa avenue, Sunbury; Emma (deceased) married Jacob Shade, who lived at Paxinos, this county; Darius is mentioned below; Wilson died aged four years.

Darius Malick, carpenter, of Sunbury, was born Jan. 16, 1857, in Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, and there attended the public schools. When twenty-one years old he went to learn the trade of carpenter, at Seven Points, and he has been engaged at carpentry and other wood work ever since. For nine years he was employed in the Pennsylvania railroad shops. His home has been in Sunbury since 1887, and in 1891 he built the large home now occupied by the family, at No. 601 Catawissa avenue.

Mr. Malick's first marriage was to Susan Conrad, daughter of William and Ann (Bartholomew) Conrad, and to this union were born children as follows: Nelson C., who married Olive McCloy; Cordella, who died in her third year; Emmery C., of Philadelphia; Laura E.; Annie M., wife of William Gross, foreman of silk mills at Littlestown, Pa.; and Cora, who was adopted by Rev. A. J. Stokes, a United Evangelical minister, who had no family. By his second marriage, to Lizzie Hummer, daughter

of Joseph and Mary (Kase) Hummer, farming people of Rush township, seven children have been born; Effa, Alma, Preston (who died in infancy), Ruth, Sadie, Greta and Alton W.

This family belong to the First United Evangelical Church of Sunbury, of which Mr. Malick is one of the most prominent members and workers. He was one of the organizers of the congregation, and when the present church edifice was erected was a member of the building committee. When it was remodeled he was again a member of the committee, serving as its foreman. For seven years he was a member of the board of trustees. Politically he is a Democrat. He belongs to the Carpenters' Brotherhood.

David Malick, grandfather of the brothers Charles A. and Solomon E. Malick, of Sunbury, was undoubtedly of this stock. He was born in Rockefeller township, Northumberland county, lived in the vicinity of Augustaville, on the farm later occupied by Harry Wolf, and was a lifelong farmer. He was a foremost member of Mt. Zion United Brethren Church, in Lower Augusta township, which was also called Malick's Church, so named after him, and he and his wife are buried at that church. Their children were: Sarah, who married George B. Conrad; and Solomon.

Solomon Malick was born in Rockefeller township, Northumberland county, in 1832, and died March 20, 1882, aged fifty years. He is buried in the Pomfret Manor cemetery at Sunbury, which was formerly a part of the old South Fourth street cemetery. During his early boyhood Mr. Malick went to school only a few months each year, spending the rest of the time at farm work, at home or with neighboring farmers. Later he became a pupil at the academy at Freeburg, Snyder county, where he met his wife, Mary Ann Roush, daughter of Andrew and Susan (Adams) Roush, and member of a pioneer family of that county. Mr. Roush taught school, and Mr. Malick taught music and singing, conducting singing schools in Selinsgrove, Sunbury, and other places in the adjacent territory. Later he read law in the office of George C. Hill, of Sunbury, was admitted to the bar in Northumberland county and became associated in legal practice with George W. Ziegler. He was in time admitted to practice in the Supreme court and became a prominent attorney. His death, which occurred very suddenly, was caused by the bursting of a blood vessel while he was running for a train at Freeburg. His home was for the most part in Sunbury, where he lived many years in the house immediately back of the jail, on Arch street. He was a prominent citizen of the borough and filled the office of chief burgess for two terms. A Democrat in politics, he was well and favorably known in the party, was a member of Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., of Sunbury, and with his family

was identified with the Lutheran Church. He and his wife had children as follows: William W. was killed in a collision at Weigh Scales, this county, June 24, 1884; E. Laura married Gilbert H. Cobb, who is division freight agent for Pennsylvania for the Pennsylvania Railway Company, and they live in New York City; Charles A. is mentioned below; Solomon E. is mentioned below; John F., a locomotive engineer, resides at Pottsville, Pennsylvania.

CHARLES A. MALICK was born Feb. 24, 1864, at Sunbury, and there received his education in the common schools. In 1879, at the age of fifteen, he learned telegraphy, and has ever since been employed by the Pennsylvania Company. On Jan. 6, 1880, he became extra operator, being engaged as telegrapher until he was made train dispatcher, in 1887. He filled that position until promoted to trainmaster, in 1901, at Sunbury, on the Sunbury & Shamokin division of the Pennsylvania road. He has a number of men in his charge, and has proved a trustworthy man in every capacity, winning his promotions by efficient and conscientious discharge of all his duties. He is a well known citizen of the borough and has several social connections, belonging to Lewistown Lodge, No. 203, F. & A. M., to the Royal Arcanum, and to the Temple Club of Sunbury.

In 1890 Mr. Malick married Ida Weiser, daughter of Jacob and Martha (Potts) Weiser, and they have one child, Helen, who graduated from the Sunbury high school with the class of 1909. The family home is at No. 24 North Second street, Sunbury. They attend Zion's Lutheran Church.

SOLOMON E. MALICK was born Dec. 27, 1865, at Sunbury, and there received his education in the public schools. He began to assist in the support of the family when he was fifteen years old, working in a sawmill for about a year, and on Dec. 13, 1882, taking a position with the Pennsylvania Railway Company, as night call boy. In September, 1883, he was appointed night telegraph operator at Mainville, on the Pennsylvania road, later was transferred to Catawissa as night operator, and on July 1, 1884, was transferred to the D. Y. yard at Sunbury, on account of the vacancy caused by the death of his brother, William R. Malick. In the fall of 1885 he became telegraph operator in the superintendent's office at Sunbury and was promoted until he attained the responsible position of train dispatcher. In May, 1888, he was appointed extra train dispatcher, afterward night dispatcher, which position he filled about one year, on Aug. 1, 1890, becoming train dispatcher on the afternoon trip. On April 1, 1903, Mr. Malick was made assistant trainmaster on the Sunbury & Shamokin division, with jurisdiction between Sunbury and Lewistown Junction, Sunbury and Mount Carmel, Sunbury and Wilkes-Barre, Wilkes-Barre, Pottsville

and Shenandoah branch. On July 8, 1905, he was assigned jurisdiction over the passenger trains in this territory, this being his present responsibility. His position is one of the highest importance, and he has proved himself equal to its demands in emergencies as well as in his regular line of duties. His continued promotions are the best evidence of his fidelity and its appreciation. He is a Mason, belonging to Maclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M., of Sunbury, and is a member of the Veterans Association of the Sunbury division of the Pennsylvania road. He also holds membership in the Temple Club.

On Feb. 26, 1890, Mr. Malick married Mary Alberta Sarvis, daughter of Charles and Barbara (Wynn) Sarvis, of Lower Augusta township, and they have one daughter, Florence Louise, who graduated from the Sunbury high school in 1909. The family home is at No. 330 Chestnut street, Sunbury.

JOHN K. ERDMAN, though now retired from active agricultural pursuits, still makes his home on his farm in the Irish Valley, in Rockefeller township, where he owns a large and valuable tract. He has made his home there since 1885. Mr. Erdman was born March 26, 1841, in Upper Mahantango township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., son of George Erdman and grandson of Johan Georg Erdman.

The emigrant ancestor of this family, Johannes Erdman, of Pfungstadt, Hessen-Darmstadt, came to America in 1734. Where he first settled has not been learned, but in 1750 he was on the property now known as the old Erdman farm, near Center Valley, in Lehigh county, Pa. His wife's name was Anna Catharine. He died Oct. 30, 1760, at the age of seventy-eight years. He seems to have had a number of children, but the lineage of only one son, Andrew, has so far been ascertained with certainty. This Andrew (Andraes) married Anna Maria Frederick, and they had nine children, namely: Jacob, George, Abraham, Andrew, John, Yost, Catharine, Sybilla and Anna Margaret. Of these, Catharine (who married Jacob Barnhart), Anna Margaret (who married George Sober) and Abraham removed to Armstrong, Westmoreland Co., Pa., at an early day, and their descendants have been lost track of. Sybilla married Henry Bitz and removed to Lower Mount Bethel, Northampton Co., Pa. Andrew and Yost settled in Hilltown, Bucks Co., Pa., and George in Upper Saucon, Lehigh Co., Pa.; he had two sons, John and Jacob. The Northumberland county branch of the family is descended from Andrew.

Georg Erdman, grandfather of John K. Erdman, was a native of Lehigh county, born Feb. 24, 1787, and was one of three brothers, Abraham, Andrew and Georg, to move from that locality into the Mahantango Valley, all settling near Klingers-



town, in Schuylkill county, Pa. All three were farmers, and their lands adjoined. Abraham had, among other children, Benjamin and George; Andrew had sons Jacob, George and John; and there were also Abraham and Elias, sons of either Abraham, Sr., or Andrew.

George Erdman had a large farm, upon which he built a house and a barn, and his son Nathan succeeded him there. He died Aug. 5, 1858, and he and his wife are buried at the Salem (Herb) Church, at Rough and Ready, in Schuylkill county. He was a Lutheran member of that church. He married Anna Catharine Schneider, who was born July 6, 1792, daughter of Johann Nicholas and Anna Maria Schneider, and died Aug. 20, 1842. They had a large family: Daniel; George; Solomon, born March 19, 1822, who died Nov. 18, 1859; Elias, born Jan. 29, 1824, who died Sept. 24, 1856; Nathan, who died March 7, 1897, aged seventy-one years, six months, eight days (his wife Rachel died Dec. 1, 1897, aged seventy-four years, ten months, nineteen days); William; Lydia, who married William Kehres; Catharine, who married William Kehres; Polly, Mrs. Knorr; Dina, Mrs. Isaac Rebuck; Mrs. John Smith; Rebecca, Mrs. Michael Brown; and Harriet, Mrs. Moses Hartman, who survives.

George Erdman, father of John K. Erdman, was born in 1818, and died in 1882, at the age of sixty-four years. He is buried at the Blue church near Paxinos. He lived on the hill road leading from Paxinos to Shamokin, where he had a small farm, and he owned a tract of 125 acres at Bear Gap, which he rented. He was a devout church member, and held the office of deacon. His wife, Mary (Knorr), daughter of John Knorr, of Mahantango Valley, bore him the following children: William K., a carpenter by trade, justice of the peace and active in Democratic politics, who lived at Shamokin; Caroline, who married Joseph Kaseman; John K.; Daniel; Elizabeth, who married David Startzel; Catharine, who married J. B. Repley; Mary E., born in 1852, who died in 1873; Frank, a carpenter and contractor, who lives on the homestead near Weigh Scales (he is now serving his second term as a county commissioner); Ida, who died young, in 1863; George; and Albert.

John K. Erdman was reared on the farm. When nineteen years old he commenced to learn the trade of carpenter, in Shamokin township, and he followed that calling for twelve years, after which he returned to farm life, locating in Ralpho township. There he lived from 1871 to 1883, cultivating a farm of fifty acres which he sold, and for one year thereafter lived at Stonington, where he farmed as a tenant. In 1885 he came to Rockefeller township, settling on the farm which he has since occupied. He owns 212 acres, well located, of which 115 acres are under cultivation,

devoted to general crops. Since 1902 Mr. Erdman has sold his produce at Trevorton. Before that he went all the way to Shamokin to market. In 1908 he retired from active labor, but he continues to make his home on the farm. This was formerly the John Dunkelberger homestead, and earlier owned by a Yordy. Mr. Erdman is a highly esteemed citizen, and has received many evidences of the confidence his fellow citizens have in his ability and trustworthiness. While in Shamokin township he was elected overseer of the poor, and since coming to Rockefeller township he has been chosen to serve as school director and supervisor. In politics he is a Democrat. During the Civil war he served a nine months' term as member of Company C, 131st Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. He and his family worship at the Augustaville Lutheran church, of which he has been deacon and elder.

In 1867 Mr. Erdman married Annie Lewessa Reply, daughter of John and Rachel (Campbell) Reply, and she died in 1878, the mother of five children: Della, Rebecca M., Joseph E., Charles W. and Mary R. In 1880 Mr. Erdman married (second) Mary F. Vastine, daughter of Hugh Vastine, of Rush township, this county, and they have had nine children: Hattie C., Sallie I., Elenora B., Alice L., David A., John H. R., Peter C., Kimber H. and Frank C.

LUTHER E. ROAT, of Milton, who has been a merchant in that borough since 1894, was born in 1870 in Liberty township, Montour Co., Pa., and is the oldest son of Henry and Rebecca (Muthart) Roat.

Jacob Roat, Sr., his great-grandfather, was a native of Berks county, Pa., where the name is commonly found with the original spelling, Roth. In his young manhood he moved to Schuylkill county, Pa., where he passed the remainder of his life, dying about 1850. He was twice married. Jacob, the grandfather of Luther E. Roat, being a child of the first marriage, while David and Mrs. Cooper (of Danville, Pa.) were born to the second marriage. Mr. Roat's second wife died in Danville about 1890, at the advanced age of ninety years.

Jacob Roat, Jr., was born in Schuylkill county, and moved to Columbia county, Pa., thence in 1812 removing to Liberty township, Montour county, where he followed farming until his death, which occurred at the age of 55. He married Margaret Hombach, and they were the parents of seven children: (1) Philip, who died in 1872, married Kate Wirth. (2) Lewis, who died in 1907, married (first) Miss Jane Auten, who died in 1872, leaving two daughters, Margaret and Edith, and one son, Clarence. His second wife, Kate Stine, was the mother of two children, Wil-



liam and Edward. (3) Andrew married (first) Elizabeth Blue and their children were Frank (of Milton, Pa.), Emma (married John Billmeyer) and Sarah (married William Gearhart and has two sons, Charles and Harry). For his second wife Andrew Roat married a Miss Dye, by whom he had one son, Grant, who married Lottie Dietrich. (4) Phoebe married Henry Buss and died in 1908. They had children as follows: Robert, who lives in Battle Creek, Mich.; Ramsey, who married a Miss Glase and had a son, Clay, who married a Miss Weaver; Lewis, who married a Miss Billmeyer and has had children, Charles (who married Carrie Mohr and has three children, Gladys, Edna and Mildred), George, Mame (married John Rissel and has one daughter, Thelma) and Gene (married to Bruce Goltz); Anna, who lives with her father; Charlotte, who married Alfred Bare and has two sons; Etta, who married David Watt; and Hurley, who married a Miss Houtz. (5) Mahala married Peter Billmeyer and has four children, Frank, Emma, Blanche and Harry. (6) Elizabeth married John Kelley and had children: Elizabeth, Audrey, Henry, Phoebe, Ida, Mahala and Margaret. (7) Henry is mentioned below.

Henry Roat, youngest son of Jacob Roat, Jr., married Rebecca Muthart, daughter of William and Lydia (Martin) Muthart, natives of Berks county who later settled in Montour county. Mrs. Roat had the following brothers and sisters: Martha, who died in 1906; Catharine, who married Joseph Y. Sechler; Elmira, who married Oliver Caldwell (both are deceased); and Augustus, who married Jane Clemens and lives in Kansas. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roat: Luther E.; William, who married Julia Hagenbuch and has one son, Paul W.; Lewis H.; George P., who married Elizabeth St. Clair; Annie, who married Charles Ruckle; Augustus M.; Blanche M.; and Frank, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Luther E. Roat was educated in the public schools of Montour county, at Pottsgrove Academy, and Williamsport (Pa.) Commercial School, preparing to enter the sophomore year at Muhlenberg College. For six years he taught school in his native county. In 1894 he came to the borough of Milton, Northumberland county, where he opened a notion store in the Piper block. The next year, 1895, he moved his business to the room formerly occupied by the Reise Clothing Store, and was there established until 1903, meantime, in 1898, enlarging the store. In 1903 he removed to the adjoining room, where he still has his notion business. In 1905 Mr. Roat purchased from J. P. Hackenberg the retail china store which in 1907 he removed to the room adjoining his notion store, at that time removing the partition between the two rooms and throwing the space into one large room. His business in both

lines has expanded to such an extent that he now requires the services of nine people regularly, with additional help on Saturdays. Mr. Roat has proved himself one of the most enterprising business men of his adopted place. He has not only made his trade prosper to his own advantage, but decidedly to the accommodation of his fellow citizens, and he has the universal good-will and patronage of the community. As a substantial, useful resident of Milton he is respected by all who know him. He is a member of the Trinity Lutheran church, which he has served for some time as member of the Council; is a Republican in political sentiment, but not active in party or public affairs; and socially he holds membership in the Modern Woodmen of America and the Grand Fraternity.

In February, 1896, Mr. Roat married Mame Hoffman, daughter of Jacob and Amanda (Shalter) Hoffman, who had a family of seven children: Ella; Mame, Mrs. Roat; John, who married Anna Fries, who died in May, 1895, leaving one daughter, Mary, who lives with her aunt, Mrs. Roat; William; Harry, who married Mary Martz and has two children, Florence and Willington; Emma, who married Warren W. Moser and has one son, Ralph; and Charles, who married Blanche Coeur and has two children, Owen and Bernice.

HORACE L. FOLLMER, merchant miller at Watsontown, Northumberland county, has been established in business at that place only a short time, but he is conducting a well known plant built by John McFarland and operated for a time by Follmer, Fowler & Co.

Mr. Follmer was born April 12, 1872, at Williamsport, Lycoming Co., Pa., near which place his grandfather, William Follmer, owned a farm upon which he lived and carried on agricultural pursuits. He died upon his farm. Among his children were Adam, Peter (who is living on the old homestead), William, Amelia, Susan, Maggie and Lydia.

William Follmer, son of William, was born on the homestead in Lycoming county, and followed farming during his active years. He died at Trout Run, Lycoming county, March 27, 1910, aged seventy-four years, an honored and respected citizen of that community. He was elected prothonotary of Lycoming county and filled that office efficiently and creditably. He married Catharine Biehl, daughter of Peter Biehl, and to them were born children as follows: Ella, married to J. C. Fowler; Jennie; Clayton C., deceased; William, who died young; Clemine, who married Rev. C. P. Bastian and is now living at Keyser, W. Va.; Horace L.; and Margaret.

Horace L. Follmer attended public school at Williamsport, later was a pupil in the high school at Watsontown, and finally took a course at the

Williamsport Commercial College, from which he was graduated in 1892. After working three months in the mill he engaged in farming, first with his father and later on his own account, continuing thus for thirteen years after he commenced his independent career. During this time he was located at Trout Run, Lycoming county, whence he came to Watsontown to enter the milling business. He leased his mill, which is on Eighth street, along the Pennsylvania railroad, June 4, 1908, from his father and widowed sister-in-law, Mrs. Clayton C. Follmer. This plant is equipped with all the latest and most desirable machinery, having the full roller process, and has a capacity of one hundred barrels daily. In addition to milling Mr. Follmer deals in flour, grain and feed, and he does a thriving business in both lines, his enterprise and good judgment being apparent in all his transactions. Mr. Follmer is a Presbyterian, belonging to the church at Trout Run. He is unmarried.

**VAN KIRK.** The Van Kirks came to this region from New Jersey, where the emigrant ancestors settled upon their arrival in this country early in the eighteenth century. The family is of Scotch descent, the name having originally been Kirk. During religious disturbances and clan wars the family left Scotland, fleeing with others to Holland, where the "Van" was prefixed to the name.

Matthias Van Kirk, from whom the members of the family mentioned in this article are descended, lived in New Jersey, and came to Point township, Northumberland county. He followed the business of freighter, conveying goods from Philadelphia to New York and other points. His children were born as follows: Sarah, July 16, 1792; Ralph, Oct. 22, 1794; Charity, Oct. 23, 1796; Elizabeth, Oct. 9, 1798; Mary, June 24, 1800; Joseph, Oct. 14, 1801; William, Jan. 14, 1803; Catharine, Aug. 22, 1804; Thompson, Jan. 14, 1805; Daniel, May 16, 1808.

Joseph Van Kirk, son of Matthias, was born Oct. 11, 1801, in New Jersey, and there in young manhood learned the trade of shoemaker. Coming to Northumberland county, Pa., he settled in Point township, he and his brother buying a tract of land which they farmed until 1860. Joseph Van Kirk then purchased the "Washington House" in Northumberland and moved thither. After a few years he purchased the site and built what is known as the "Van Kirk House" in Northumberland, the leading hotel there, and he prospered greatly in this business, becoming a man of means. Later he purchased what was known as the "Manston House" in Chillisquaque township, this county, and moved thither, passing the remainder of his life at that location. He was killed by a train, at Milton, Pa., in 1885. Mr. Van Kirk was twice

married, his first wife being Caroline Hunsinger, his second Elizabeth Perry. By his first union there was a family of eleven children: William, John M. (who died young), Harriet (Mrs. William Robbins), Daniel B., Sarah J. (Mrs. Daniel Leshner), Mrs. Joseph Hein, Mrs. Caroline Woods, Ellen (Mrs. Yoxtheimer), Mary and Charles.

William Van Kirk, son of Joseph, was born Feb. 12, 1830, and received his education in the schools of Point township. He was a farmer throughout his life except for the time he was in the Union service during the Civil war. When the war broke out in 1861 he enlisted, and served for four years. He was first with the Heavy Artillery at Fortress Monroe, later a member of Company G, 188th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, was wounded, and was in hospital at Philadelphia, Pa. After the war he resumed agricultural pursuits, which he continued to follow until his death, July 4, 1901. He is buried at Milton, Pa. Mr. Van Kirk was a member of the Lutheran church. He married Mary Perry, daughter of James Perry, of Liberty township, Montour Co., Pa., and their only son was James W. Van Kirk.

**JAMES W. VAN KIRK.** of East Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, was born in 1857, in Point township, and there received his primary education. Later he attended the Philadelphia Art School, where he took a course in lettering and ornamental pen work, and he is an elegant penman, his work being exceptionally fine. He finds considerable to do in that line for the various colleges and high schools. He indexed the books in the county offices at Sunbury. Mr. Van Kirk has attained a wide reputation in his line and his services are in general demand. He makes his home in East Chillisquaque township, and has served that township as school director, and in February, 1910, was elected justice of the peace. He was a member of the board of enumerators when the census of 1900 was taken. Politically he is a Republican.

In August, 1891, Mr. Van Kirk married Mary Ellen Harner, daughter of Amos Harner, and they have had the following children: Oley H., Tammenund, Zoe, M. S. Quay and Edna D.

William H. Van Kirk, son of Matthias Van Kirk, was born in New Jersey in 1803, and came to Pennsylvania about the same time as his brother, settling in Northumberland county before his marriage. He had attended school only two days, but by thrift and industry, and close application to his work, he prospered and became quite successful, following farming all his active years. He owned the farm in Point township which is now the property of his son Charles M. He and his wife, Alvina (Huntzinger), daughter of Henry Huntzinger, are buried at Northumberland, Pa. Mr. Van Kirk died July 11, 1884, in his eighty-second



year. He and his family were Presbyterians in religious connection. In politics he was a Republican, and he served a number of years as supervisor of his township. Twelve children were born to Mr. and Mrs. William H. Van Kirk: Mary J., William, Lucy Ann, David, Susan R., John T., Emeline, Joseph W., Charles C. (who died when two years of age), Harriet L., Clara E. and Charles M.

CHARLES M. VAN KIRK, a farmer of Point township, was born March 11, 1854, on the farm he now occupies. He attended public school, and subsequently continued to reside at home, working for his father until the latter's death, when, in 1885, he began farming on his own account. He has remained on the home place ever since, and has 165 acres of good land, devoted to general farming, in which he has been very successful. He attends the Northumberland market. Mr. Van Kirk has taken an interest in the general welfare and has served six years as school director of his township. He is a Republican in political matters. As a citizen he has the respect of all who know him, and he is regarded as one of the substantial residents of his locality.

On April 3, 1880, Mr. Van Kirk married Mary Minerva Gougler, daughter of Abraham and Caroline (Kelly) Gougler. She died in 1893, at the age of thirty-three years, the mother of four children, namely: Ada E. married Fred Epler; William O. married Sadie Orner; George E. married Mary Neidig; Lottie A. married John Baird. In 1897 Mr. Van Kirk married (second) Ida Bell Gougler, a cousin of his first wife, and daughter of George Gougler, who lives near Port Treverton, Pa. Three children have been born to this union: Mary G., Dorothy and Charles Richard.

GEORGE H. DAGLE, a farmer in the Tuckahoe Valley, in Point township, Northumberland county, was born Feb. 29, 1868, in Chapman township, Snyder Co., Pa., son of John Frederick Dagle.

John Frederick Dagle was born April 8, 1836, in Germany, and came to America when sixteen years old. Settling at Schuylgrove, Snyder Co., Pa., he lived there until March, 1870, when he removed to Point township, Northumberland county, making his home on the farm now owned by his son George H. Dagle. He was a blacksmith, and followed his trade in Snyder county and also after settling in Point township, where he was a successful farmer. Mr. Dagle retired in 1904, after which he lived at Milton, Lewisburg and Northumberland, making his home in the latter borough at the time of his death, Oct. 30, 1910. He was always willing to give his services to the promotion of the general welfare and was an active and useful citizen, having served Point township as school director and overseer of the poor,

and he served many years as a member of the council in the Lutheran church, to which he belonged as do also his family. In political sentiment he is a Republican. He married Elizabeth Ertley, who was born June 15, 1838, and died Sept. 4, 1898, in her sixty-first year; she is buried at Northumberland. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Dagle: Mary married H. F. Geise; Sallie married E. H. Luckhart; John is a resident of Augustaville, Pa.; George H. is on the home farm; William is a resident of Mount Holly Springs, Cumberland Co., Pa.; Charles makes his home in Sunbury, Northumberland county.

George H. Dagle received his education in the public schools of Point township, and was reared to farming, working for his parents until he reached his majority. After that he continued at home until twenty-five years old, when he married and began farming on his own account in Point township, as a tenant for ten years, until he was in a position to buy a place of his own. In 1904 he purchased his father's farm in the same township, a tract of 145 acres especially adapted to fruit growing. Here he has since carried on general farming, and his thrift and industry have been well rewarded.

In 1894 Mr. Dagle married Lillie C. Gibbons, daughter of James and Caroline (Garman) Gibbons, farming people of Point township, and to them have been born four children: Carrie E., Forest E., Jane A. and Mabel O. Mr. Dagle is a member and official of Trinity Lutheran church, in Point township. Politically he is a Republican.

GEORGE C. REESER, contractor of Watsonstown, and one of the most enterprising factors in the industrial life of that borough, has spent all his life in this part of Northumberland county, having been born Dec. 5, 1862, at Turbutville, son of James Reeser.

Samuel Reeser, his grandfather, was born in Berks county, Pa., and moving thence to Union county, Pa., settled in the White Deer Valley, where he purchased a farm and followed farming until his death, in 1876. His wife, a Miss Fegley, also a native of Berks county, lived to the advanced age of eighty-four years. They were the parents of a large family, viz.: Samuel, of Lock Haven, Pa.; Manoah, who settled in Missouri; James; Peter F., who is farming the old homestead place in White Deer Valley; Rev. Thomas A., a Lutheran minister, who was drowned at Salladasburg, Pa.; Isabella, Mrs. Jackson Hart-raft; Caroline, Mrs. Henry Shannon; Lizzie, Mrs. William Shade, of Williamsport, Pa.; and Emeline, Mrs. John Gerhart.

James Reeser, son of Samuel, was born Feb. 16, 1839, in Berks county, and died March 20, 1902, at Watsonstown, Northumberland county, where



he settled in 1873. He had moved with his father to Lycoming county, when a boy, and learned the carpenter's trade, after his removal to Watson-town finding work with the Watsonstown Planing Mill Company, with whom he remained until his death, at which time he was one of the oldest employees of that concern. He married Mary E. Frey, who was born Oct. 24, 1840, in Northumberland county, daughter of Solomon and Sarah (Sauter) Frey, and died March 15, 1892. Mr. and Mrs. Reeser are buried in the Watsonstown cemetery. They had children as follows: George C.; and William H., a lumberman of Watsonstown, who married Lottie Rose and has had three children, Edward (who died aged ten years), Helen and Frederick.

George C. Reeser attended the elementary and high schools of Watsonstown. His first position was with the Watsonstown Planing Mill Company, in whose employ he remained until the mill was burned, in 1899. He had been engaged in contracting, and when the firm reorganized, as a stock company, the same year, he became a stockholder and director, the business being from that time carried on under the name of the Watsonstown Door and Sash Company. Mr. Reeser is still engaged in contracting at this mill, where about ninety skilled workmen are employed. In 1904 the plant was again destroyed by fire, the buildings being a total loss on that occasion, but they have been replaced by substantial structures and the plant is a large and well equipped establishment. The company enjoys a large trade in the leading cities of the East. Mr. Reeser has other large interests, being a stockholder in the Watsonstown Brick, Clay & Produce Company, of which he was one of the original promoters. He is one of the most substantial business men of the borough, where he has gained high standing by uprightness and integrity in all his transactions. He has initiative and ability, and has made a success by the most honorable methods.

Mr. Reeser has no special political affiliations, voting independently. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and socially belongs to the Royal Arcanum and the Jr. O. U. A. M.

In 1887 Mr. Reeser married Margaret E. Crawford, daughter of Jacob and Emily (Guffy) Crawford and granddaughter of Elijah Crawford. Jacob Crawford, her great-grandfather, was a native of Montour county, Pa., and married a Miss Shirk, from England. They had three sons, Elijah, Kim and Charles. Elijah Crawford was born in 1796 in Montour county, and died in 1868. About 1827 he moved to Packer's island, where he remained until 1829, in which year he settled in Delaware township, Northumberland county. He was a farmer by occupation. Mr. Crawford was a member of the Presbyterian church. During the war of 1812 he served his country as a soldier. He

married Eleanor Voris, who died in 1883, and they were the parents of nine children, but we have record of only five, namely: Jacob; Priscilla May, Mrs. Daniel Blue; Sarah Ann, Mrs. John Good; Mary Jane, Mrs. Henry P. Follmer; and Thomas, of Turbut township, Northumberland county. All of these but Jacob were living in 1890.

Jacob Crawford, son of Elijah Crawford and father of Mrs. George C. Reeser, married Emily Guffy, daughter of John Guffy and granddaughter of Alexander Guffy. They had children as follows: Josephine, who married John Moyer; Ellen, who married James Schell; Allen C., who married Margaret Sheep; Ambrose, who married Georgiana Taggart; Margaret E., Mrs. George C. Reeser; Lou, who married Al. Cadwallader; and William.

ADAM BATDORF, deceased, who was a dealer in paints, wall paper and window shades at Milton, Pa., with his place of business at No. 17 Broadway, was a resident of that town for nearly half a century, and in that time proved himself a loyal citizen and upright man.

The name Batdorf was originally spelled Botdorf. Adam Batdorf's grandfather came to America from Germany and settled in Lebanon county, Pa. Benjamin Batdorf, father of Adam, was a farmer in Lebanon county, and from there came to Milton, later moving to Chillisquaque township, and there following farming and teaming. He died at Milton in 1887, and was buried in Harmony cemetery. He married Eva Stine, a native of Lebanon county, and their children were: John, Mary, Samuel, Amanda, Levi, Caroline, Adam, James, Catharine, Matilda and William.

Adam Batdorf received his education in the common schools and was first employed at farm work. He next spent one summer working in a brick yard, and then went to learn the painting and paper hanging trade, in Milton, and this engaged him for ten years. He became expert in his work, and his time was fully occupied. In 1873 he opened his store as a dealer in paints, wall paper and window shades on Arch street. Then after the great fire of 1880, he built on Elm street. His last location was on Broadway.

Mr. Batdorf was a soldier during the Civil war. He enlisted first in Company K, 3d Pennsylvania militia, in 1862, and in 1863 he became a member of Company I, 37th regiment of Emergency men. In February, 1865, he enlisted in Company E, 74th Pa. Vol. Inf., for one year, and was sent to Virginia, where he was on garrison duty most of the time. He was very active in G. A. R. circles, and in 1908 was elected treasurer of the Susquehanna District Association of the G. A. R., and re-elected in 1909. He was a past commander of Milton Post, No. 129, G. A. R., having been elected to that office five times. He was a past officer in the I. O. O. F., and at the time of his

death was captain of the Canton of that body. He married Sarah B. Kauffman, daughter of John W. Kauffman, of Milton. To this union were born: Maggie, who married W. E. Eckbert; Oliver J. O., manufacturer of the Good Samaritan ointment, for which a stock company has been formed and a large business being done; Clarence W., of Milton; Albert H., who died in Chicago; Annie W., wife of Frank W. Bailey, D. D. S., of Milton; Charles A., of Milton; Spencer, of Milton; and Harry A., who died, aged twenty-six years. Mr. Batdorf was a Republican in politics, and was unswerving in his allegiance to the party—an allegiance that began when he cast his first Presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln. He died May 9, 1911, aged seventy-two years.

John W. Kauffman, father of Mrs. Batdorf, was born in 1795, and died May 7, 1885. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. His wife Margaret was born in 1806, and died Sept. 5, 1882, and both are buried in Harmony cemetery, Milton.

BENJAMIN F. BOWER, a farmer of West Chillisquaque township who has a valuable place of 150 acres lying along the west branch of the Susquehanna, is a native of Center county, Pa., born Aug. 23, 1863, in Rush township. The Bower family was in earlier days settled in Berks county, this state, where John Bower, the great-grandfather of Benjamin F., was born. He died in Lycoming county. His wife was Elizabeth Bohn.

Henry Bower, son of John and Elizabeth (Bohn) Bower, was born in 1784 in Berks county, moved to Lycoming county when a young man, and followed farming, also working in the lumber districts. He was one of the early settlers in his locality. In White Deer township, Union Co., Pa., he married Elizabeth Wertzler, who was born in 1773 in Berks county, daughter of Jacob Wertzler (who died at Reading, Berks county), and came to Lycoming county when a young girl. Mrs. Bower died in February, 1836, aged sixty-three years, and is buried at the Stone Church in Brady township, Lycoming county. Mr. Bower died in that county in 1866, aged eighty-two years, six months, six days, and is buried there, at the Brick Church in Clinton township. They were members of the Lutheran Church, and in politics he was a Democrat. Their children were as follows: Jonathan was killed by the cars at Montgomery, Pa.; Abraham was killed in the Civil war; Mary A. (deceased) was the wife of Aaron Wentzel; Jacob is mentioned below; Sarah (deceased) was the wife of Peter Swartz, a farmer of Dakota; Elizabeth (deceased) was the wife of John Huntington and they lived in New Mexico; Lydia died unmarried.

Jacob Bower, son of Henry, was born April 12, 1816, in Washington township, Lycoming county, and resided with his parents until he reached the

age of twenty-one years, meantime attending the local subscription schools for three months each winter during his boyhood, and working on his father's land the rest of the time. He then went to Black Hole, also in his native township, where he was employed by his brother-in-law, Peter Swartz, in a distillery, working there for twelve years, for ten dollars a month, at that time considered good wages. He and his brother-in-law then went to Clearfield county and purchased a sawmill, which they operated successfully for eleven years, after which Mr. Bower moved to Rush township, Center county. He lived there for several years, thence removing to Gregg township, Union county, in 1866. This region was then an unbroken wilderness, where wild animals still roamed, and he shared the hardships of life in such a region with the other hardy settlers who made a home there, in time becoming a prominent farmer of his district, where he is well and favorably remembered. He passed the remainder of his long life on his homestead in Gregg township, dying there Nov. 3, 1900. A man of sterling integrity and the highest character, he had the affectionate regard of all who knew him, and was greatly respected throughout his section. He was one of the oldest members of the Patrons of Husbandry in Union county, having been a charter member of Spring Garden Grange, No. 32. His first presidential vote was cast for Buchanan, but he was independent on political questions, supporting what he thought was right, regardless of party. In religion he was a Baptist, and filled office in his church. His death was looked upon as a public loss in the community.

On Feb. 9, 1851, in Morris township, Clearfield county, Mr. Bower married Elizabeth Haas, who was born Oct. 26, 1824, in Moreland township, Lycoming county, and died Jan. 9, 1909, at West Milton, Union county. Her parents, John and Mary (Baker) Haas, spent most of their lives in Northumberland county, but she was a young child when her father died, in 1828, and she made her home in the family of Peter Swartz for some time. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bower: (1) John H., born July 30, 1851, now a resident of Danville, Pa., married Maggie Gulich and has four children, Emma, Miriam, Elizabeth and Charles. (2) Abraham S., born Oct. 6, 1853, a farmer in Gregg township, Union county, married Hannah Gross and has two children, Retta and Elizabeth. (3) Lydia E., born May 3, 1855, in Center county, Pa., married J. S. Houser, who operated the old Bower homestead. (4) Charles W., born Feb. 5, 1857, a lumberman at Allenwood, Pa., married Tilla Kolbe, and they have three children, Francis E., George M. and Elizabeth G. (5) Mary M., born Jan. 16, 1859, married William Houser (brother of J. S. Houser), a carpen-



ter, and they reside at West Milton, Pa. They have one son, Franklin B. (6) Benjamin F. is the youngest of the family.

Benjamin F. Bower received his education in the schools of the home neighborhood. He worked for his father until he reached the age of twenty-seven, after which he farmed the homestead for his father for six years. For the next seven years he was on the old Charles Wolfe farm, in West Chillisquaque township, now the Fonda estate, along the west branch, and in 1902 he located on the tract in that township which he has since farmed, one of the Packer farms. He has 150 acres of good land, all up-to-date machinery and conveniences, and is an intelligent farmer, keeping abreast of the times in his work, as his farm shows. He is well thought of in the community, has served three years as school director, and is a substantial and worthy citizen, deserving the respect he enjoys. He hauled the first load of stone for the Montandon high school. Politically he is a Democrat, in religion a Baptist, holding membership in the church at Milton.

Mr. Bower married Mary Elizabeth Huff, daughter of William Huff, of Union county. They have six children: Florence N., wife of John Keiser; Mary E.; Jacob; Willard; Homer and Carrie.

**WILLIAM THOMAS JOHNSTON, D. D. S.**, a popular young professional man and public-spirited and progressive citizen of Milton, was born in Williamsport, Pa., in August, 1877, son of Robert G. Johnston. He attended the Williamsport public schools, and then entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as a clerk, but finding his tastes led him rather into the professional world, he again turned his attention to study, and entering the University of Pennsylvania, was graduated therefrom in 1899 with the degree of D. D. S. In the spring of 1900 he located for practice at his present place in the Knauer building, No. 43½ South Front street, Milton, and since that time he has been kept steadily busy with an ever increasing practice. He is thoroughly at home with the latest improved methods, and his work is performed conscientiously. He is a member of Kirk's Dental Society. Fraternally the Doctor is a Mason, being a member of Milton Lodge No. 256, F. & A. M., and of Williamsport Lodge of Perfection, 14th degree. His religious connection is with the Methodist church. He is active in all work for the moral well being of the town.

Dr. Johnston married Hannah Lundy, daughter of Ezra B. Lundy, of Williamsport. They reside at Williamsport.

**OLIVER S. BARTO**, who owns and conducts the "Farmers Hotel" at Watsontown, has been the owner of that establishment since 1901 and has

managed it himself since 1902. Though he had no previous experience in the hotel business he has made a success of the enterprise, so that the place has not only been profitable to him, but a credit to the borough. Mr. Barto is a native of Turbutville, Northumberland county, born Feb. 19, 1874, and comes of a family which has long been established in Pennsylvania, Berks county having been the home of his ancestors for several generations.

The Bartos are of French Huguenot extraction, the French form of the name being Perdeau. Three of the name came to America in the early days, one John Barto locating in Berks county, Pa., in 1730, Isaac Barto prior to 1750 and Nicholas Barto in 1773. The Isaac Barto mentioned was a large taxable in Oley township, Berks county, in 1759, in which year he paid £14 tax. His descendants are still living in Washington township, that county. Some time prior to 1735 Jean Peardeau located in Colebrookdale township, Berks county, where he died at an advanced age in 1770, leaving a numerous progeny.

Abraham Barto, great-grandfather of Oliver S. Barto, was a farmer of Colebrookdale township, Berks county. His children were: Isaac, who lived in Oley township, that county; Benjamin; and Susanna, who married Daniel Leinbach and lived at Friedensburg, in Oley township (both are now deceased).

Benjamin Barto, son of Abraham, was born in 1824, in Colebrookdale township, Berks Co., Pa., and lived there until his removal to Northumberland county, in 1857. Here he settled on a farm of 162 acres in Lewis township, one and a quarter miles from Turbutville, where he lived until his death, which occurred Jan. 29, 1898. He is buried in the cemetery at Turbutville. Mr. Barto was a member of the Reformed church and a Republican in politics. He was an intelligent man, and took an interest in public affairs, serving as supervisor and overseer of the poor in his district. His wife, Anna (Deysher), daughter of Jacob Deysher, of Pike township, Berks county, died on the farm near Turbutville Jan. 29, 1863, at the age of thirty-six years. She was the mother of twelve children, of whom we have the following record: Abraham is a resident of Montgomery, Pa.; Augustus D. is the father of Oliver S. Barto; Benjamin lives at Erie, Pa.; Hon. James lives at Jetmore, Kans., where he has served as judge (he has suffered the loss of an arm); Morris died Oct. 30, 1862, aged seven years; Anna married Scott Levan and they live at Watsontown; Mary married Jacob Roycraft and they live at Turbutville; Emma married George Williams, of Turbutville; Amanda married William Phillips and lives at Montgomery, Pennsylvania.

Augustus D. Barto was born Jan. 13, 1846, in Oley township, Berks Co., Pa., and received his



early education in the local schools. He was reared on the farm, there and in Northumberland county, coming with his parents to Lewis township April 4, 1857, when he was a boy of eleven. He worked for his father up to the time of his enlistment, Nov. 16, 1863, at Reading, for service in the regular army, joining Company F, 2d Battalion, 15th United States Infantry, for five years. During the early part of his term he was in the Civil war, participating in Sherman's famous march to the sea, from April, 1864, to Sept. 1, 1864. For the last eighteen months of his service he was a corporal, and he was honorably discharged Nov. 16, 1868.

Returning home at the close of his military service, Mr. Barto engaged at laboring work and lime burning until 1879, after which he was employed on public works for a few years. From Sept. 3, 1883, to April 2, 1910, he worked for the Wagner Planing Mill Company at Watontown, in which borough he is now living in retirement. He owns his home there and is comfortably situated. Mr. Barto is an independent voter, and in religious matters he and his family are identified with the Lutheran church. He is a member of Bryson Post, No. 225, G. A. R., of Watontown.

On June 14, 1870, Mr. Barto married Caroline E. Schook, daughter of Philip and Susan (Sandy) Schook, whose family consisted of thirteen children, namely: John, who is deceased; Benjamin, of Elmira, N. Y.; Lewis, of Horseheads, N. Y.; David, of Williamsport, Pa.; Philip, of Muncy, Pa.; William, of Watontown; Rebecca, Mrs. William High; Matilda, Mrs. Sol. Stein; Sarah and Mary, who are unmarried and live together; Caroline E., Mrs. Barto; Susan, deceased; and Catharine, Mrs. Jacob Weaver. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Barto: Susan A. is the wife of Robert Merrell and they live at Watontown; Sallie is married to Frank Leform and lives at Montgomery, Pa.; Oliver S. lives at Watontown; Isaac is a resident of Williamsport, Pa.; Tillie is the wife of Henry Henshaw, of Newberry, Pa.; Harry is a resident of South Williamsport; Rachel married Fred Davis and they live at Plymouth, Pa.; Edward is a resident of Muncy, Pa.; Myrtle married George Hoff and lives at Milton, Pa.; Laura is unmarried.

Oliver S. Barto was educated in the public and high schools of Watontown, and when fifteen years old began working in the planing mill at Watontown. He was thus engaged for about fourteen years in succession, and since 1902 has been engaged in conducting the "Farmers Hotel," which he purchased in 1901 from the McNulty estate. The hotel is located on upper Main street, and is an old-established stand. It contains twenty-three rooms, comfortably furnished and well equipped, and is run along modern lines. Mr. Barto taking a genuine interest in the welfare and comfort

of his guests, who show their appreciation of his solicitude by continued patronage. He has done well in this venture, to which he has applied his best energies, and is widely acquainted, not only in a business way, but also socially, being a member of a number of organizations. He belongs to the Sons of Veterans, the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and, in business, to the Liquor Dealers Association. Politically he is a Republican.

On April 5, 1896, Mr. Barto married Carrie L. Evans, daughter of Thomas and Anna (Croft) Evans, late of Milton. Her father was a native of Wales. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Barto.

SAMUEL H. WEISER, of East Chillisquaque township, has lived on his farm near Pottsgrove since 1906 and has been a resident of this section of Northumberland county from boyhood. He was born Aug. 29, 1871, at Buffalo Cross Roads, Union Co., Pa., son of Joshua Weiser and grandson of George W. Weiser, and belongs to the numerous posterity of the celebrated Conrad Weiser, well represented in this region.

George W. Weiser lived at Red Bank, near Mifflinburg, in Union county, Pa., and is buried there. He had a brother Joshua, but further than that we have nothing to show his line of descent from Conrad Weiser. On Dec. 26, 1841, George W. Weiser married Susanna Boller, and their children were born as follows: George W., May 9, 1842; Joshua, Nov. 18, 1844; Hannah C., Dec. 21, 1845; Henry, Sept. 18, 1847 (he married Jane Oberdorf and they had two children, Amos and Gertrude, the former now deceased; they reside at Mifflinburg, Union Co., Pa.); John, May 17, 1849; Abraham, Dec. 19, 1850; Benjamin F., April 19, 1853; Anna Maria, Sept. 21, 1855.

Joshua Weiser, son of George W., was born Nov. 18, 1844, in Center county, Pa., was engaged at day labor throughout his life, and died in May, 1904; he is buried at Buffalo Cross Roads, Union county. He married Susan Campbell, who died in 1900 and is buried at Buffalo Cross Roads. They were the parents of children as follows: Abraham, Elmer, Samuel H., Sarah, Jennie, George, Mazie (Mrs. F. A. Raback), Elizabeth and Cyrus (died in infancy).

Samuel H. Weiser attended public school in Kelly township, Union county, and after coming to Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, was a student at Pottsgrove Academy. He has always followed farming. For eight years he did farm work for John W. Frederick, of Chillisquaque township, and then followed farming on his own account for eight years, on the W. A. Montgomery farm, after which he was on the William H. Koch farm before coming to his present place, in 1906. He has a fine farm stock, and his

property is in excellent condition, showing intelligent and thrifty management. His equipment is as good as that of any farmer in this section. Mr. Weiser has been active in local matters, has served as inspector of elections, and is a prominent member of the Pottsgrove Presbyterian church, of which he has been a trustee for the past ten years. Politically he is a Democrat.

Mr. Weiser married Annie Mack, daughter of William and Catharine (Frederick) Mack, and they have had one son, George M., who died Oct. 29, 1909.

Most of the Weisers in Northumberland county are descended from the celebrated Conrad Weiser, patriot, statesman, philosopher, maker of treaties and Indian interpreter, who in the latter capacity especially—he was official interpreter from 1732 until his death—was intimately connected with the making of history in Pennsylvania in his day. A friend of the Indian, one found equally worthy of confidence by his own race, with the necessary knowledge and qualities of leadership required to sustain the influence he gained by success in his early transactions between the two races, he was one of the comparatively few men of his time familiar enough with the Indian character, languages and customs to carry on negotiations intelligently and efficiently, and at the same time possessing a reputation which made him the trusted agent of both the red and the white men. His work has a peculiar value in the early settlement and development of this region.

Conrad Weiser was born Nov. 2, 1696, at Afstaedt, a small village in the county of Herrenberg, Wurtemberg, Germany, son of John Conrad Weiser, a local magistrate. In his native home he acquired a general education, which included the principles of the Christian religion according to the teachings of Martin Luther. In his fourteenth year he emigrated to America with his father and family, which included seven children besides himself, landing at New York June 17, 1710. At that time several thousand Germans were sent to America by Queen Anne. Shortly after their arrival they were removed by the governor of New York to Livingston Manor, to burn tar and cultivate hemp to defray the expenses incurred by Queen Anne in conveying them from Holland to England and from England to America. John Conrad Weiser was at the head of this colony, of four thousand Palatinates. Under the direction of commissioners they labored in the employment mentioned until 1713. Then, finding that they were existing under a form of bondage, they protested against the treatment and this effected their release. About 150 families of them, including the Weisers, removed to Schoharie, forty miles west of Albany. Their immediate neighbors were the Mohawk Indians, with whom the elder Weiser

was frequently in communication. A chief of the tribe who took a liking to Conrad proposed that the boy visit the Mohawk country and learn the language, and accordingly, when in his eighteenth year, he went to live with the Indians, spending eight months at a Mohawk town eight miles south of Schoharie. In this period he acquired a thorough knowledge of the language and customs and was adopted as a member of the tribe. Though strong, he suffered from exposure and hardship during this experience, having scarcely clothing sufficient to cover his body during the trying winter, and he was frequently threatened with death when the Indians were in a state of intoxication. Returning to his father's home at Schoharie in July, 1714, he lived until 1729 within two miles of the town referred to, engaging in farming and continuing to increase the Indian knowledge he had gained by acting as interpreter between the German settlers and the Monawks. In the spring of 1723 many of the Palatinates, including Conrad Weiser's father, moved from the region because of litigation which affected the titles to their lands, and settled in the Tulpehocken, in Berks county, Pa., and Conrad Weiser followed them thither in 1729, locating near Womelsdorf. He was soon after engaged as interpreter by the Provincial government, his first services in this capacity being performed in 1731. From that time for nearly thirty years he was almost constantly engaged in this important work, and previous to 1760 he was the most prominent historical character in Berks county. He was the principal judge of the county from 1752 to 1760. Besides acting as interpreter at the various treaty meetings, he was intrusted with important missions to the great council at Onondaga and to the Ohio tribes, and throughout his long career as agent and interpreter continued to enjoy the full confidence of both Indians and English.

He was very active in the first proceedings for the erection of Berks county, in 1738, and continued his influence until the county was established, in 1752. He acted as one of the first commissioners in the sale of town lots at Reading, which was laid out by the Penns in 1748, and was prominently identified with the early movements for the building up of the town and in the development of its business interests. In 1741 he was appointed justice of the peace, which office he filled for a number of years; and when the county was erected he was appointed one of its first judges, acting as president judge of the courts until his decease, in 1760. Two of his descendants, both named George Weiser, served as associate judges in Northumberland county.

Weiser was one of the most prominent men in the French and Indian war, in which he served as a council, and his services were of great value



to the government and to the people of Berks county. His numerous letters indicate his zeal, courage and patriotism.

During the latter part of his life he lived mostly at Reading, but he died on his Heidelberg farm July 13, 1760, and his remains rest in a private burying ground on the place, near the borough of Womelsdorf. On Oct. 30, 1907, a tablet was placed in the west wall of the Stichter hardware store on Penn Square, Reading, by the Historical Society of Berks county, to commemorate the site of the Weiser building, which he erected at that point in 1751 and where he often met the Indians in conference. He accumulated a large estate, consisting of properties at Reading and lands in Heidelberg township and in the region of country beyond the Blue Mountains.

In 1720 Conrad Weiser married a young woman of Schoharie, and he was the father of fifteen children, eight of whom seem to have died in the years of their minority. His wife and seven children survived him: Philip, Frederick, Samuel, Benjamin, Peter, Anna Maria (who married Rev. Henry Melchior Muhlenberg) and Margaret (Mrs. Finker). So many generations have elapsed since their day, and the posterity has become so numerous, that it would be a laborious and difficult, if not impossible, task to compile a complete record.

Frederick Weiser, fourth child and third son of Conrad Weiser, was born Dec. 24, 1728, at Schoharie, N. Y., and was baptized by John Bernhart von Duehren, a Lutheran clergyman, his sponsors being Nicklas Feg and wife. He settled in Berks county, in the territory now embraced in Schuylkill county, and is buried at the Klinger's Church, near Klingerstown, in the western part of Schuylkill county. It appears that at the time of his death, however, in 1796, he was a resident of Heidelberg township, Berks county. He and his family were Lutherans. One of the foremost men of his day in his section, he served as "squire" for a quarter of a century, and was a man of dignified bearing and rugged honesty, true to the noble teachings of his pious parents. He became possessed of considerable wealth, being one of the most substantial men of his generation. He was a farmer and large land owner in the Mahantango Valley. His will is on record in the Berks county courthouse. On March 10, 1798, the Orphans' court of Berks county appointed Richard Lea, Joseph Hiester and William Green auditors of his vast estate, which they found amounted to 6,052 pounds, 11 shillings, 6 pence. Daniel Levan, of Maxatawny township, was one of the executors of Frederick Weiser. In release as executor of the estate of his father, Frederick Weiser, Conrad Weiser in 1797 was given clear title by his four sisters (three of whom were married to Kehls—the latter's relations not known). By the death of Frederick Weiser his executors be-

came involved in a lawsuit with Daniel Womelsdorf over a mill property at Womelsdorf, in Berks county, bought in 1774, and sold in 1788. A large sum of money was involved, and the case was bitterly fought by the ablest legal talent in Berks county, the suit resulting in a verdict for Daniel Womelsdorf for 588 pounds, 14 shillings, 17½ pence. A balance of 5,219 pounds, 12 shillings, 6 pence was distributed among Frederick Weiser's heirs. His children were: Conrad, John, Peter, Eve Collins (who was a widow in 1797), Catharine (wife of Jacob Kehl), Hannah wife of George Kehl) and Sarah (wife of John Kehl).

Conrad Weiser, son of Frederick, was born April 16, 1753, and on Nov. 12, 1775, was married to Elizabeth Klinger, daughter of Philip. He died Sept. 19, 1804, and is buried at Klinger's Church. They had children as follows: Frederick, Jacob, Philip, Hannah, Mrs. George Hepner, Catharine, Elizabeth and Sarah.

Philip Weiser, grandson of Conrad, was born in Schuylkill county, Pa., May 13, 1787, and died Nov. 16, 1863. He is buried at the Plum Creek Church, in what is now Rockefeller township, Northumberland county. He donated the land upon which that church is built, and which was in the heart of his possessions in that section, several hundred acres of fine land. His farm contained the best land in the township. He erected the set of buildings still used on that property, and they are typical of the substantial structures put up by the descendants of Conrad Weiser wherever they have settled. He himself did much of the work on these buildings, and he was an industrious man in all his undertakings. A staunch Lutheran, he was a pillar of the Plum Creek Church and its foremost member, being an elder at the time of his death. A monument marks his last resting place there. He was a tall man, well proportioned, raw-boned and muscular though weighing about two hundred pounds, dignified in his bearing, possessed a resolute will and held strong convictions of right and wrong, was educated and intelligent, and applied his energies to such good purpose that he became the most substantial man in his section. His homestead is now owned by John Philips. He was a Democrat of the Jeffersonian type and served as commissioner of Northumberland county. His wife Catharine, daughter of George Malick, was born Aug. 24, 1788, and died May 31, 1852. They had children as follows: George; Catharine, who married Henry Fasold; Solomon; Elizabeth, who married George Kieffer; Margaret, born Aug. 9, 1815, who married in 1844 John Snyder and died March 19, 1856; Sarah, born July 31, 1817, who married John C. Evert and died Dec. 7, 1893.

George Weiser, eldest son of Philip, was born on his father's homestead, as were all his brothers and sisters, and there spent his youth. He married Margaret Malick, who lived only two miles from



where he was reared, daughter of Peter Malick, of Lower Augusta township, and after his marriage moved six miles west of his father's home, in the same township, settling on one of his father's fine farms. This place, now comprising three hundred acres, is owned by Peter Weiser, son of George—of the fifth or sixth generation from Conrad Weiser. This farm is considered one of the very best tracts in Lower Augusta township. There are many historical associations about the place. A log house formerly stood there which was one of the earliest buildings in the section, was used as a fort or retreat from the Indians, and was conducted as a private hotel, many travelers resting there and finding safety as well as shelter under its roof. During the French and Indian war, 1753-1763, it frequently afforded protection from Indian attacks, the cellar with its strong wall being a safe place of refuge during the savage onslaughts. In 1857 this landmark was razed by George Weiser, who erected the same year the spacious brick residence now the home of his son and granddaughters. It is 40 by 36 feet in dimensions, with an addition 15 feet square erected since, two and a half stories high and surrounded with commodious porches. George Weiser was one of the substantial men of his section and one of its foremost citizens, but though a leader of public thought and progress he steadfastly refused to hold any office except that of school director, though he might have received many honors at the hands of his fellow citizens. He was a strong advocate of the cause of public education, was prominent in local church and social circles, and in every respect a worthy representative of a noble race. Through his influence the New Lutheran Church was erected in the neighborhood and he was virtually its pillar, paying the bills as they came in and helping the work along in many ways. He was of muscular build, five feet, six inches in height and ordinarily weighing 160 pounds, all bone and muscle. Politically he was a Democrat, in religion, as intimated, a Lutheran, and he is buried at the New Lutheran Church, known as St. Peter's, in Lower Augusta township. His wife Margaret, born Oct. 2, 1818, died Oct. 30, 1858, and she is buried at Mount Zion United Brethren Church (known also as Malick's Church) in Lower Augusta township; she was a member of that denomination. George Weiser's children were as follows: Sarah Jane married Augustus Rebuck; Mary Catharine married Carey Batillion; Peter is mentioned below; Jemima is the widow of Charles Fritz, the foremost citizen of Trevorton for many years, who died there in the spring of 1910, aged eighty-five years; and Margaret Alice, born in 1858, died in 1871.

PETER WEISER, son of George, was born Oct. 27, 1853, at the place where he now lives. He was reared under the parental roof and obtained his early education in the township schools, later at-

tending Missionary Institute (now Susquehanna College) at Selinsgrove and normal school at Elysburg. When nineteen years old he was licensed to teach by Prof. Samuel Shipman, then county superintendent, and for six terms was engaged as teacher in the local schools. But when his father died his plans were changed, his sisters requesting him, as the only son, to take charge of the farm, which they wished to keep in the family name, and he accordingly settled down to agricultural pursuits, which he has since followed. The property is a large and valuable one, an ideal modern farm, with model barns, the most up-to-date and trimly kept in the section, and though much care and time have been bestowed upon appearances the business has not been allowed to suffer in any way, the land being fertile and under profitable cultivation. Mr. Weiser suffered a heavy financial blow in 1891, when his barn and sheds were totally destroyed by fire on Sunday morning, Sept. 1st; the big barn was filled with the year's crops.

Mr. Weiser is a Democrat and prominently identified with the activities of the party in this county, but he has never been an aspirant for public honors, the only office which he would consent to accept being that of school director, which he has filled for twelve years.

On Dec. 25, 1880, Mr. Weiser married Emma J. Riland, daughter of James and Maria (Wolverton) Riland, of Upper Augusta township. She died Jan. 3, 1894, aged thirty-seven years, ten months, seventeen days, and is buried at St. Peter's New Lutheran Church. Three children were born to this union: Cottie May, Anna Laura and Emma Blanche. The two first named graduated from the State normal school at Bloomsburg in 1906 and are now engaged in teaching in Northumberland county; Emma Blanche, who is at home, took a commercial course at Susquehanna University. Mr. Weiser and his family are members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, which he has served as deacon, elder and trustee.

SAMUEL F. PHILLIPS, senior member of the firm of Phillips & Son, proprietors of the City Roller Mills, manufacturing high grade flour and dealing in feed, grain, hay, etc., at Milton, Pa., is one of the truly self-made men of that place, and he has won a place among the substantial citizens of the county. He was born at Turbutville, Pa., Oct. 3, 1869, son of Samuel Phillips, and grandson of Adam Phillips.

Adam Phillips, the grandfather, was born Nov. 1, 1810, and died June 30, 1848. He early left his native county of Berks and came to Northumberland county by team, settling at Turbutville, where he followed farming. He married Mary Wurtman, of Berks county, born Aug. 25, 1810, died April 28, 1899. Both are buried in the cemetery at Turbutville. Their children were: Sam-

uel; John, who married Elizabeth Leiser; Israel, who married Susan Weidel; Daniel, who married Rachel Derr; Henry, who married Mary Strauss; Maria, who married David Fink; and Emma, who married George Westley.

Samuel Phillips, son of Adam and father of Samuel F., was born Dec. 16, 1830, and died Oct. 11, 1869. His wife Abbie died March 25, 1872.

Samuel F. Phillips had his own way to make in the world from early childhood, as he was but a few days old when his father died and but two when his mother, too, passed away. He was reared by his uncle William Strieby, of Lycoming county, above Williamsport, and there he remained until he was sixteen years old. He then went to Williamsport, and learned the milling business with the Noble Milling Company, where he worked for nine years, or until they sold out to J. H. Hays & Co. He continued three years with the successors, and then leased the Eagle mill in White Deer Valley, Lycoming county, where he operated for seven and a half years. He sold out and went to Blank & Gottshall, millers at Sunbury, with whom he continued for one year. In January, 1907, he came to Milton, and in partnership with Charles H. Witmer, under the firm name of Phillips & Witmer, leased the old City Roller Mill, one of the oldest mills in this part of the State. Mr. Witmer withdrew from the firm in April, 1910, and George B., son of S. F. Phillips, became his father's partner. They replaced the machinery with new and modern build, and have done a thriving business, both merchant and exchange.

Mr. Phillips married Clara Stahlnecker, daughter of Benjamin Stahlnecker, and they have one son living, George B., member of the firm of S. F. Phillips & Son. Mr. Phillips is a member of Watsonstown Lodge, No. 401, F. & A. M.

**FREDERICK SCHELL**, late of West Chillisquaque township, a prosperous farmer who also gained considerable reputation as an inventor, was a prominent citizen of his section, where he passed all his life. He was born April 7, 1856, son of John Schell and grandson of Frederick Schell.

Frederick Schell, the grandfather, born in Germany in 1782, came to America with his family, the voyage, which was made on a sailing vessel, taking sixteen weeks. They settled in Northumberland county, Pa., where he took up land, having holdings in different parts of the county, among them the farm owned by his grandson, the late Frederick Schell. The tract as he owned it, a section, comprised 135 acres. At that time there was an old log house on the farm, wherein he and his family lived. Late in life Frederick Schell resided in that part of Turbut township, this county, now in the borough of Milton, and there he died in 1867. His wife, Catharine, born in Germany in 1779, died at Milton in 1865, and

they are buried in Harmony cemetery at Milton. They had children as follows: Catherine married Philip Derr; John is mentioned later; Margaret died at the age of 103 years, unmarried; Matilda married John C. Trinnel; Michael was killed during the construction of the Pennsylvania railroad through this district.

John Schell, son of Frederick and Catharine Schell, was born in Germany Oct. 29, 1819, and died Aug. 27, 1876, upon the farm where his son Frederick afterward lived. Coming to America with his parents, he farmed with his father until he was twenty-seven years old, when the father gave him his 105-acre farm, to which he added twenty-six acres by purchase. He lived on this property until his death, improving it greatly, built a fine house and barn, and was a prosperous farmer and one of the most respected citizens of his neighborhood. His wife, Catharine (Derr), born in 1828, died in 1893, aged sixty-five years, nine months, twenty-two days. They were the parents of the following children: (1) Mary married William Smith, and her children were Catharine, Carrie, John, Cleveland and Martin. (2) Frederick is mentioned below. (3) Catharine married Peter Bellas and has a son George, who is now in California. (4) Sarah died young. (5) John died when twenty-eight years old. (6) Lizzie A., born March 26, 1863, died July 8, 1907. (7) Louisa married Albert Snyder, and they have had children, May, Eva (deceased), Fred, Jacob and Velma. (8) Ida died when sixteen years old. (9) Charles married Laura Wagner, and they had three children, Pearl (married to William Osmer), Flora and Andrew C. (who after his mother's death was reared by his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Schell). For his second wife Charles Schell married Anna Yarnison, and they have had three children, Robert, George and Ralph, the last named deceased.

Frederick Schell obtained his education in the public schools and continued to work for his father until the latter's death. He then farmed the old place three years for his mother, and in 1883 bought out the interests of his brothers and sisters in the property, which afterward belonged to him. It is one of the finest farm places in the valley, consisting at present of about 125 acres, under profitable cultivation. Mr. Schell's farming operations were conducted in the most intelligent manner approved by modern agriculturists, his excellent work and good results entitling him to a place among the leading farmers of his section. He was the inventor of an agricultural implement known as Schell's subsoiler, a plow attachment of obvious value simple in construction, convenient to use, and also possessing labor-saving qualities which recommend it to the modern farmer.

On June 12, 1878, Mr. Schell married Hannah L. McWilliams, daughter of Cruser McWilliams,



and they have four children: Harry C. married Emma Fetter and has two sons, Frederick and Harry C.; Susan B. attended school at Bloom and taught three terms in Montour county, and she also taught three terms in her native county, teaching the local school, in East Chillisquaque township, until her marriage, April 18, 1911, to Clyde M. Taylor; Catharine E. attended the Pottsgrove Academy and Kelly's Business College, at Lewisburg, and is now at home; John F. married Lizzie Springer, and they are now living at Pottsgrove. The family are Lutherans in religious faith. Mr. Schell was a Democrat, and served his township three years in the capacity of school director. He died Dec. 27, 1909.

John McWilliams, grandfather of Mrs. Schell, married a Miss Cruser. He was of Scotch-Irish extraction. Cruser McWilliams, son of John, married Susanna Rissel, daughter of Jacob S. and Elizabeth (Diehl) Rissel, and they were highly respected farming people of their community. They had children as follows: John W., of Whitehall, Pa.; Elizabeth A., Mrs. Jonathan Foust; Jacob R., who died when four years old; Hannah L., widow of Frederick Schell; Michael R., an extensive farmer of Nebraska, owning over six hundred acres of land; Mary A., who married Bertin Runyon, and died at Jersey Shore, leaving one son, Raymond; William D., secretary of the Milton Trust & Safe Deposit Company, of Milton, who lives in Milton; Martha E., deceased, who married George Hunty; and Jennie, who is married to John Montgomery and resides at Pottsgrove.

**H. BRYSON MONTGOMERY**, who holds an important place in the business world of Milton, Pa., as the owner of one of the largest sand beds in Northumberland county, comes of substantial Scotch-Irish ancestry.

James Montgomery, his grandfather, was a native of the North of Ireland, and became a sea captain. After some years spent in that calling he came to America, about 1760, and became the owner of a tract of land in Montour county, Pa., along the Chillisquaque creek. He was an energetic man, active in work for the improvement of his county, and he became one of the founders of the Chillisquaque Presbyterian Church. He was first married to a Miss Sheddon, and second to a Mrs. Burns (born Harvey).

Hugh R. Montgomery, son of James, was born in Montour county in 1819. He was a farmer by occupation, and became prominent in public life, working faithfully with the Democratic party. For nearly thirty years he held the office of justice of the peace, and he was also overseer of the poor. In religious belief he was a Presbyterian. He died in 1881, survived by his wife, Sarah S. Moll, daughter of Daniel F. and Mary (Seidel) Moll. Nine children were born to them, as follows:

James R., a physician at Buckhorn, Pa.; John S., a merchant at Pottsgrove; Mary E., who married Charles N. Marsh, of Milton; Sarah A., who married William Eckman, a farmer in Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county; Daniel M., a merchant at Pottsgrove; William A., a farmer, the owner of the old homestead; H. Bryson; Clara B.; and Alice Jane, who married Rev. William B. Sheddon.

H. Bryson Montgomery, son of Hugh R., was born Aug. 27, 1868, in Liberty township, Montour Co., Pa. He received a good common school education, and in his young manhood became interested in photography, a line he followed for some years in Milton. Naturally artistic, he soon gained a wide reputation for good work, but some time after his marriage he and his father-in-law in 1903—purchased the island located between Milton and West Milton from Ex-Sheriff John Noirconk. This island contains about seventy acres, fifty of which are under cultivation. In 1906 Mr. Montgomery bought out his father-in-law's interest, and has since developed the sand bank, shipping from 250 to 300 carloads of sand a year. He has sold out his photographic studio, Mr. Swanger becoming his successor, and now devotes all of his time to his sand business. Mr. Montgomery still owns the property in which the studio is located, and he has other real estate interests. He is very prominent in local affairs, a man of good judgment and of fine executive ability.

On March 20, 1895, Mr. Montgomery was united in marriage with Sarah A. Billmeyer, daughter of Henry and Hannah Flora Billmeyer. They have no children.

**KOCH.** There were a number of Kochs in Chillisquaque township and that section of Northumberland county descended from the brothers Adam and Daniel Koch, the latter of whom came hither from Northampton county in the early days. John Koch, the first of this family in America, came to Northampton county in 1773, settling near Easton.

Adam Koch, grandfather of William H. Koch (a retired farmer of Chillisquaque township now living at Pottsgrove), lived at Petersville, Northampton county, and followed farming for some years. He was an intelligent man, well read for the times, and served for a long time as a justice of the peace. He had three brothers, John, Daniel and Rev. Henry. Adam Koch married Elizabeth Strauss, a native of Northampton county, who survived him some years, his death occurring in 1870. They were the parents of the following children: Christian, Mrs. Hoffman; Mary Ann, Mrs. Seltnick; Susan, Mrs. Noll; Elizabeth, Mrs. D. Rice; Jonas; and Reuben, William, Henry and Jacob, all of whom lived in Northampton county.

John Koch, son of Adam, was born Dec. 26, 1807, in Northampton county, and was baptized



March 6, 1808, his godparents being John and Catherine Koch. When a young man, while still residing in Northampton county, he drove a four-horse stagecoach, carrying mail and passengers between the towns of Bath, Bethlehem, Nazareth and Siegfried. This was before there were any railroads in this section. Coming to Northumberland county in 1836 he went to farming in Chillisquaque township, where he remained six years. Moving thence to Lewis township, same county, he lived in Fort Rice, where his son William was born. He remained there seven years. In 1850 he moved onto the Giffee farm, where he lived one year, and in 1851 purchased the farm in Chillisquaque township upon which he spent the remainder of his days. In 1856 he built the house, in 1857 the barn, and in 1858 the large shed. The buildings have since been enlarged by his son William, the present owner of the property. Mr. Koch was a progressive man, a leader in his community, served as school director for a number of years, and filled other township offices. He was a consistent member of the Reformed Church. His wife, Leah (Bachman), daughter of John F. and Catherine (Cole) Bachman, was born Aug. 23, 1811, and died Feb. 16, 1899. The Bachmans were natives of Northampton county, Pa., where the ancestors of the family settled about 1773. John F. Bachman was born Nov. 3, 1783, and died in January, 1845; his wife Catherine (Cole) was born Feb. 29, 1788, and died July 16, 1852. They came with their family to Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, in 1836. To Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Koch were born three children: Mary Ann, who married C. M. Rissel and had a son Jonas; Elizabeth, who married J. H. Cawley; and William H.

WILLIAM H. KOCH was born July 28, 1845, in Chillisquaque township, and spent his early life on his father's farm. His early education was acquired in the public schools of his native township, and he later attended the Milton high school, Limestoneville Academy (under the tuition of Rev. Mr. Court) and the Milton Academy (under Rev. Mr. Wyley). When seventeen years of age he began teaching school in his native township, following the profession for eleven years there, after which he taught one term in Montour county, at the Mexico school in Liberty township. During the remainder of his active years he was engaged in farming. Upon the death of his father he purchased the old homestead, which contains 135 acres. In 1894 he purchased the William Waldron farm, in Turbut township, a tract of 135 acres. In 1904 he bought the home at Pottsgrove which he now occupies. In 1906 he relinquished the laborious work of farming because of ill health, which has left him somewhat an invalid, but notwithstanding this he retains his cheerful disposition and takes an undiminished interest in local affairs and general public doings. As a farmer he was wide-awake and

enterprising, in his agricultural work as in other matters being a recognized leader in his district. Mr. Koch has served his township six years as school director and was auditor for a number of years. He has been offered other offices, but declined. For sixteen years he was an elder of the Reformed Church at Milton, and he is a most esteemed citizen, enjoying the respect of all who knew him.

Mr. Koch married Mary L. Everitt, daughter of Asa and Susan (Adams) Everitt, and their union has been blessed with three sons: Jonas, who married Mary Frederick; and William A. C. and Franklin, who are at home.

Daniel Koch, one of the brothers of Adam Koch, above, was born in Northampton county, Pa. When a young man he came to Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, following farming there until his removal to Milton, where he died; he is buried in the Upper cemetery. Mr. Koch married Christana Bachman, and they were the parents of the following children: Joseph went out West, where he died; Rachel married Samuel Reichelderfer; Kate married William Ritter; Charles is mentioned below; Samuel died at Washingtonville, Pa.; Levi moved to the West and died in Iowa; Priscilla died at Muncy, Pa., and is buried at Milton; Anna married Anthony Hipp.

Charles Koch was born in Northampton county, Pa., and was a boy when his parents moved to Northumberland county, making the journey with Conestoga wagons. He resided upon the home farm until he became of age, when he learned the carpenter's trade, continuing to follow it for some years. Later he began contracting and building, in Milton, Pa., and was thus engaged up to the time of his death. Mr. Koch built many houses still standing in Milton and the surrounding towns. He did a large business and employed a number of men. In politics he was a Democrat and became overseer of the poor while he lived in Turbut township, and when his home was transferred to the borough he was elected overseer of the poor there. He died June 18, 1889, in the sixty-eighth year of his age, as the result of exposure during the great flood of that month. His wife, Sarah (Hill), was a daughter of John K. and Catherine (Beck) Hill, the latter a daughter of Henry Beck. Mr. and Mrs. Beck were among the earliest settlers in Union county, Pa., and they are buried at Lewisburg. He was a grandson of Johannes Thomas Beck, who came to America in 1752, and a son of Henry Beck, born in 1748 in the old county of Hanau, who was married in 1775 in Berks county, Pa., to Margaret Wolfgang, and died in 1824; they are buried in the old cemetery at Milton, Pa. John K. Hill was one of a family of four children: Elizabeth (Betsy), Mrs. Boshan; Katie, Mrs. Werline; John K., and Daniel. John K. and

Catherine (Beck) Hill had the following family: Mary, who married Peter Wenrich; Eliza, who married Henry Wesner; Rebecca, who died unmarried; Sarah, born May 10, 1828, Mrs. Charles Koch, now the only survivor of the family; Henry; Elijah, and Daniel.

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Koch were born the following children: (1) Samuel H. lives in Milton. (2) Mary A., who died in October, 1904, was the wife of Henry A. Moll. (3) Anna C. married Meyers Brautigam, and they are the parents of Harry, Charles, Margaret, Elizabeth and Ruth. (4) Edward died young.

SAMUEL H. KOCH, son of Charles, was born March 12, 1848, in Chillisquaque township, and was educated in the public schools and in the select school taught by Professor Rhoad, later attending the academy at Milton. Then he taught school, in 1868. While a young man he learned the carpenter's trade with his father, with whom he began to work in 1869, at the trade, being associated with him up to the time of his retirement, when he began contracting and building for himself. He has been notably successful, having built up a business which entitles him to rank among the substantial men of the borough.

In 1871 Mr. Koch married Susan E. Strine, daughter of Henry and Eleanor Strine, and granddaughter of Matthias and Catherine (Welchans) Strine. Henry Strine died Dec. 30, 1892, aged eighty-two years, six months, eighteen days; his wife Eleanor died April 2, 1872, aged fifty-six years. Matthias Strine died Dec. 30, 1861, aged eighty-five years, seven months, eight days; his wife Catherine (Welchans) died Feb. 23, 1860, aged seventy-seven years, eight months, fifteen days. Mrs. Koch died April 15, 1903, the mother of one child, William A., who died Jan. 12, 1903; he had married Anna Boyle, and they were the parents of one daughter, Miriam Eleanor. Mr. Koch resides with his daughter-in-law and grandchild at No. 309 Hepburn street, Milton. Socially he is a member of the Royal Arcanum. In political faith he adheres to the principles of Democracy, but he may be classed as an independent voter.

JAMES H. BEST, a prosperous farmer and truck raiser of Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, is a grandson of one of the pioneers of that township and himself one of its intelligent and respected citizens. His son, Samuel D. Best, is established in business in the borough of Sunbury as a dealer in general merchandise.

John Best, the first of this family of whom we have record, was born June 15, 1759, in New Jersey, probably in Hunterdon county, and was likely of Scotch descent. He had brothers James, William, Cornelius and Michael, and a half-brother, Daniel. On Nov. 2, 1784, he married Mary Haas,

who was born May 10, 1767, in Germany, and it seems reasonable, though it is by no means certain, that both she and her husband were of foreign parentage. However, the emigration in either case or both may have taken place in an earlier generation. John and Mary (Haas) Best had children as follows: Mary, born June 6, 1788 (Mrs. Rush); John, April 3, 1791; James, April 23, 1794; Peter, May 13, 1797; William, March 27, 1800; Eleanor, Dec. 7, 1802 (Mrs. Bond); Jacob, April 11, 1804. This family gradually scattered, some settling in New York, others in Ohio, northern Indiana and southern Michigan. The parents both died in Pennsylvania, Mrs. Best April 24, 1822, Mr. Best in April, 1839. They are buried in the graveyard in Chillisquaque, Northumberland county.

James Best, son of John, born April 23, 1794, in Hunterdon county, N. J., was a pioneer in Chillisquaque township, this county, where he settled in 1812 on a large farm now owned by one J. H. Work. He was a lifelong farmer. He died Sept. 17, 1847, and was first buried at Williamsport, his son John later interring his remains in Harmony cemetery at Milton, this county, where the Bests have a family plot. He was an Episcopalian in religious connection. His wife, Sarah (Kevitt), born June 26, 1790, was also a member of a New Jersey family, her father, Henry Kevitt, having been born there Feb. 27, 1767; her mother, Catharine, was born Dec. 24, 1770. To James and Sarah (Kevitt) Best were born six children, as follows: Catharine Ann, born Oct. 10, 1817; John, Sept. 11, 1819; Mary E., Oct. 29, 1821; Henry K., Jan. 24, 1824; Jacob H., Oct. 8, 1826; Sarah Jane, Dec. 20, 1829 (who died in January, 1905, at the home of her nephew, James H. Best, in Chillisquaque township). After the father's death the mother of this family purchased a farm of seventy-six acres in Chillisquaque township, which her son John conducted for her from 1851 until 1860. In 1855 she sold some of her land to the Sunbury & Erie Railway Company (now the Philadelphia & Erie Railway Company) for \$525. She died in 1868, and is buried in the family plot in Harmony cemetery, at Milton.

John Best, son of James, born Sept. 11, 1819, at Riverside, Northumberland Co., Pa., moved thence with his parents to Lycoming county, this State, where the family settled on what was known as the Judge Grier farm. He received his early education in the common schools of that neighborhood and later attended a higher institution of learning at Williamsport, from which he was graduated. He acquired a very thorough literary training for that day. From early life he had been familiar with farm work, and he was thus engaged in Lycoming county until he came with his mother to Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, in 1851, from which time until 1860 he cultivated the farm



of seventy-six acres which she owned. He then removed to the Heburn property at Milton (now all embraced within the limits of that borough) and there lived until 1863, for the next eight years living upon a farm in Point township, the place now owned by William Martz. In 1872 he removed thence to Paradise valley, in Turbut township, where he died June 6, 1874. Mr. Best was a member of the school board in Point township, and served as treasurer of that body. He was a Democrat in politics.

On Feb. 7, 1854, Mr. Best married Caroline Hilgert, who was born May 25, 1829, daughter of Peter Hilgert and sister of the late Philip Hilgert, of Williamsport. The Hilgert family hold annual reunions, and in 1910 met at Milton. Mrs. Best died Jan. 20, 1896, and she and her husband rest side by side in the Best family plot at Milton. They were members of the Reformed Church. They were the parents of eight children, born as follows: James H. and Catharine M., twins, Dec. 8, 1855 (she died July 29, 1856); Mary Ellen, June 8, 1857; Martin Jane, June 9, 1859; John P., Dec. 8, 1860; Robert R., Aug. 20, 1863; William W., Oct. 13, 1865; Elmer E., Nov. 21, 1867.

JAMES H. BEST was born Dec. 8, 1855, on the farm in Chillisquaque township where he now lives, and received his education in the common schools of the home district. As his health was poor his studies were interrupted considerably. He was reared to farm life, which he followed until the spring of 1877, when he went to Texas and found work with W. E. Mayes, in a mill, grinding corn and ginning cotton. He was thus employed until August, 1882, when he left because of failing health, and returning to Pennsylvania he again made his home in Chillisquaque township, where he was engaged as an engineer in the F. A. Godcharles nail factory for several years. After following farming a few years he resumed his work as engineer in the nail factory, until April 1, 1910, when he returned to farming. He has the homestead which has been in the family since it was purchased by his grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Best, in 1851, and upon which she built the present brick house in 1852. It consists of seventy-six acres situated midway between Milton and Montandon, and Mr. Best has the land under profitable cultivation. He is an intelligent and public-spirited citizen, and has served some years as overseer of the poor in his township. He is a Democrat in his political views. He and his family are Methodists in religious faith, and he is serving the church at present as trustee.

On Dec. 24, 1877, Mr. Best married Mary C. DeBolt, daughter of Samuel W. and Caroline (Houser) DeBolt, of Lancaster county, Pa., and granddaughter of John and Sarah (McClauchlin) DeBolt, of Lancaster. To their union have been born six children, namely: Hedley, married to

Mary E. Shuck and living in Philadelphia, where he is employed by the Shipe Lumber Company; Mabel C., wife of John Fetter and living in Lewisburg, Union Co., Pa.; Martha J.; Samuel D.; Arthur N., a telegraph operator; and Merrill V.

SAMUEL D. BEST, son of James H. and Mary C. (DeBolt) Best, was born April 29, 1887, in Chillisquaque township, and there received his elementary education in the public schools. Later he attended the Sunbury Business College and the Milton Commercial College, taking a course in stenography at Sunbury, and subsequently became shipping clerk in a wholesale establishment in that borough. In 1906 he engaged in business for himself on his own account, first settling opposite his present location, at the corner of Fourth and Ragan streets, where he erected his present store in 1908. He has a large building, well stocked, carrying a full line of general merchandise, and has built up a fine patronage by obliging service and fair dealing. His business has prospered from the start, and his standing among the younger business men of the borough has been won by enterprise and commendable methods, which have been well rewarded.

On Aug. 8, 1906, Mr. Best married Bessie Blank, daughter of Daniel C. and Emma (Sensenbaugh) Blank; her father is now living retired in Sunbury. Mr. and Mrs. Best have had two children, D. Wardell and Elvira L. Mr. Best and his family worship at the Lutheran Church.

WILLIAM S. CLAPP (name also spelled Klopp and Klapp), now living retired at Milton, Pa., is a native son of Northumberland county, whose years of active work have placed him in such substantial position that his declining days find him free from care. He was born in Lewis township Oct. 19, 1835, son of John Klopp (3).

John Klopp (or Klapp) emigrated from France with his two brothers, the latter settling in the North and West. He himself located in Bern township, Berks Co., Pa., where he became a large land owner and where he died. He was the father of a large family, as follows: John (2); Abraham, who died in Berks county; George, who settled in the West; Jacob, who died young; Daniel, who died at Pottsville; Peter, mentioned below; Catharine, who married a Snyder; and Christian, who married a Naue.

Peter Klopp, son of John, was born in Berks county, and on coming to Northumberland county located at McEwensville, where he engaged in tanning for a year. At the end of that time he went to Union county, and there followed farming, and died at the age of fifty-eight years. He is buried in Harmony cemetery, Milton. He married Catharine Haag, by whom he had fourteen children, seven sons and seven daughters: Reuben, Jared, Sophia, William, Sarah, Kate, Mary,



John, Rebecca, Daniel, Samuel, Charles, Delia and Ella.

John Klopp (Klapp) (2) was born June 22, 1784, in Berks county, Pa., and died Oct. 1, 1828. About 1818 he came from his native county by team to Northumberland county, and bought a farm in Lewis township, near Turbutville, where he made his home, devoting the remainder of his life to its cultivation. He married Elizabeth Kline, born Feb. 27, 1787, who died July 15, 1836, and they are buried at Paradise Church. Their children were: Samuel; John (3); Molly, Mrs. Raup; Benneville; Daniel; Kate, Mrs. Hoy; Sarah, who married Philip Raup; Thomas; Adam, and Maria, Mrs. Leinbach.

John Klopp (Klapp) (3), son of John (2), was born in Bern township, Berks county, Sept. 1, 1811, and died in 1880. He accompanied his parents to Northumberland county in 1818, and as a young man learned the carpenter's trade. Later he was engaged in farming in Lewis township, where he died. He was thrice married. In 1834 he married (first) Maria Glase, daughter of Peter Glase, and their children were: William S., born Oct. 19, 1835; Mary E., Nov. 10, 1836; Sarah J., Aug. 16, 1838; Margaret C., Nov. 4, 1839; Thomas L., Feb. 11, 1841; Anna L., Sept. 21, 1842 (died July 16, 1843); Angeline, Aug. 10, 1845; Emeline and Caroline, twins, Aug. 19, 1848; John D., Feb. 13, 1850; Maria, April 10, 1851 (died June 11, 1851); and Mary B. In 1852 he married (second) Mary Truckenmiller, who died leaving no children. In 1868 he married (third) Mrs. Mary E. McNinch, and to this union was born a daughter, Mabel. Mr. Klopp and his first two wives are buried at McEwensville, while the third wife is buried at Milton.

William S. Clapp received his education in the district schools, which he attended during the winter time, but as he was the eldest of a large family it early devolved upon him to assist in the family's support. He began farming on his own account in 1861 in Lewis township, but the next year he removed to Delaware township, where he was engaged in farming until 1879, when he returned to Lewis township and took up his abode on the old family homestead. There he continued until 1889, when he moved to Milton and opened a milk business, also doing some teaming. From 1904 to 1907 he was employed in the car shops, but since then he has lived retired at his home in Broadway, which he built in 1895.

In 1861 Mr. Clapp was united in marriage to Elizabeth Eshbach, daughter of David and Elizabeth (Rishel) Eshbach. Two daughters were born of this union, namely: Minnie, wife of John Y. Buoy, a prominent merchant at Milton; and Bessie E., who is at home. Mr. Clapp is a member of the Reformed Church, and served as one of the church officials while in McEwensville.

In his political belief he is independent of party, voting as he thinks best. For three terms he filled the office of school director in Lewis township, and two terms he was the acceptable overseer of the poor in Milton. He is a citizen who has won the respect and esteem of all who know him, bearing an untarnished reputation for honesty and integrity.

**LINDNER.** The Lindner family is of English origin, but the branch here under consideration has been at home in America through six generations. It is now well and worthily represented in Northumberland county by Francis W. Lindner, former county commissioner and a well known merchant now retired from active work and living in Chillisquaque township, and his son and successor, Harvey L. Lindner, dealer in agricultural implements, wagons, carriages, harness, fertilizers, seeds, etc., at Milton, with a branch house at Pottsgrove.

(I) Thomas Lindner, born in England, came to America long before the advent of steamships, and was several weeks on the water. He married in America, and later returned to England, where he died. His wife refused to take the voyage across the water, and so remained in America. Among their children was a son Thomas.

(II) Thomas Lindner (2), son of Thomas, settled in Schuylkill county, Pa., where he died.

(III) Samuel Lindner, son of Thomas (2), was a farmer in Schuylkill county, where he and his wife, whose maiden name was De Fran, are buried. Their children were: Martin, Moses, Israel, Charles, Samuel, and Lydia (married John Aret).

(IV) Israel Lindner, son of Samuel, was born in Schuylkill county Jan. 9, 1825, and died in Montour county, Pa., in 1901; he is buried at Oak Grove cemetery, in Liberty township. He was a tailor by trade, an occupation, however, he did not follow long. Later he engaged in mercantile business at Lindnerville, in Rush township, Schuylkill county, and there built a stone hotel which is still standing. He carried on his store and hotel until in 1865, when he removed to Liberty township, Montour county, where he bought a farm, following agricultural pursuits until 1883, when he removed to Pottsgrove, and there lived retired until his death. In politics he was a Democrat, and in Schuylkill county served as county auditor and as justice of the peace, receiving his commission from Governor Pollock, late of Northumberland county. He married Catharine Messersmith, daughter of Jacob Messersmith, and she survives. Their children were: Francis W.; Mary, who married Hiram Hagenbuch; Benjamin C.; Sarah J., who married Frank Coleman, of Milton; and Joseph, who died aged four years.

(V) FRANCIS W. LINDNER, son of Israel, was born Feb. 22, 1852, and attended the public schools of Schuylkill county, remaining with his father until he was twenty-one. He then farmed in Lib-

erty township, Montour county, for six years, and in Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, for three years. In 1882 he entered the business world as a dealer in farm implements at Pottsgrove. This business he carried on until 1890, when he was elected county commissioner of Northumberland county, and served two terms, or until 1896, during which time he lived at Sunbury. Returning at the end of that time to Pottsgrove, he there carried on the mercantile business he had established some years before, and this he continued until 1899, when he resumed the implement business, conducting establishments at Pottsgrove, Milton and Watsonstown. He was very successful until his retirement, in 1907, his son Harvey L. succeeding him. That year he built his fine residence at Pottsgrove, equipped with modern conveniences that contribute much to the material comfort.

Mr. Lindner is a Democrat in politics, and in addition to his service as county commissioner, referred to above, he has been assessor of his township, and at the present time is serving as president of the East Chillisquaque township school board. In religious faith he is a Lutheran, while his wife is a Presbyterian. Fraternally Mr. Lindner is a member of the I. O. O. F. and the Artisans, and he was a charter member of Sunbury Lodge of Elks, No. 267.

Mr. Lindner has been twice married. His first wife, Alice Van Horn, daughter of William Van Horn, died in 1901, and is buried in Oak Grove cemetery. To this marriage were born: Harvey L., mentioned below; Charles W., of Muncy, who married Cora Hunter, and has two children, Irwin and Desna; Alfred R., a salesman at Milton, who married Edith Trego and has a son, John; James C., a bookkeeper at Milton, who married Ida Compton and has a daughter, Isabell; Lee E., of Shamokin, a telegraph operator with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, who married Lena Allender, and has one child, Alice; Francis W., a clerk at Milton, unmarried; and Margaret, who married Albert C. Dieffenbach, a retired navy officer at Philadelphia. Mr. Lindner's second marriage was to Elizabeth Moore, daughter of John and Catharine (Varis) Moore. She taught school for fourteen terms, and is an artist of considerable talent.

(VI) HARVEY L. LINDNER, son of Francis W., was born in Liberty township, Montour county, Sept. 24, 1876. He was educated in the Sunbury schools and graduated from the high school there in 1893. He began his preparation for the commercial world by clerking in Sunbury for a short time and then engaging as a traveling salesman, spending nine years as salesman for machinery and farm implements. He bought out his father's business at Milton in 1907, and since that time has been doing a large business, retaining the custom-

ers who had so long known his father, and winning many more for himself.

Mr. Lindner married Jennie M. Kent, daughter of Isaac J. Kent, of Milton, and they have one daughter, Anice. Socially Mr. Lindner is a member of Milton Lodge, No. 256, F. & A. M., Williamsport Consistory, thirty-second degree, and Iron Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; of the B. P. O. E.; Artisans, and the I. O. O. F. His religious connection is with the Reformed Church.

ISAAC J. KENT, father of Mrs. Harvey L. Lindner, was born in Columbia county, Pa., Aug. 22, 1850, son of Isaac Kent and grandson of John Kent. The Kents were of English origin, but the family left England and settled in Germany, whence they came to America. The great-grandfather of Isaac J. lived in Northampton county, Pa., where he reared a family. John Kent, the grandfather, was a farmer and lived and died in Northampton county. His wife was a Hubley, and their children were: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Eve, John, Mary, Martin and Solomon.

Isaac Kent, son of John, born Nov. 10, 1804, died July 6, 1872. He was a stone mason and came to Northumberland county in 1853, locating in Turbut township, two miles east of Milton. In 1863 he moved to Milton, where he followed his trade and also engaged in farming. He married Rosanna Glass, who was born in Northampton county. Their children were: Anna M., who married William T. Crumb; Elizabeth, who died aged nineteen years; Joseph; Charles T.; Henry J.; Thomas W.; James P.; Amandus, and Isaac J.

Isaac J. Kent attended the schools of Turbut township, and learned the carpenter's trade as a young man, serving his apprenticeship at Milton, where he worked for twenty years. He and his brother Charles T. engaged in contracting. On Feb. 11, 1875, he married Anna C. Martin, daughter of John and Jane Birch, and their children were: Jennie M., born May 25, 1877, married Harvey L. Lindner, of Milton; Blanche E., born Sept. 12, 1879, died aged two years, five months; James E. was born April 21, 1892.

FRANK M. VAN DEVENDER, the subject of this sketch, was born in Northumberland, Pa., on Sept. 16, 1867. He was educated in the public schools of his native place, and in early life was ambitious to be self-supporting. For several years he was engaged in farm work during the summer and clerking in one of the general stores during the winter. He later secured a minor position with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Northumberland and after some years of service was advanced to the position of chief clerk and agent of the Adams Express Company. During the last two years of service with the above company he was engaged in special work covering the territory



between Harrisburg and Renovo. He resigned his position with the railroad company Jan. 1, 1901, to take up the duties of register and recorder of Northumberland county.

The Van Devenders have long been resident in Northumberland county, Mr. Van Devender's great-grandfather, Richard Van Devender, having been a farmer in Rush township, this county, where he is buried at the old Rush Presbyterian Church. John Van Devender, his grandfather, was born in Rush township and when a young man moved to Point township, this county; there he engaged in farming. He married Mary Morgan, daughter of Joseph Morgan.

Joseph C. Van Devender, his father, was born Nov. 26, 1834, in Point township. In his boyhood he attended the public schools and assisted in the farm work, but in his young manhood he went to Northumberland and learned the trade of stonemason, which he continued to follow throughout his active life. He was regarded as one of the best workmen at his trade. Up to a few years ago when his health failed he was exceptionally strong and healthy, with a vigor and energy which many might envy. He was probably the oldest Odd Fellow in Northumberland and one of the oldest members of Eureka Lodge, No. 404, F. & A. M. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church for forty years. In October, 1862, he married Harriet E. Gossler, daughter of Henry Gossler, who was sheriff of Northumberland county in 1840. They became the parents of four children: Harry G., cashier of the Grange National Bank, Hughesville; John E., bookkeeper of the Milton National Bank; Frank M., the subject of this sketch, and Jennie G., who married Harry C. Holt, of Elrama, Pennsylvania.

The death of Mr. Joseph C. Van Devender occurred Sept. 2, 1910, following a stroke of apoplexy. The funeral was held from his late residence, and he was buried in Riverview cemetery. Honest and straightforward, Mr. Van Devender was a man of unquestioned integrity and liked by all who knew him; he was highly esteemed and respected for his many sterling qualities.

Mr. Frank M. Van Devender is an ardent Democrat and an earnest worker in the ranks of his party. At the age of twenty-one years he was elected a member of the Northumberland borough council and at the expiration of his term of office, even though his town is strongly Republican, he was elected chief burgess—the Borough's highest honor to its citizens—for two successive terms. He also served as a member of the school board.

In 1900 he announced himself as a candidate for the office of register and recorder of Northumberland county. In November of the same year he was elected. His ability, impartiality and perfect fitness for the position were fully recognized by the people of the county in his three years of

loyal service to them and his genial personality, together with his ability to make and keep friends, found him at the expiration of his first term a candidate for reelection. He was nominated by acclamation and reelected by a handsome majority in November, 1903. At the expiration of his term in office he engaged in the work of public indexing.

Mr. Van Devender is a member of Lodge No. 196, I. O. O. F., of Northumberland; Sunbury Lodge, No. 267, B. P. O. E., of Sunbury; also a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Eureka Lodge, No. 404, of Northumberland, Sunbury Chapter, No. 174, of Sunbury, Mount Hermon Commandery, No. 85, Sunbury, and the Mystic Shrine, Irem Temple, Wilkes-Barre. He is also a member of the Northumberland Bureau of Industry and is always found in the front rank when it means the advancement of his home town.

JOSEPH S. REITZ, of West Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, has been engaged for a number of years in market gardening, in which line of work he has made a notable success. Mr. Reitz was born in Jackson township, this county, Jan. 5, 1848, and belongs to a family of French origin now numerous in Pennsylvania, where it has been established almost two centuries.

The first members of the Reitz family to come to America made the journey in 1712 and settled in the Schoharie Valley. Having obtained the title to their lands from the Indians and not from the New York government, they were deprived of their holdings in 1723, and some thirteen families came to Pennsylvania, settling in what was then Tulpehocken township, Berks county. Among these were the families of George, Peter and Johannes Reitz, supposed to have been brothers. In 1759 we find one Daniel Reitz, Sr., paid 20 pounds tax, and another Daniel Reitz paid 2 pounds tax, in Tulpehocken township.

In 1790 Michael Reitz, a native of Berks county, came thence to Washington township, Northumberland county, where he remained until his death. He reared a family of seven sons and two daughters, all of whom lived to be over eighty years of age. Among these were Joseph H., Samuel, Henry and Daniel.

Joseph H. Reitz, son of Michael, was the father of Joseph S. Reitz. He was a farmer, also conducted a butcher business, and later had a general store at Trevorton, this county, until he died, about 1870. He was a member of the Evangelical Church, in which he was a class leader to the close of his life. He married Catharine Siders, like himself of Northumberland county, and she survived him, living in Shamokin. Their union was blessed with the following children: Susan (deceased) was the wife of H. L. Rogers, of Shamokin; Nathaniel, who became a merchant of Kan-



sas City, Mo., married Angeline Wagner and (second) L. Rothemal; Joseph S. is mentioned below; Isaac S. married Lydia S. Reed and had children, Lizzie, Emma, Rebecca and Wesley; Sedick S., a lumberman of Juniata county, married Judy Sholly; Sarah married William Zaring; William married Anna Fidler; Wilson, merchant and cattle dealer, formerly of Wyandotte county, Kans., now of Kansas City, Mo., married a Baker.

Joseph S. Reitz received his early education in the schools of his home locality, later attending the Union College, at New Berlin, Pa., for two terms, after which he taught school for one term. Later he removed to Williamstown, Dauphin county, where he remained eight years, during which time he served as school director of his township. In 1876-77 he ran the stage between Williamstown and Tower City. For two years prior to the death of his father they were associated in the general store business at Trevorton, after which he carried on a meat market. In 1893 he came to Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, and commenced market gardening, in which he has proved himself a master hand, his success being proverbial in the neighborhood. He supplies all the vegetables to Bucknell University, Lewisburg, a trade which he has held for fifteen years. Mr. Reitz is a substantial and respected citizen, of recognized worth in his community. Outside of his private interests he is active principally in the work of the Methodist Church at Montandon, of which he has been a faithful member, having been class leader, assistant superintendent of the Sunday school and teacher in the Sunday school for many years. In politics he is a Republican.

Mr. Reitz married Lena C. Dunkelberger, daughter of Jacob Dunkelberger, of Hegins, Schuylkill county, and they have had a family of six children, namely: Kate married Adam Stahl and has children, C. Edward, Robert and Homer; Edward married Hattie Cummings and has children, Herbert, Lena, Robert, Elizabeth and Wilson; Jennie married Elmer Shaffer and has two children, Alma and Ethel; George married Ida Dawson and has two children, Edith and Dawson; Allen is at home; Howard married Esther Owens.

**CHARLES M. LESHER**, a foremost citizen of Point township, Northumberland county, was born in that township Aug. 28, 1836, son of John George Leshar. The family is an old one in Pennsylvania, and the name is of French origin, having been originally written LeShar, LeChar, Lescher and LeShair. The family was a numerous one and scattered to various Protestant countries after the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes. One Jean LeShair was a refugee to Ulster, New York, prior to 1700. Of those who came to Pennsylvania John Nicholas Leshar located in Skippack and Jacob Leshar in Providence, both in 1732. From one of

these came John Leshar (2), who located in Oley, Berks county, and erected extensive iron works in 1760. Several families of the name located in Lancaster county.

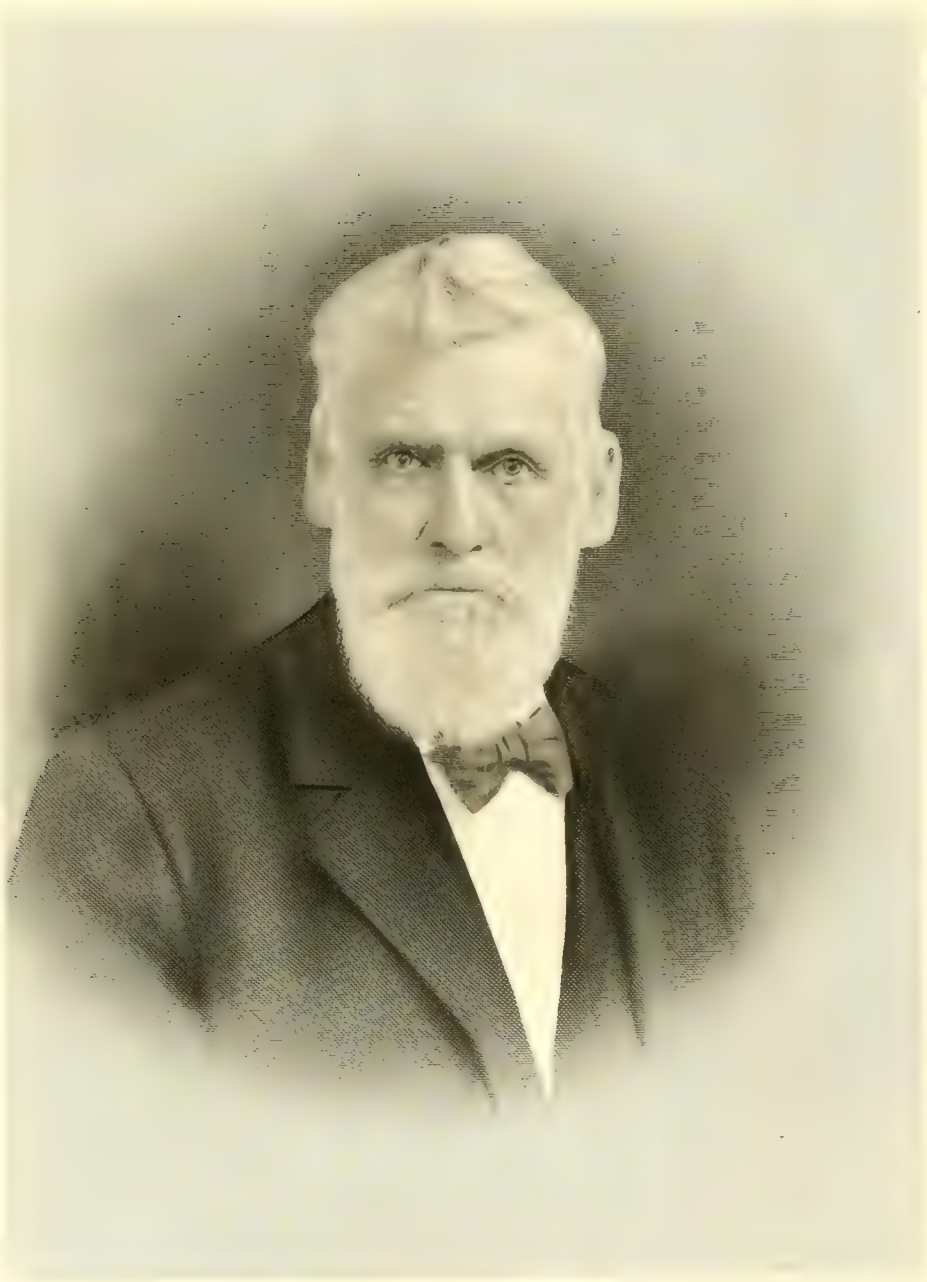
Johan Georg, grandfather of Charles M. Leshar, was a descendant of Col. John Leshar of Oley township, Berks county, and was born in that county April 6, 1768. He settled in Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, where he followed farming, and died Nov. 1, 1823. He is buried in the Fairview cemetery, in this county, and the inscription upon his tombstone reads:

Adieu my friends, dry up your tears;  
I must lie here till Christ appears.

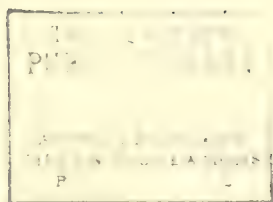
On June 25, 1788, he married Anna Flickinger, who was born May 2, 1762, and died Oct. 24, 1841. They are interred in Lot 23. He was a Lutheran in religion. Their children were: Michael, who settled at Newfane, near Lockport, N. Y., where he had an eighty-acre farm, and later moved West (he had children): (John) George; William, whose death was caused by the bite of a mad dog (he was unmarried); Mrs. Kreitz; and other daughters.

The Federal Census Report of 1790 shows the following Leshers: Jacob, John, John, Jr., John, Jr. (again), John, Sr., Michael and Nicholas. Jacob Leshar, of East District township, Berks county, had the following family: three males over sixteen, one under sixteen, two females. John Leshar, of Tulpehocken, that county, three males over sixteen, three under sixteen, two females; John Leshar, Sr., of Oley township, same county, one male over sixteen, one under sixteen, three females; Nicholas Leshar, also of Oley township, two males over sixteen, seven under sixteen.

(John) George Leshar was born in Northumberland county, and spent all his life in Point township, where he was a farmer throughout his active years. He owned 240 acres of land, of which 201 acres are still in the family name and owned by his son Charles M. He died in Point township, on what is now the farm of his son Charles, Jan. 6, 1866, aged seventy-three years, two months, twenty-six days, and is buried in the Leshar plot in Fairview cemetery. He and his wife, Catharine (Robbins), were Presbyterians in religious belief. She was a daughter of Daniel Robbins of Liberty township, Montour Co., Pa., and died Oct. 22, 1869, aged seventy-five years, seven months, two days. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Leshar, as follows: Robert, born Oct. 19, 1817, who died in 1903 (his wife Sarah, born in 1833, died in 1907); Daniel, born Sept. 8, 1819; Lucy Ann; born April 21, 1822; Mary, born April 2, 1824; Sarah J., born Sept. 17, 1826; George, born Nov. 28, 1828; William, born Feb. 14, 1831, who died May 29, 1896; John,



*C. M. Lusher*





born Aug. 12, 1833; and Charles M., born Aug. 28, 1836, the youngest being now the only survivor.

Charles M. Leshar received his elementary education in the public schools of the home locality. Later he attended Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport, Pa., and when twenty one was licensed to teach, following that profession for five winters in his home township and for three terms in Chillisquaque township. He then taught the high school in Northumberland borough for three years and filled unexpired terms in the same borough two other years, making so good a reputation that he was made a candidate for the position of county superintendent of public schools. He was defeated by only one vote. For some time his health was not good, and he took to farming, buying the homestead place in partnership with his brother John, with whom he was associated for six years. At the end of that time he sold out to his brother, and after his marriage he went West, living several years in Pottawattamie county, Iowa, where he owned eighty acres of land and followed farming. Mr. Leshar always feels that it was during his experience in the West he first learned to rely entirely upon his own judgment and take the initiative when necessary, and he brought so much of the Western spirit back to Pennsylvania with him that he was dubbed the "Western farmer." In 1883, learning that the original homestead was to be disposed of at sheriff's sale for a judgment note of \$300, he purchased the place and brought his family East shortly afterward, in 1885 settling upon the homestead, where they have since remained. Mr. Leshar has not only carried on general farming, but has also made a specialty of live stock raising for a number of years, and he has one of the finest apple orchards in central Pennsylvania, having seventeen acres of bearing trees in fine condition; he has raised and picked over four thousand bushels of apples in one season. In 1908 he erected the fine modern residence now occupied by the family, situated on the old Strawbridge road leading from Northumberland to the Strawbridge settlement in Montour county, Pa. Mr. Leshar has made great progress in his work by adopting the most approved modern methods, and many of his best results have been obtained by the carrying out of his own ideas. He has good business insight and the courage of his convictions when satisfied that new systems and improved facilities will pay, and though conservative he is willing to experiment and to be convinced of the worth of others' opinions before passing judgment. He is regarded so highly by his neighbors and associates that his counsel is sought frequently. His reputation and character are above reproach, and his life has been such as to merit the confidence he enjoys among all who know him.

On Dec. 16, 1874, Mr. Leshar married Edith Florence Watson, daughter of Joseph and Susanna (Stamm) Watson, of Point township, and they have a family of five children: (1) Margaret W. is the wife of Rev. George A. Riggs and they reside at Porto Rico, where they are engaged in missionary work for the Baptist Association. Both are graduates of Bucknell University, as well as of other educational institutions. (2) Rev. C. Byron graduated from Bucknell University and the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania and is at present engaged as a missionary in China. (3) Lena Ruth graduated from Bucknell University with the degree of B. S., from the musical department of Valparaiso University, in Indiana, and is an accomplished linguist. (4) Harold V. graduated from Bucknell University and is at present a student at Harvard. He taught public school in Idaho for a time, and for three years was supervising teacher in the Philippine Islands, meantime studying the native speech as well as Chinese. Sociology is at present his chief interest. (5) Grace B. graduated from Bucknell University and taught school in Point township and for one year in the State of Washington. She is now at home with her parents. Mr. Leshar's family are all Baptists, but he himself is a Presbyterian in religious connection. He is a man of temperate habits, never using spirituous liquors of any kind. This sketch would not be complete without giving due credit to Mrs. Leshar. A worthy representative of her English and Quaker ancestry, she has contributed largely to the welfare of the family by her assiduous and intelligent coöperation, which deserves appreciation.

ROBERT LESHAR, a contractor of Northumberland, was born Dec. 14, 1845, son of Robert Leshar, mentioned above as the eldest in the family of (John) George Leshar. He was educated in the schools of his district and lived in Northumberland until he moved to Union county, in 1861, there learning the carpenter's trade and continuing to make his home until 1868. He has followed his trade throughout his active years, and since 1892 has been contracting on his own account, erecting many dwellings and other buildings in Northumberland and the surrounding territory. He built Trinity and Grace Lutheran churches, in Point township. He is a prominent Democrat, and has been both active and influential in the administration of local affairs, having served six years in the council of Northumberland borough, and twelve years as assessor, in a Republican district. He has served at different times as delegate to county conventions. He is the leading member of No. 1 Fire Company of the town, and its oldest active fireman. He was a charter member of Lodge No. 129, K. P.

In March, 1873, Mr. Leshar married Tude Bardsher, daughter of Samuel and Catharine (Rothermel) Bardsher, of Snyder county, Pa., and they have two daughters: Elizabeth, wife of T. P. Dunham, of the borough of Northumberland; and Roberta, who is attending school. Mr. Leshar and his family attend the Lutheran Church.

JOHN M. FARLEY, a lifelong resident of Milton, Northumberland county, was for many years engaged in the mercantile and millinery business there, but now devotes all his time to superintending his farms. He was one of the organizers of the Milton Board of Trade, of which he is still a member, and though a man of retiring disposition has proved his worth in many ways, quietly but effectively advocating plans for the betterment of the borough whenever possible and using his influence without assumption but wherever his word would count.

Mr. Farley belongs to a family which has been established in America from earliest Colonial times, the first of the name here having come over in the "Ann," the third vessel after the "Mayflower." In England it is of ancient record, having been established at the time of the Conquest. The name, originally De Falaise, is taken from Castle Falaise, in Normandy, the birthplace of William the Conqueror. When Duke Robert of Normandy went on his pilgrimage to Jerusalem he left his estate in the custody of his sons Walter and William, as lords of Falaise; and upon his death Walter, being the eldest, became the lord of Falaise. William was "the Conqueror" of historical record. Walter had one son, William, who accompanied his half-brother to England, and this William DeFalaise was given twenty-six lordships in the County of Devon. In 1200 the name became Farley. Eleven different spellings are found: DeFalaise, Ffarlea, Ffarle, Farle, Farly, Farlee, Farleigh, Farley, Farli, Fairley, Farlea.

From Williamus DeFalaise the name is handed down through successive generations until we come to Thomas Farley, of Bristol, who married Jane Hungerford, of Farleigh Castle, Somersetshire, and they had two sons, Thomas and George, who founded the family in America, both emigrating to the New World among the earliest colonists.

Thomas Farley, son of Thomas and Jane (Hungerford), was born in 1602. With his wife, Jane, and one servant, Nicholas Shotter, he went out to Virginia, landing at "Archer's Hoop," a projection of land opposite Jamestown, Feb. 4, 1624. They made the voyage in the ship "Ann," the third vessel after the "Mayflower," and they had one child, born either on the ship or immediately after landing, whom they named Anne in honor of the vessel which brought them over. This child was the first Farley born on American soil.

George Farley, second son of Thomas and Jane

(Hungerford), was born in England in 1615. In 1639, because of religious troubles, he left his native land, making the voyage on the ship "Lion," and settled in Charlestown or Roxbury. Soon afterward, however, he moved to Woburn, Mass., where he lived until 1653, the year of his removal to Shawshin, afterward known as Billerica, Mass. He and his family were the original settlers in that ancient village, where the old Farley home, built in 1676, is still standing. At Woburn, Mass., George Farley married, April 9, 1641, Christian Birtas, a Swedish settler, who came to this country on the same ship as he did, and whose father had died on the voyage (in 1639) and was buried at sea. To George and Christian Farley were born children as follows: James, born Nov. 23, 1643, who died Dec. 10, 1643; Caleb, born April 1, 1645, who died March 16, 1712; Mary, born Feb. 27, 1647, who married John Sanders; Timothy, who was killed by the Indians Aug. 2, 1675; Elizabeth; Samuel, born in March, 1654; and Mehittabell, born in May, 1656, who died Feb. 1, 1672. The father and son Timothy took part in King Philip's war, in which the son was killed, at Wickaboag Point. Mr. Farley was a member of the Baptist Church and a man of influence in Colonial affairs.

Caleb Farley, son of George, born April 1, 1645, married (first) July 5, 1666, Rebecca Hill, daughter of Ralph Hill, of Woburn. She died March 24, 1669, and on Nov. 3, 1669, he married (second) Lydia, daughter of Golden More. She died Nov. 19, 1715, surviving Mr. Farley, who died March 16, 1712. They are buried at Billerica. There were ten children by these marriages, two by the first and eight by the second, born as follows: Caleb, June 28, 1667; Rebecca, March 10, 1669 (married Thomas Frost); Lydia, Sept. 27, 1670 (married Zachary Shed); Hannah, Oct. 8, 1671; Ebenezer, April 3, 1674 (married Jan. 6, 1703, Elizabeth Shed); George, July 30, 1677; Timothy, July 28, 1680; Joseph, April 6, 1683 (married May 8, 1712, Abigail Cook); Benjamin, Feb. 8, 1685 (married Oct. 29, 1707, Ann Dutton); Enoch, Dec. 21, 1688.

Caleb Farley (2), son of Caleb, born June 28, 1667, married April 8, 1686, Sarah Godfry, of Haverhill, Mass., who died Nov. 13, 1704. His second marriage, on Sept. 25, 1707, was to Lydia Haws. On April 6, 1706, Mr. Farley sold his property to his brother Joseph and with his brother George moved to near Bound Brook, N. J. Nine children were born to his first marriage, as follows: George, Jan. 26, 1687; Caleb, Jan. 6, 1688; John, May 22, 1690; Sara, July 27, 1692; Mary, Sept. 29, 1694; James, Sept. 8, 1697; Debora, Feb. 20, 1699; Jonathan, Oct. 2, 1701; Samuel, April, 1703.

George Farley, son of Caleb and brother of Caleb (2), was born July 30, 1677, and died in May, 1720, at Bound Brook, N. J. As stated, he and



his brother Caleb moved to New Jersey in 1706, and in 1709 we find them trustees of the Ewing Presbyterian Church, near Trenton, N. J. George Farley was also twice married, the first time, July 14, 1699, to Rebecca Chamberlain, daughter of William, and widow of Thomas Sterns. His second marriage was to a Miss Pearson, daughter of Cornelius Pearson. His children were born as follows: Lydia, April 29, 1702; Anna, April 29, 1702; Enoch, July 23, 1704 (died Aug. 17, 1723); Esther, May 31, 1707 (married Jonathan Babbwin); Caleb, 1709 (died in 1802; married Catherine Gray).

Caleb Farley, grandson of Caleb and Rebecca (Hill) Farley, was born about 1757. When the Colonies gathered their scattered forces for defense against England Caleb Farley, then a young man, united with the Revolutionary patriots and proved a gallant fighter in the service of his country. He remained in the service until the end of the struggle and earned for himself a commission as first lieutenant. After the war he married Charity Pickle, of New Jersey, and they moved to Pennsylvania, settling in Union county. He cleared several tracts of land, but some years later, through litigation concerning the title because of prior entries, though no improvements had been made on those entries, he lost his first tract. He then purchased 120 acres along the foot of the White Deer mountain, which he cleared and improved with buildings. There in 1789 he erected the first gristmill built on the White Deer Hole creek, and he remained on this farm to the close of his long life. To Caleb and Charity (Pickle) Farley were born eight children: John, Charity, Jacob, Barbara, Catherine, Elizabeth, Abraham and Sara.

Abraham Farley, son of Caleb, was the grandfather of John M. Farley, of Milton. He was born in 1791 in White Deer township, Union county, and died in 1875 in East Buffalo township, that county, at the advanced age of eighty-four years. He had followed farming all his life, with great success, owning a farm of three hundred acres, which he divided between his sons Abraham and Michael. He had purchased the place after his marriage and spent the remainder of his life there, he and his wife both dying on the farm.

On March 29, 1824, Mr. Farley married Rebecca Wolf, who was born March 19, 1804, daughter of Michael and Catherine (Smith) Wolf, who reared a family of ten children. Mrs. Farley died Aug. 27, 1878, a devout member of the Evangelical Church. She was the mother of ten children: Catherine died in infancy; Caroline married Daniel Wolf and moved to Iowa (they reared a family); Michael married Hannah Hoy; Abraham, who lived on the old homestead in Union county, married Susan B. Schrack, and their children were: James A., Anna M., David F., William H., Molly R., Emanuel P., Hiram C., Su-

sanna B., Angeline M., Clarence B. and Maggie E.; Charity died in infancy; Sarah married David Voneida; John married Mary Brown (he served in the Civil War); Jacob, who lived in White Deer township, married Mary E. Brown (he served in the Civil war and was wounded in battle); Eliza beth died in infancy; Wilson died in infancy.

Michael Farley, son of Abraham, was born April 5, 1829, in Union county, Pa., was reared upon a farm, and attended the schools of Buffalo Valley. Nothing was lacking in his training for the practical duties of life. In October, 1849, he removed to Northumberland county, Pa., first locating in Turbut township, later in Milton, and in 1859 locating on the site of his homestead in South Milton, on South Front street, where he passed the remainder of his days. Before his removal to that place he lived on the present site of the American Car & Foundry plant. In connection with farming Mr. Farley carried on the manufacture of brick for twenty-four years, was also engaged in butchering for twelve years, and in 1855 established the first dairy route in Milton, continuing in the latter line of business for many years as proprietor of the South Milton dairy. He was an enterprising and progressive citizen, was a director of the Milton Water Company, and served in a few local offices, being assessor while he lived in Turbut township and member of the Milton council after the borough was enlarged. During the Civil war he furnished two substitutes for the Union army and warmly supported the Northern cause. He was a Democrat in politics.

In March, 1857, Mr. Farley married Hannah Hoy, who was born April 5, 1833, daughter of John and Sarah (Kennedy) Hoy, of Turbut township, and granddaughter of Philip Hoy. To this union were born three children: John M.; William E., who died young; and Harry M., born in 1869, who died in 1898. The father died Feb. 11, 1905, the mother Jan. 21, 1909; she was a devout member of the Lutheran Church.

John M. Farley was born May 28, 1858, in Milton, and received his education there in the public schools. In his early life he assisted his father, but he was still a young man when he went into the mercantile and millinery business on his own account, continuing it for many years, until 1907, when he sold out. His location was on Front street. Since retiring from commercial pursuits Mr. Farley has given his time to the management of his agricultural interests, which are extensive, and which under his supervision are proving very profitable. He assisted in organizing the Milton Board of Trade, in which he still holds membership. Mr. Farley has a modest disposition, but he holds the respect of all who know him. Socially he holds membership in Milton Chapter, Royal Arcanum.

On Aug. 4, 1877, Mr. Farley married Ida May,



daughter of John and Roaseltha (McPike) Martin, and granddaughter of Thomas Martin, whose wife was a Bryant; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Martin were natives of England who came to this country and settled in Pittsburgh, Pa. Two daughters have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Farley: Mabel lives at home with her parents; Helen married Newton F. Osmer, an attorney of Franklin, Pa. Mr. Farley attends the Lutheran Church, and Mrs. Farley is a member of the Baptist Church, while their daughters are Presbyterians.

HARRY M. FARLEY, brother of John M. Farley, born in 1869, received a good practical education and graduated from the Williamsport Commercial College in 1888. Though he died in 1898, he had become quite prominent in this section of Northumberland county, particularly in politics, and his death cut short what promised to be an active and useful career. He was a committeeman in his ward, member of the borough council and member of the school board, also serving as secretary of the latter body. He held official position in the P. O. S. of A.

CHARLES L. HAUSE, a business man of Milton, where he has been established in the plumbing and heating line since 1896, is a native of that place, born Nov. 22, 1870, son of John R. Hause.

Mr. Hause's great-grandfather was born in either Berks or Northampton county, Pa., where he lived and died. He was a farmer by occupation. The family is of German extraction. Among the children of the great-grandparents were the following: Mrs. Jacob Beck, who died in White Deer Valley, Lycoming Co., Pa., leaving a family of eleven children; Frederick, of Catawissa, a miller, who died there (he had a small family); Mrs. Seipe, who died in Northampton county (she had one son, Lewis, now deceased); Peter, who lived and died near Philadelphia; and Henry C.

Henry C. Hause, grandfather of Charles L., was born in 1796 in Northampton county, Pa., and died July 16, 1871, at Milton. In the spring of 1834 he came to Northumberland county and bought a farm of seventy acres in Chillisquaque township, which he cultivated until 1850. He sold the place that year and moved to Milton, being one of the pioneer builders of Shakespeare, which is now included in Milton. He was a Republican in politics and a Lutheran in religious faith. His wife, Catharine Matilda (Young), daughter of Jacob Young, of Northampton county, died May 22, 1866, at the age of sixty-eight years, two months, seventeen days. Ten children were born to them: (1) Jacob, born Nov. 28, 1818, died at Milton Sept. 29, 1903. He was a soldier in Company D, 112th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. He married Anna Haupt, and they had six children, Edward, John, Harry, Cath-

arine, Lovina and Jane. (2) George Henry married Angeline Foust, daughter of Philip, but left no children. He died at Milton in 1864. Farming was his occupation. (3) Hannah married Jacob H. Ernst and is still living in Union county, Pa., in her eighty-seventh year. She had three children, Henry, William and Ida. (4) Sabina, who died at Milton April 11, 1860, married Benjamin Snyder and had William O., Joseph H., Catharine and Ida. (5) Lewis William went West in 1858 and settled at Aledo, Ill., where he died. His family are in the West. He married Elizabeth Clark, daughter of William, and they had a family of six children, Catharine E., Ida M., Elizabeth, Leota, Emery and Clarence. (6) John R. is mentioned below. (7) Conrad P. died in Easton, leaving no children. He married Lydia Pursel. (8) Amandus F. married Mary Follmer, daughter of Henry Follmer, and they left no children. He was killed in 1868 in Bradford county, Pa., by the falling of a tree. (9) David B., born May 31, 1839, died Sept. 1, 1904. He served during the Civil war as a member of Company E, 131st Regiment, P. V. I. He married Katie Strine, daughter of William Strine, and they had one daughter, Jennie, who is married to George C. Chapin, cashier of the First National Bank of Milton. (10) J. Harrison, born Dec. 6, 1842, in Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, is now living retired in Milton. He learned coach-making, and followed that business until his retirement, in 1903. In September, 1861, he enlisted in Company H, 51st Pennsylvania Volunteers, Col. J. F. Hartranft, and on Jan. 1, 1864, reenlisted in the same company and regiment. He was captured at Spottsylvania May 12, 1864, and was held prisoner at Andersonville for ten months. He was exchanged May 10, 1865, and mustered out July 28, 1865. He served as second sergeant of his company. He is a member of Henry Wilson Post, No. 129, G. A. R., of Milton, and of Regiment No. 108, Union Veteran Legion; he also holds membership in Lodge No. 84, I. O. O. F. On Nov. 28, 1868, he married Hannah S. Hullihen, daughter of Thomas and Rebecca (Freeze) Hullihen, and they have had one son, Edward B., now a dentist of Philadelphia and married to Catharine Datesman.

John R. Hause, father of Charles L. Hause, born March 11, 1830, in Northampton county, Pa., came with his father to Northumberland when a small boy. He followed the plasterer's trade for many years, and later was employed in the car shops at Milton. His death occurred April 12, 1894. He was a Lutheran in religion, and in politics a Republican who took a deep interest in the welfare of his party and an active part in local interests. He married Mary A. Stimmel, daughter of Jonas and Catharine (Dye) Stimmel; she had two brothers, Israel (who lives in New Berlin)

and Amos (deceased). Mr. and Mrs. John R. Hause had children as follows: Amos, who died young; William T., who died at the age of sixteen years; Harry, living at Hazleton, Pa.; Charles L.; Frank, of Milton; Catharine L., wife of C. E. Hoy; Anna, wife of Samuel Henry; and Mary, who lives with her mother.

Charles L. Hause received his education in the public schools of Milton. In 1892 he went to Lock Haven, Pa., where he served a full apprenticeship at his trade, and in 1895 he went thence to Philadelphia, where he was employed at his trade about seven months. Business there being slack, he came to Shamokin, Northumberland county, where he followed his trade for six months, at the end of that time returning to Milton, where he has since been located. On March 2, 1896, he entered into partnership with E. F. Colvin, and they opened a place of business at No. 124 South Front street, Milton. This partnership was dissolved by mutual consent the 2d of August, following, Mr. Hause purchasing Mr. Colvin's interest and continuing the business at the same stand for several years. In April, 1907, he moved into the new home which he had built at No. 119 Elm street, his new storeroom adjoining his residence; the store is neat and well arranged, and there is a commodious shop at the rear well equipped for all the needs of the business. He has built up an excellent and profitable trade by close application to business and satisfactory work for all his patrons, and he is a self-made man in the best sense of the word. Fraternally he is well known in the neighborhood, belonging to Lodge No. 184, I. O. O. F., of Milton; to the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and to Lodge No. 913, B. P. O. Elks, and Milton Lodge No. 256, F. & A. M.

In 1902 Mr. Hause married Bertha Gibson, daughter of Henry and Jane (Thomas) Gibson, of Limestoneville, Pa., granddaughter of Joseph Gibson, great-granddaughter of Henry Gibson and great-great-granddaughter of Joseph Gibson. Mr. and Mrs. Hause are members of Trinity Lutheran Church at Milton.

**HARRISON H. HARTMAN**, a lifelong resident of Turbut township, Northumberland county, occupying the home place where his father settled about three quarters of a century ago, was born there March 5, 1866, son of Jacoby Hartman.

George Hartman, his grandfather, was born in Berks county, Pa., near the Lehigh county line, and moved thence to Columbia county, where he made his first settlement in Frosty Valley, near Buckhorn. In 1838 he bought a farm in Turbut township, Northumberland county, near Milton, property now owned by the Heimens, but he never moved to this place, dying in Columbia county, where he is buried, at Bloomsburg. His children

were: William, Joseph, Jacoby, Samuel, Kate (married Jacob Hartzell) and Mrs. Bissy.

Jacoby Hartman was born April 21, 1816, in Springfield, Bucks Co., Pa., and received a fair education in the common schools of his home locality. When a young man of about twenty he came to Northumberland county, and here did farm work for others until he bought a place of his own, a fine farm in Turbut township, near Milton, on East Broadway, containing ninety-six acres of valuable land. He lived on this place, and was actively engaged in its cultivation, until his death, which occurred April 9, 1879; he is buried in Harmony cemetery at Milton. Mr. Hartman was self-made and became one of the most prosperous farmers of his district, where he was universally respected. He was deeply interested in religious matters, a prominent member of the First Lutheran Church at Milton, which he supported liberally, also taking an active part in its work and enterprises. In political opinion he was a Republican, but not active in party matters.

On Oct. 13, 1842, Mr. Hartman was married in Northumberland county to Elizabeth Haag, a native of Berks county, born Nov. 13, 1823, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Knauss) Haag. Mrs. Hartman died Feb. 11, 1880, the mother of the following children: William, John, Mary, Emma, Sallie A., Hettie M., Harrison H., and two sons who died in infancy.

Harrison H. Hartman attended the public schools of his native place and worked with his father until the latter's death, giving the greater part of his time to the supervision of the farm, which has been well kept up all these years. The fine brick residence on the place, now occupied by himself and his two sisters Sallie and Hettie, was built by their father in 1878. These three are the only surviving members of this large family. They are among the most respected members of the community and bear worthily a name which has long been well represented in this section. Through their mother they are descended from another family worthy of mention, a brief account of which follows.

Hans Haag, the progenitor of this Haag family in America, came to this country prior to 1734, and settled in Maxatawny township, Berks county, where he paid tax and quit rent in 1731. In 1759 he was still a taxpayer, his assessment then being eleven pounds. At the same time Andreas Haag was a taxable, paying twenty pounds, and when the Maxatawny Church at Bowers was built, in 1759, he gave one acre of land to the church to be used, as he said in the deed, "as long as the sun and moon shines." The latter's son, Andrew Haag, also contributed to the church; he was then a young man. He was the father of John, grandfather of George W. Haag.



John Haag, son of Andrew, was born near Bowers, in Berks county, Feb. 12, 1794. In 1836 he moved to Northumberland county, settling in Turbut township, where he purchased a farm of 160 acres from the Kelchner estate. There he made his home and followed farming until his death, which occurred Jan. 17, 1861. He married Elizabeth Knauss, also of Berks county, born Jan. 21, 1795, who died March 21, 1869. Mr. and Mrs. Haag were members of the Paradise Lutheran Church, of Turbut township, and they are buried in the cemetery of that church. Seven children were born to them: John; Catharine (deceased), who married Peter Klapp; Beneville K.; Elizabeth (deceased), who married Jacoby Hartman; Rebecca, who married William Balliet and lived in Montour county; Hettie, who married William Gouger and also lived in Montour county; and Sarah, deceased.

DAVID C. MYERS, proprietor of the Mansion farm in West Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, was born March 1, 1853, near the city of Lancaster, Pa., son of Jacob Myers.

Jacob Myers was born in 1828 in Wurtemberg, Germany, was married there to Fredericka Geiger, also a native of Wurtemberg, and came to America with his wife when they were young people. They settled at Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa., where they lived for about ten years, meantime following farming. Then they journeyed up the canal to Muncy, Pa., and thence through the forest to Sullivan county, where Mr. Myers bought a farm and passed the remainder of his life. He died there in 1897, at the age of sixty-nine years. He became a much respected citizen of that locality. To Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Myers were born the following children: Louisa (married Albert Deckert), John, Jacob, Henry, David C., George W., Lafayette and Maria (twins, the latter the wife of Herbert Done), William, James, Albert, Charles, Caroline (who married Ernest Follmer), and two who died in infancy, Mary Ann and Fred, the latter dying while the family were on the voyage to this country.

David C. Myers attended school in Sullivan county, Pa., and remained with his father until he reached his majority. Learning the carpenter's trade, he began contracting in Lycoming county, Pa., and followed that line for about fifteen years, meantime also engaging in the lumber business and in farming in that county. In 1890 he came to his present farm in West Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, buying this land from the Van Kirk estate. It is a superior tract of 109 acres, and sold at one time for \$30,000. The location is considered the finest in the county, the water supply is of the best and abundant, and the place has suffered no deterioration in Mr. Myers's hands. Besides general farming he is extensively and successfully engaged in dairying, keeping all

Jersey cattle and selling his milk as far as Milton, supplying a daily route. He is regarded as an excellent citizen in his township, which he is now serving as president of the school board, elected in 1908. There are seven schools in West Chillisquaque, and Mr. Myers is giving faithful service in his present capacity, the welfare of the cause of public education being of particular interest to him. While in Sullivan county he served as constable. He is a Democrat in politics. In religion he is a member of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Myers married Mary J. Feister, and they have had children as follows: Virgie, who married Fred Burgenstock; Carrie, who married William Burgenstock (brother of Fred); Bertha, wife of A. B. Good; Ethel Clair, who is still in school; and Frank F.

Benjamin Feister, grandfather of Mrs. Myers, was of German origin and was one of the pioneers at the Muncy creek, in Lycoming county, Pa., where he took up a large tract, several hundred acres of fine timberland. He followed lumbering, prospered, and left a large estate. He was buried above Muncy. He and his wife Mary had children as follows: Charles; Margaret, Mrs. John P. Lake; Jane, Mrs. A. Sperry; George; John U.; and Harriet, Mrs. Daniel Bubb.

Col. John U. Feister, father of Mrs. Myers, was born in Lycoming county, Pa., and was a farmer and lumberman by occupation. During the Civil war he served one year and nine months in the Union army. He died in 1882, and is buried in Edkin Hill cemetery, in Sullivan county, near the Lycoming county line. His wife was Margaret Edkin, daughter of Francis Edkin, of Sullivan county, and they had the following children: Annie J. married James Harting; Mary J. is the wife of David C. Myers; Clara M. died when eighteen years old; Edward died young; Bernley C. is a resident of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Martha married Herbert Bennette; May married Samuel Woodside. Two children died young.

JAMES H. WORK, a farmer of East Chillisquaque township, has lived in this section of Northumberland county all his life, and has owned his present farm since 1898. He is of Scotch descent, his grandfather, William Work, having been a native of Scotland, whence he came to America when a young man. Settling in Delaware township, Northumberland Co., Pa., he lived and died there, following farming. He is buried in that township. His wife, whose maiden name was McCoy, was also from Scotland, bore him the following children: James, Henry, Mody, John, Isabella (married Jacob Shultz), Elizabeth (married L. Munsell) and Lillie (who lived at Lock Haven).

John Work, son of William, was born in 1812 in Delaware township and there followed farming



throughout his long life, dying in 1888 on the old homestead. He is buried at the River Church, having been a member of the Reformed congregation of that church. His wife was Mary Adams, of Northampton county, Pa., and their children were: Susanna, who married Robert Algert; R. M., living at Hagerstown, Md.; Christiana, who married Abe Sterner; and James H.

James H. Work was born July 13, 1851, in Delaware township, and there attended the public schools in his boyhood. Until he was twenty-three years old he remained at home working with his father. When he commenced farming on his own account he located in Turbut township, this county, where he carried on agricultural operations for about ten years. In 1886 he settled in East Chillisquaque township, where in 1898 he bought the farm on which he now resides, and which formerly belonged to Charles Newhart, ex-county commissioner of Northumberland county. It consists of ninety acres of good land, and Mr. Work has not only cultivated his place thoroughly but has also improved all the buildings, making every effort to keep his property in excellent condition. He is a conscientious, thrifty man, well known and universally respected.

Mr. Work married Priscilla Sterner, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Loose) Sterner, and to their union have been born the following children: Ambrose, who died when seven years old; Cora, who died aged six years; Lulu, who died in infancy; Mary, who died at the age of fourteen; William H., at home with his father; and Elizabeth, who is also at home. Mr. Work is a member of the Reformed Church at Milton. Politically he is a Democrat and interested in the success of his party, and he faithfully filled the office of township auditor.

MILLARD M. HOUGHTON, proprietor of the "Eagle Hotel" at Turbutville, Northumberland county, is a young business man who is making a place for himself among the enterprising citizens of his community. He was born Aug. 1, 1887, at Pine Summit, Columbia Co., Pa., son of James Houghton, and his ancestors have lived in that region for some time, his great-grandfather, Joseph Houghton, having been a pioneer miller there. He lived two miles from Pine Summit, and conducted a gristmill for many years. Among his children were John and William.

William Houghton, son of Joseph, lived near Pine Summit, and followed the trade of millwright, in which line he was a leading mechanic of his section, having a high reputation for thorough and excellent work. He also did some carpenter work on houses, being engaged on the finer work of this kind. He was industrious and thrifty, and owned his own home and land, held local township offices, and was a useful and highly re-

spected citizen. He was particularly well versed in the Scriptures, had a good memory, and delighted in explaining the Word to his children and grandchildren. In political faith he was a Republican. His widow, Mary (Allen), still survives, making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Matilda Cressler, who lives near Pine Summit; she is now (1910) past eighty-two years of age, and has been blind since 1905. Children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. William Houghton: David, who lives near Pine Summit; James; William, of Exchange, Pa.; Matilda, Mrs. Lloyd Cressler; Phoebe, married to David Ware, of Moscow, Lackawanna Co., Pa.; Harvey, proprietor of the "Ely House" at Plymouth, Pa.; and one deceased.

James Houghton, son of William, was born Jan. 1, 1860, and was reared on his father's place near Pine Summit. In his earlier manhood he farmed, later working in the lumber woods and conducting the company boarding house. He became an all-around lumber worker, contracting with lumber firms to cut logs and peel bark during the spring of the year, and made a success of this line. Since 1895 he has carried on the Pine Summit Distillery. Mr. Houghton married Elmira Cox, daughter of Montgomery Cox, of Pine Summit, and they have had three children: Millard M., McCoy (deceased) and Joseph. Mr. Houghton and his family are members of the Methodist Church, to which his father, William Houghton, also belonged. Politically he is a Republican.

Millard M. Houghton attended the public schools of his home district and later the high school at Turbutville, in which town he lived for four years at that time. For several years he was engaged in farming, owning a farm of eighty acres at Pine Summit, which he cultivated from 1906 to 1910, in September of which year he took charge of the "Eagle Hotel" at Turbutville, as proprietor. He retains the ownership of his farm.

On Dec. 24, 1909, Mr. Houghton married Ruth D. Watson, daughter of George W. and Harriet (Smith) Watson, the former a prominent farmer citizen of Anthony township, Montour county, where he owns two farms. Mr. Houghton is a member of Lairdsville Lodge, No. 986, I. O. O. F.

HARVEY WENZEL, of Montandon, Northumberland county, has conducted the "Wenzel House" at that point for a number of years, previous to which he had been engaged in farming in this section. He is a member of the third generation of his family in this county, and of the fourth generation in America, his great-grandfather, a native of Germany, having founded the family in this country. He settled in Berks county, Pa., where he lived and died.

John L. Wenzel, grandfather of Harvey Wenzel, was born in Berks county, and when a young

man moved to Lycoming county, this State, where he spent most of his active years. The last sixteen years of his life, however, were spent near McEwensville, Northumberland county, with his son John, and he died and is buried there. His children were: John; Daniel, who died in Illinois; James, who died in Michigan; and Barbara, widow of John Smith, living at Turbutville.

John Wenzel, son of John L. Wenzel, was born Jan. 12, 1826, in Northumberland county, and died April 13, 1893. For many years he was a well known contractor and builder, erecting many of the most substantial houses and barns in his district, and he owned a tract of sixteen acres in Delaware township, where he resided. His wife, Catharine (Meixel), was born Jan. 30, 1833, in Northampton county, and died Sept. 12, 1908, at the home of her son Harvey, with whom she had made her home from the time of her husband's death. Mr. and Mrs. John Wenzel were married July 4, 1858, in Union county, Pa., and to them were born the following children: Mary E., born March 12, 1859, married John Yerich; John C. was born July 1, 1860; Agnes, born Aug. 17, 1861, married Albert Hoffman; Harvey is mentioned below; W. H. was killed on the Pennsylvania railroad at the marsh crossing, near Montandon, in 1900 (there were four men in the party, and the only one to escape with his life was Harvey Wenzel, who received only a few bruises); Coy O. died in infancy; Elmer J. was born April 15, 1872; Ida, born Feb. 1, 1874, married Forrest Harner; Clarence D., born Feb. 15, 1879, is an express agent in the employ of the Adams Company, running from Philadelphia to Buffalo and Harrisburg to Buffalo.

Harvey Wenzel was born Jan. 15, 1863, in Delaware township, Northumberland county, attended the public schools of the township and also at McEwensville, and remained at home until he reached the age of nineteen years. He and his brother John C. bought a farm of sixty-two acres in West Chillisquaque township, along the river, and farmed the place for five years, at the end of which time they sold out. Harvey Wenzel then moved to the Daniel Hartman farm near Montandon, where he engaged in trucking for two years, thence removing to John Butler's farm, where he was located for three years. He was next on the Harry Knauss farm, and he continued trucking successfully for about seventeen years in all, attending the local markets. In 1894 he bought the hotel at Montandon from Stephen Dreisbach, and in 1895 held a sale of his farm stock, after which he took up his residence at the hotel, to the management of which he has since devoted most of his time and attention. He remodeled the hotel, which is equipped with all modern improvements, and all of the nine-

teen rooms are supplied with steam heat. Mr. Wenzel has proved a highly successful hotel-keeper, and he is very popular with the townspeople and with the public generally. The hotel is an old established business stand, but Mr. Wenzel has improved it in many ways and brought it up to date, and he has erected a fine barn which is a great convenience.

Mr. Wenzel is regarded as a public-spirited citizen. He served his township as member of the school board, and was president of that body in 1897, when the fine schoolhouse at Montandon was erected; for one year he was treasurer of the board. He has twice been a candidate for county commissioner on the ticket of his party, the Republican, in 1904 and again in 1907, and though the tide went against him in both elections the second contest was very close. He is a man who enjoys the good will of all who know him, for his upright life, both private and public, and his friends are many. Socially he is an Elk, belonging to Sunbury Lodge, No. 267. The family adhere to the Reformed faith.

Mr. Wenzel married Lucy C. Weaver, daughter of William S. and Sarah (VanNonner) Weaver, of Richfield, Juniata Co., Pa., and they have had a family of four children, namely: Lee W., Sterrett Mc., Barren V. and Lecene C. (who died in infancy).

AMANDUS FRIES, who is engaged in farming about two miles east of Montandon, Northumberland county, in West Chillisquaque township, has owned and occupied that place since 1890, but he has been a resident of the county since 1867. He was born March 1, 1849, in Albany township, Berks Co., Pa., near the line of Lehigh county, son of Samuel Fries. His grandfather Fries, who was a farmer and lived in Lehigh and Berks counties, had children as follows: Harry, Mary and Samuel.

Samuel Fries lived in upper Berks county and also in Lynn township, Lehigh county, where he died in 1902. He is buried at the Corner Church in Albany township, Berks county. He was a butcher by occupation. His wife, Elizabeth (Peltz), was a native of Schuylkill county, where she is buried, at Tamaqua. Their children were: Lewis, Sarah, Amandus, Mary and Hannah.

Amandus Fries attended school in Lynn township, Lehigh county, and in his youth was employed by Dr. Shade, at Steinsville. In the fall of 1867 he came to Northumberland county, of which he has since been a citizen. He did farm work, and in 1890 bought his father-in-law's homestead, the tract of forty-eight acres about two miles east of Montandon, in West Chillisquaque township, which he has since occupied and cultivated. Mr. Fries is an industrious and efficient worker,



and has made a success of his agricultural operations. He is a respected resident of his community.

In 1869 Mr. Fries married Margaret A. Cummings, daughter of William and Hannah (Irwin) Cummings, and to them have been born six children: Elizabeth; Robert C., deceased; Emma, deceased; Walter G.; Herman B., at home; and Harry A., at home.

**WILLIAM L. BRAUN**, a practical and successful miller, at present the proprietor of Braun's mill, near Milton, in Turbut township, this county, is a native of Lycoming county, Pa., born at Nesbit, a small town above Williamsport, in 1867, son of G. F. Braun.

Christian Braun, grandfather of William L., lived at Spielberg, in the Kingdom of Wurttemberg, Germany, and there died at the age of forty-eight years. He married his cousin, Magdalena Braun, and they had several children, two of whom, Jacob and G. F., came to America, the others dying young. Jacob settled near Buffalo, where he died leaving a large family, who still make their home in that vicinity.

G. F. Braun was born at Spielberg, a little town of about four hundred population, Dec. 3, 1834, and was twenty-two years of age when he came to this country. He had learned the miller's and baker's trades in his native land, and was thus well equipped to make his way to prosperity in America. He had married in Germany, and he and his wife made the voyage to America in a sailing vessel, being on the water forty days before they landed at New York City. Their first settlement was made at Buffalo, N. Y., where Mr. Braun worked as a miller. He built a home in what is now a very busy part of that city. In 1863 he located at Nesbit, in Lycoming county, where he worked at milling. In 1892 he and his two sons, John and William L., bought the Milton mill, and conducted it under the name of G. F. Braun & Sons until the death of John, in 1902. The father still resides at Nesbit, where he has become very well known, and where he is highly respected. To him and his wife, Annie, were born children as follows: Louisa, Emma, John, Mary, Charles, Tillie, William L. and Flora.

William L. Braun attended the local schools, and under his father's careful instruction learned the miller's trade. In 1907 he purchased his present property. This was a good mill, built in 1874 by William Kemmerer, a native of Berks county. The roller process was installed when Mr. Braun, his father and his brother John bought it. It has four sets of rolls, and is modern throughout in its equipment. Mr. Braun has a special brand of flour known as the "Straight," which has a very wide reputation, and all his goods, in fact, find a ready sale.

Fraternally Mr. Braun is a member of Lodge No. 84, I. O. O. F., and Aerie No. 1208, F. O. E., of Milton.

**JOHN W. LUPOLD**, train dispatcher at Sunbury for the Pennsylvania railroad, has held that position since 1893—the longest period on record in Sunbury that any one man has served in that capacity. He was born Feb. 3, 1867, at White Deer, Union Co., Pa., son of Samuel Lupold and grandson of John Lupold.

John Lupold was a native of central Pennsylvania. After his marriage to Sarah Yoxtheimer he lived in the vicinity of Sunbury, Northumberland county, for a time, and before the Civil war went to Clinton county, this State, where he engaged in farming. There he died in 1878, at the age of about eighty-one years. He is buried in that county. His children were: Samuel, father of John W. Lupold; William, who lived near Lock Haven, Pa.; Henry, who lived at Loganton, Pa.; John, who moved to Nebraska about 1873-74; and Solomon, who passed all his life at Eastville, a small village across the valley from Carroll, Clinton county (the post office was made Loganton after rural free delivery was instituted, and the place was most commonly called Winter Side, lying on the north side of the mountain, where winter snows always remained longest), where he died in 1905.

Samuel Lupold was born in 1824 in the vicinity of Sunbury. In his earlier years he was engaged in farming in Clinton county, Pa., and later conducted a sawmill there, near Eastville, subsequently moving to Union county, where he kept books for a lumber concern until his death, which occurred in 1874, at Cooper's Mill, Union county. He was buried at Watsonstown, Northumberland county. Mr. Lupold was an ambitious man, and by application became a well informed man. At the time of his marriage he could neither read nor write, and he was self instructed, his practical attainments being best indicated by the position he filled during the latter years of his life. He was a member of the Reformed Church. Mr. Lupold married Susan Kerstetter, daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Barner) Kerstetter, of Clinton county, the latter of whom was a daughter of George Barner and one of a family of twenty-two children. Mrs. Susan (Kerstetter) Lupold died in 1886, in her fifty-ninth year. She was the mother of the following children: Catharine died when sixteen years old; William H. is a resident of Cameron county, Pa.; Supera married Eli F. Garner and lives near Eastville, Pa.; Fayette married Hyman Leshner, of Aurora, Neb.; Sarah married William H. Leshner; Harriet died when four years old, of poisoning; Minerva married Daniel J. Huntington and died at Williamsport, Pa., in 1887; Mary died in infancy; Samuel A.,



formerly of Montgomery, Pa., is now a resident of West Milton, Pa., where he is in the bakery business; John W. lives in Sunbury.

John W. Lupold obtained his education in the public schools of White Deer township, Union county. In 1882 he learned cigarmaking, which he followed for several years, and when eighteen years old he learned telegraphy at White Deer. He has since been engaged in railroad work. He was employed at different points on the Philadelphia & Reading road until 1889, when he changed to the Sunbury division of the Pennsylvania road, in the fall of 1890 being transferred to Sunbury and given a position in the superintendent's office. He was engaged as message operator and copier in the train dispatcher's office until promoted to train dispatcher in 1893. He has since filled this responsible position, in which he has the longest record of any incumbent at Sunbury. Mr. Lupold has been thoroughly identified with local interests since he became a resident of the borough, and in 1908 he was elected a member of the board of education, from the Seventh ward; he was a member of the building committee which had in charge the erection of the Francis E. Drumheller school, erected in 1910, one of the finest school buildings in this section and a great source of pride in the borough. In political matters Mr. Lupold is a Republican, with independent inclinations.

In 1890 Mr. Lupold married Grace M. Bly, daughter of James Bly, and they have three children: Merrill, who was a member of the class of 1911 of the Sunbury high school; Martha Esther; and Ruth Elizabeth. In 1899 Mr. Lupold built the comfortable home at No. 307 Catawissa avenue which he has since occupied with his family. They are members of the First Reformed Church of Sunbury, which he served as an official for some years. Fraternally he unites with the Royal Arcanum.

**JOHN J. HOWELL**, ticket agent at Northumberland for the Pennsylvania Railway Company, has held his present position since May, 1872, and is one of the respected residents of that borough. He was born Sept. 26, 1842, at Battle Creek, Mich., son of David W. Howell and grandson of David W. Howell, and belongs to a family of English origin which has been settled in America from Colonial times. The first ancestor on this side of the Atlantic was Edward Howell, who was born in England, baptized July 22, 1580, came to America about 1639-40 and first settled at Lynn, Mass. Later he moved to Long Island, settling at Southampton, where he died. John J. Howell is directly descended from him.

David W. Howell, grandfather of John J. Howell, lived and died near Morristown, N. J. He married Keziah Pearson, who died at the home

of her son David in Bergen, Genesee Co., N. Y., May 14, 1857, and they had children as follows: John Pearson, David W., Stephen and Arnold A.

David W. Howell, father of John J. Howell, was born July 8, 1808, near Morristown, N. J., and moved West in 1835, settling at what is now the site of Battle Creek, Mich. When a young man he began teaching there, but later engaged in farming, upon his own land, which is now known as Morgan park; it was then three miles from the town. His wife, whose maiden name was Delia Elmer, was born July 19, 1811, and died Dec. 20, 1842, at Battle Creek, and was buried there. Mr. Howell subsequently returned East with his children, settling at Bergen, N. Y., where he remained until his death, May 2, 1877. The children were all born at Battle Creek, viz.: Elmer, who is deceased; Phebe A., deceased; William H., who is still living at Bergen, N. Y.; and John J.

John J. Howell was only four years old when his father settled at Bergen, N. Y., where he grew to manhood. He attended public school and when old enough began to do farm work, later supplementing his early education by a course in commercial work and telegraphy at the business university of Rochester, N. Y., graduating in 1865. He began work at Bergen, where he was employed by both the Western Union and New York Central Companies before his removal to Williamsport, Pa., in 1869. He was there engaged upon the P. & E. division until he changed to Northumberland, Northumberland Co., Pa., in May, 1872, where he has since remained in the employ of the Pennsylvania Company. He has a record of fidelity and good work of which he may be proud and is a trusted and competent employee. Mr. Howell is a Democrat in political sentiment, but he has never taken any active part in politics or public matters. He and his family attend the Episcopal Church.

On Nov. 28, 1873, Mr. Howell married Mary E. Shuman, daughter of Jacob L. Shuman, of Catawissa, Pa. Her two brothers are living in Shamokin. Mr. and Mrs. Howell have had one daughter, Lucille, now the wife of Arthur Jameson. Mr. and Mrs. Jameson, who reside at Rochester, N. Y., have four children, John J., Philip H., Charles D. and Cecelia M. (born Dec. 29, 1910).

**DANIEL E. SMITH**, of Rebuick, in Washington township, has been engaged at his trade of blacksmith at that point for the past twenty-five years, and he also owns a farm in the township. Mr. Smith was born May 19, 1852, in Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, son of John Smith and grandson of Michael Smith.

Michael Smith was born in Oley township, Berks Co., Pa., whence he came to the Swabian

Creek Valley, in the eastern end of this county, in 1818. Among his children were: John; George, who settled in Berrien county, Mich.; Peter, who settled in Indiana or Illinois; Mrs. Joshua Fetter and Mrs. Neidlinger, both of whom settled in Michigan; and Mrs. Peter Rowe.

John Smith, son of Michael, was born in October, 1810, in Oley township, Berks county, and came with his parents to Northumberland county, settling on the farm in Upper Mahanoy township now owned by Jefferson Snyder. He was a blacksmith, and followed his trade for thirty-six years at Rough and Ready, Schuylkill county, and he was also a farmer for many years, following that occupation in Upper Mahanoy township. He died Aug. 28, 1901, in his ninety-second year, at Rough and Ready, where he is buried. Mr. Smith was a Lutheran in religion, a Democrat in politics. His wife, Rachel (Erdman), daughter of George Erdman, died April 27, 1860, in middle life. Their children were born as follows: Mary, March 6, 1834; William, July 13, 1835; Lydia, Dec. 29, 1836; Elias, Dec. 24, 1837; John, Oct. 27, 1839; Catharine, March 17, 1842; Nathan, Oct. 16, 1843; Elizabeth, Oct. 15, 1846; George, Nov. 29, 1849; Daniel E., May 19, 1852; Henry, March 15, 1858.

Daniel E. Smith went to learn the trade of blacksmith in 1871 and worked six years at this trade. Then he married Hannah Smeltzer and moved to Hollowing Run, where he remained for two years, at the end of that time moving on his father's farm in Upper Mahanoy township for one year. He then moved to Leckkill and worked at his trade for three years, next moving to Klingers-town, Schuylkill county, where he worked at his trade for four years. In 1886 he settled at Re-buck, where he has since had his home. Mr. Smith has continued to do general blacksmithing throughout this period, and he has made an excellent living. He also owns a farm of sixty-three acres in Washington township, at what is known as Cherrytown. Mr. Smith has taken an active interest in public affairs, having held local offices, is a Democrat on political questions, and a Lutheran in religion, he and his family being members at the Himmel Church, where he has served as elder.

On Jan. 28, 1877, Mr. Smith married Hannah Smeltzer, daughter of Daniel Smeltzer, and they have had one daughter, Sallie Bixler, now the wife of Joseph Fetterman. Mr. and Mrs. Fetterman live on Mr. Smith's farm in Washington township. They are the parents of eleven children: John E., Daniel L., William E., Howard C., Charles R., Joseph R., Ella B., Sarah L., Ger-tie V., George S. and David C.

John Schmeltzer, grandfather of Mrs. Daniel E. Smith, was a native of Bethel township, Berks Co., Pa., and came thence to Northumberland

county before 1810. After some years' residence there he and his family moved to Lykens Valley, in Dauphin county, where he continued to live until his death, May 30, 1835, when he was past fifty-five years of age. He is buried in the Lykens Valley. Mr. Schmeltzer is described as a short-set man, and he was a carpenter by trade. His wife, Grace (Shutt), died in May, 1851, when past sixty years of age, in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, and is buried there. Eight children were born to this pioneer couple: Sarah married John Wolfgang; Daniel is mentioned below; Elizabeth married Jacob Fox; Katie married George Wolfgang; Peggy married Jesse Ummel; John died unmarried; Annie married John Wolfgang, who was a brother of George Wolfgang.

Daniel Schmeltzer or Smeltzer was born Nov. 10, 1805, in Washington township, Northumberland county, was a laborer, and owned a small farm. He died March 16, 1888, at Sunbury, where he was visiting, and is buried at the old Lutheran Church in Lower Augusta township, to which district he had removed in 1841. He held various church offices, serving many years as elder. His wife, Catharine, born in September, 1807, was a daughter of Jonas Wolfgang, of Deep Creek Valley, Schuylkill county, and died in June, 1881, in her seventy-fourth year. She is buried by the side of her husband. They had eight children, namely: Sarah married James M. Young; Elizabeth died in her eighteenth year; Dinah married George Leitzel; Elias and John died in infancy; Catharine married George Leitzel after the death of her sister Dinah; Lovina married William Buchner and after his death Jacob Haupt, who is also deceased; Hannah is the wife of Daniel E. Smith.

Mrs. Hannah (Smeltzer) Smith has a number of relics which belonged to her immediate ancestors, some old dishes, a large German Bible which belonged to her grandfather, John Schmeltzer, and which bears the date 1785, and an old grandfather clock that was made in 1809 by Josiah Smith, the case being made by John Schmeltzer, to whom it belonged. It is still a good timekeeper, and shows the date and movements of the moon. It descended from John Schmeltzer to his son Daniel, after whose death it came into the possession of Mrs. Smith.

JOSEPH LEWIS, a retired farmer living at Shamokin, was born in Shamokin township Aug. 15, 1829, son of Mathias Lewis and grandson of Mathias Lewis, a native of Switzerland. The grandfather came to America when a young man and settled in New Jersey. Later he came to Irish Valley, in Shamokin township, this county, where he died, and he is buried at the Summit Church. His wife, Margaret Mufzler, is buried



at the same place. They had children: Henry, John, Ellis and Mathias.

Mathias Lewis, son of Mathias, was born in 1794 near Belvidere, N. J. He was a cooper, and followed his trade in Shamokin township, where he was also engaged in farming. He died Jan. 19, 1890, aged ninety-five years, and is buried at the Summit Church. His wife, Elizabeth Mutchler, daughter of John, is also buried there. Their children were: Margaret died young; John died at the old home; Jeremiah is living in Shamokin township; Joseph is living in Shamokin township; Catharine married a Moody; Amos is deceased; William is deceased; Reuben is deceased; Susanah married Henry Richie.

Joseph Lewis attended the old pay schools in Shamokin township and was reared upon the farm. He learned the stonemason's trade with Frank Teitsworth, and followed this work till about 1908, being employed about the collieries and his own district. He resides at his homestead in Shamokin township.

In 1857 Mr. Lewis married Susanna Wikel, who was born in 1833 in Cameron township, daughter of John and Rebeca (Derr) Wikel. They had a large family: George F. died when five years old; Alfred D. is living in Shamokin; Emma married Cameron Bendel; Elmer is living in Shamokin; Charles K. lives in Shamokin township; Fraetta married Pierce Leiby; Knibly W. lives in Shamokin township; Elizabeth married C. P. Gass; Rosie B. married Harry Clark and (second) Freeman Lewis; Josephine, twin of Rosie, died in infancy; Amanda E. married C. B. Malick.

**JOHN W. FURMAN**, of Stonington, is senior member of the firm of J. W. Furman & Brother, truck farmers who occupy a leading place among the business men in their line in Northumberland county. Their place is known as the Hollis Dale Market Garden. Mr. Furman was born Aug. 4, 1876, in Shamokin township, where he has always resided.

Samuel Furman, his grandfather, was born July 6, 1810, lived in Shamokin township, where he followed farming throughout his active years, and he died upon his farm there Feb. 24, 1875. His brother William lived in that part of Augusta township now known as Rockefeller, and was the grandfather of David A. Furman, of Rockefeller township. Samuel Furman married Margaret Weeks, who was born in 1814 and died Dec. 6, 1897, aged eighty-three years, four months, three days. They had children as follows: Jane married William Conrad; Mahala married Cornelius Rebeck; Kate married Charles Chapman and (second) H. M. Yordy; Rebecca died April 17, 1859, aged eighteen years, eleven months, thirteen days; George O. was the father of John W. Furman; Ida married Isaac Kreeger; Harriet died Sept.

26, 1851, aged nine years, one month, ten days; Mary died Sept. 26, 1851, aged one year, four months, seven days; John D. died March 2, 1847, aged one year, five months, three days.

George O. Furman was born in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, and has followed farming. He at one time owned the old homestead, but is now located at Stonington, in Shamokin township. He married Hulda Jane Willour, daughter of Peter Willour, who was a veteran of the Civil war, and they had the following children: John W.; Rosa A., now the wife of Michael H. Mowery and living at Gosstown, Northumberland county; Freeman W., member of the firm of J. W. Furman & Brother; Lewis S., living at Stonington; and Theora Maude, who lives in Sunbury.

John W. Furman, born Aug. 4, 1876, in Shamokin township, was reared there and has followed agricultural pursuits all his life. In 1900 he located at Stonington, in Shamokin township, where he bought the old Henry Klase farm, later owned by Peter Willour, this tract comprising twenty-one acres of very fertile truck land. He has made vast improvements on the property since it came into his possession. In association with his brother, Freeman W. Furman, he does an extensive business in the raising and marketing of truck, and the name of this firm stands for all that is progressive and up-to-date in that line. J. W. Furman & Brother attend the Shamokin markets, where there is a steady demand for their garden stuff. Their work is carried on in the most intelligent manner. Their land is irrigated, they have erected a fine greenhouse, and everything about the place betokens the enterprise and advanced ideas of these young farmers, who have won high standing among agriculturists in their section.

On Dec. 4, 1900, J. W. Furman married Emma Eister, daughter of Jacob Eister, of Shamokin township, a veteran of the Civil war. They have three children, Andrew O., Mary E. and Franklin F. Mr. Furman is a member of the Miller's Cross Roads Methodist Church, which he is serving as trustee and secretary of the board. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and is in every respect one of the leading young men of his township.

FREEMAN W. FURMAN was born Feb. 14, 1882, in Shamokin township, and was reared upon the farm. In 1906 he joined his brother in the trucking business. He is a member of the Miller's Cross Roads Methodist Church and of the I. O. O. F.

**WILLIAM H. KUEBLER**, a business man of Sunbury, has been engaged in his present line, plumbing and heating, ever since he commenced work, and is proficient in all its branches. He carries a general line of stoves and boilers and



does contracting in plumbing and similar work, finding an excellent field in the borough and surrounding territory. Mr. Kuebler was born July 16, 1877, in North Manheim township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., son of George E. Kuebler and grandson of William Kuebler.

William Kuebler was a native of Wittenberg, Germany, born in August, 1805, and served as an officer in the German army, his honorable discharge papers being still in the family. Coming to the United States in 1831, he first located at Sunbury, Northumberland Co., Pa., where he followed butchering for some time. His next location was at Shamokin, where he also worked at that trade some years, and in February, 1844, he settled at Pottsville, Schuylkill county, where he was engaged in butchering in partnership with John Moser, under the firm name of Moser & Kuebler. This association lasted for many years. Later, his health having become impaired by illness, Mr. Kuebler bought a farm to which he moved, a place of fifty-three acres in North Manheim township, Schuylkill county, which he cultivated until his death. However, he also continued the business of butchering, in which he was succeeded by his son Jacob. Mr. Kuebler was a devout Lutheran in religious faith, a man true to all his obligations in life, possessed of a rugged honesty which won him the respect of all who knew him. He married Mary Gass, daughter of Jacob Gass, and she survived him many years, dying at the age of seventy-nine. He died in June, 1871. They are buried at Pottsville. Mr. and Mrs. Kuebler had children as follows: John died in infancy; John Jacob lived at Pottsville; Amanda died when fourteen years old; Sophia married Daniel Mertz and both are deceased; George E. is mentioned below; Harry, who was engaged as wholesale agent for a hardware firm, died at Shamokin in the winter of 1909; John (2) died at Snyderstown in Shamokin township, after his marriage; Sarah is unmarried and resides at Pottsville.

George E. Kuebler was born Dec. 20, 1843, at Shamokin, and was three months old when his parents moved to Pottsville, in which city and vicinity he grew to manhood. He attended the local schools, and in his earlier manhood followed butchering and carpentry in Schuylkill county, eventually settling down to farming there, in North Manheim township, where he remained for some years, on the old homestead. Thence he moved to Rockefeller township, Northumberland county, in 1883, buying the Krigbaum homestead of twenty-five acres upon which he has since made his home. Mr. Kuebler has proved an intelligent and useful citizen of the different communities with which he has been identified, served three years as auditor of Schuylkill county and held various local offices, and has served sixteen years

as overseer of the poor in Rockefeller township. He has been active in the administration of public affairs and an efficient worker in the Democratic party, which he supports with his vote and influence. Mr. Kuebler joined the Masonic fraternity at Schuylkill Haven, Pa., being made a Mason in Page Lodge, No. 270, F. & A. M.; later he became a charter member of Cressona Lodge, No. 426, at Cressona, of which he was worshipful master in 1879, and from which he transferred to Sunbury Lodge, No. 22. He is a member of the Grand Lodge at Philadelphia. Formerly he was an active member of both the Odd Fellows and the Red Men, in which he passed all the chairs, and he was interested in the work, but he has dropped all connections of this sort except his Masonic affiliations. He and his family worship at the Plum Creek Lutheran Church, which he served for a number of years in the church council.

In November, 1871, Mr. Kuebler married Sarah Fasold, daughter of Henry and Catharine (Weiser) Fasold, of Rockefeller township, and granddaughter of Philip Weiser, through whom she traces her descent from Conrad Weiser, the celebrated pioneer and Indian interpreter. Mr. and Mrs. Kuebler have a family of five children: Gertrude E., wife of Dr. Horatio Warren Gass, a prominent physician of Sunbury; R. Ellen, wife of George F. Keefer, a civil engineer of Sunbury; William H.; Emma F., unmarried and living at home; and Margaret, who lives in Sunbury with her sister, Mrs. Gass.

William H. Kuebler attended public school in Rockefeller township and worked for his parents until he was twenty-one years old. Meantime, in 1892, he had come to Sunbury to learn the trade of tinsmith, which he followed for three years, after which he learned plumbing and heating in the employ of Harry Bastian and Isaac Reitz. In 1903 and 1904 he attended the New York Trade School, from which he was graduated in the spring of the latter year, in the department of heating and plumbing, and upon his return to Pennsylvania he formed a partnership with A. H. Mutschler in Middleburg, Snyder county, with whom he was in business from April 1st to September 1st, 1904, when he sold out to his partner and came to Sunbury. Here he installed the heating system in the cottage houses for the converting works, for George H. Keefer, of Mount Carmel, a leading contractor of Northumberland county, and in 1905 he commenced the plumbing and heating business for himself at No. 145 Market street, at which location he remained about three years. In 1907 he built his present place of business at Nos. 10-51 North Sixth street. Mr. Kuebler employs four men, and is doing a prosperous business, which he has built up by the most creditable methods and honorable dealings.

On Feb. 18, 1909, Mr. Kuebler married Nellie

Krebs, daughter of Robert F. and Mary (Felter) Krebs, of Sunbury, and they have a son, Robert Edward. Before coming to Sunbury Mr. Kuebler was a member of the Plum Creek Lutheran Church and active in its work, serving as deacon and as secretary of the church council. He and his family are now connected with the Zion's Lutheran Church at Sunbury. Socially he belongs to the Protect Our Home Circle.

**WILLIAM H. STRAUB**, now successfully engaged in the hardware business at Milton, Pa., is one of the progressive and enterprising citizens of Northumberland county. He was born near Womelsdorf, Berks county, Jan. 18, 1860, son of Jacob Straub.

Jacob Straub, the father, was a native of Stuttgart, Germany, who came to America in 1839, settling in Reading, Pa. In a short time he moved to Tulpehocken township, Berks county, and there followed his trade of tanner and currier. In 1867 he came to Danville, and after twelve years came to Milton, Pa., where he was employed at tanning by Wm. Reber. He died in 1900, and is buried at Milton. He married Leah Ebling, a native of Berks county who died in 1902. To this union were born two children, Pauline and William H. Anthony Straub, a brother of Jacob, also a native of Germany, came to America and settled at Reading, Pa. Like his brother he gave his services to his adopted country during the Civil war, and he died at the National Soldiers' Home, Dayton, Ohio. Jacob Straub was a sergeant of Company F, 145th Pa. Vol. Inf., from Nov. 12, 1862, until Aug. 12, 1863, under Capt. Josiah Grob, and Col. Charles A. Knoderer.

William H. Straub attended the public schools of Danville, spending three years in the high school. He came with his parents to Milton, and here learned the painter's trade, which he followed for himself for a period of twenty years. In July, 1904, he bought the hardware business located at No. 16 Broadway, from H. Judson Raup, one of the leading stores of the district. He has developed the business on a broader scale, and has a fine patronage.

Mr. Straub married Mary Bower, daughter of Harrison Bower, of Selinsgrove, Pa., and they have one daughter, Leah, who graduated from the Milton high school, class of 1911. Mr. Straub is a Republican in politics. With his family he attends the Reformed Church. Fraternally he belongs to Milton Lodge, No. 256, F. & A. M.; Lodge No. 81, I. O. O. F.; and Castle No. 265, K. G. E.

At the outbreak of the Spanish American war he was appointed captain of Co. C, Second Battalion, 12th Pennsylvania Volunteers. After being out twenty-four hours he was commissioned major of the regiment. They were stationed at Camp

Alger, Virginia. He is at present a major in the 12th Regt. N. G. P.

**FRANK J. McDONNELL**, merchant at Locust Gap, Northumberland county, has been a lifelong resident of that place, having been born there April 1, 1843. The family has been settled in this portion of Pennsylvania for about seventy-five years.

John McDonnell, Mr. McDonnell's great-grandfather, lived and died in Ireland. His children were Patrick, who came to this country and settled in Schuylkill county, Pa., where he died; John, who died at sea in 1843, while on his way to America; Michael, who died at Locust Gap, Northumberland Co., Pa.; and Peter.

Peter McDonnell, son of John, was the grandfather of Frank J. McDonnell. He was born in Ireland, and came to this country in 1838, landing at New York City. Coming thence to Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., he followed mining there until 1861, in which year he located at Locust Gap, Northumberland county, among the early settlers at that place. He was employed in the mines for some years and then engaged in the hotel business (conducting the hotel later run by his son) from 1865 until the year of his death, 1875. He is buried at Beaverdale, this county. He was an intelligent and active man, and took part in the public affairs of his home neighborhood in both Schuylkill and Northumberland counties, serving as supervisor of Cass township while a resident of Schuylkill county and as school director and auditor of Mount Carmel township after settling in Northumberland county. He was a member of the Catholic Church. His wife, Hannah (Patton), a native of England, was a daughter of Thomas Patton, also a native of England, who settled in Minersville, Schuylkill county, in 1838; his sons opened the first coal mines in that region. Mrs. McDonnell died in 1895. Nine children were born to Peter and Hannah (Patton) McDonnell, viz.: John, Thomas, Elizabeth J. (wife of Thomas Pepper, of Ashland), George, Andrew, Mary (wife of Jacob R. Betz), Hannah (wife of Henry J. Omilor), and Catherine and Mary A., who are deceased.

John McDonnell, son of Peter, was born Dec. 27, 1840, in Schuylkill county, and was reared there, at Mine Hill Gap. He began work at the mines as a laborer, and came to Locust Gap in 1869, being now one of the oldest residents at that point. After about nine years' employment around the mines here he was made inside foreman at the Locust Gap Colliery, in 1869, holding that position about four years, when he was given the place of hoisting engineer, being thus employed until 1882. For the next ten years he was in the hotel business at Locust Gap, being propri-



etor of the "National Hotel" until 1892, when he engaged in the wholesale liquor business, in which he still continues. Though aged seventy years, and one of the oldest living residents of Locust Gap, Mr. McDonnell is still active in its affairs and looks after his business with the same care he has always given to its management. It is many years since he severed his connection with the mines, but he is still interested in that leading industry of the locality and has many interesting reminiscences of his experiences in the old days when the "Molly Maguires" flourished. He is a Democrat in his political views and a Catholic in religion. He served three years as school director of Mount Carmel township.

On May 20, 1865, Mr. McDonnell married Catherine McCarthy, who was born Oct. 12, 1839, and died Jan. 10, 1899. She was a daughter of Francis and Ann (Lynch) McCarry, both of whom came from County Longford, Ireland. To Mr. and Mrs. McDonnell were born eight children: Peter A.; Anna, deceased; Elizabeth, deceased; Frank J.; Mary, who married Daniel J. Harvey; Agnes, now Sister Marcellian, at Port Carbon, Schuylkill county; Catherine, wife of James V. McAndrew; and John, deceased.

PETER A. McDONNELL, eldest son of John McDonnell, was born at Locust Gap Feb. 22, 1866. For several years he was employed as a telegraph operator and later was engaged as a clerk in a colliery office and as bookkeeper in Mount Carmel. During Mr. VanDevender's first term as register and recorder he was employed as a clerk in the office, being retained during Mr. VanDevender's second term. He resigned near the end of that term to accept the appointment of warden at the Northumberland county prison, which office he had been filling two years at the time of his sudden death, Jan. 23, 1908. Mr. McDonnell succumbed while being operated upon for appendicitis. To quote from the *Sunbury Daily Item* of Jan. 24, 1908: "As jail warden he displayed great executive ability and during his time of service saved the county \$5,000, even though he had more prisoners under his care than ever before in the history of the jail. Personally he was possessed of those qualities which won for him the lasting friendship of all who knew him and but to know him was to love him. Always of a cheerful disposition, his life was one bright ray of sunshine which was helpful to everybody with whom he came in contact and made him one of the most companionable of men. Of sterling worth and integrity, he was always upright and honest, true and steadfast to his friends, who were legion. He was the embodiment of all that was good and right and was a man in the true sense of the word, whose death is deeply mourned and is a personal loss to the entire community."

Mr. McDonnell married Mary Grathwhole, who

survives him with five children. They made their home on North Second street, Sunbury. Mr. McDonnell was a member of the Locust Gap Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Mount Carmel Lodge of Eagles and the Mount Carmel Lodge of Elks. His remains were taken to his father's home at Locust Gap, where the funeral was held from St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

FRANK J. McDONNELL received his elementary education at Locust Gap and later attended St. Mary's College at Emmitsburg, Md. Returning to Locust Gap, he became a clerk for James A. McCarthy, continuing with him ten years, during four years of which time he was manager of the store. He then engaged in the hotel business, which he carried on four years, selling out in 1910. Meantime, in June, 1909, he had entered the general merchandise business, which he now owns, giving all his attention at present to that line, in which he has met gratifying success. He has a full line of goods, keeping a supply in advance of the demands of his customers, whom he pleases by excellent service and a large, well selected stock. He is one of the leading citizens of Locust Gap, always ready to lend his aid or influence to projects for advancing the welfare of the community.

On June 12, 1900, Mr. McDonnell married Mary Ruane, who was born in Ireland. They are members of the Catholic Church, and socially he holds membership in the Mount Carmel Lodge of Elks, the A. O. H. and the Foresters. He is a Democrat in political matters.

L. H. GUYON, who conducts an old established merchant tailoring business in Sunbury, was born Aug. 26, 1818, in Harrisburg, Pa., son of Lucian Joseph Guyon.

Joseph Guyon, his great-grandfather, lived near Lake Erie, in New York State, where he died. His son, Joseph Guyon, grandfather of L. H. Guyon, spent most of his life in Wayne county, Pa., where he was a farmer. He died there. His wife was Sarah A. Jones, and they had two sons: Charles, who died in York State; and Lucian Joseph.

Lucian Joseph Guyon was born in Wayne county, Pa., in 1844, and died in Sunbury, in July, 1899. He was a well known railroad man and for many years was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, first as engineer, later being promoted to road foreman of engines. In 1890 he located at Sunbury, in which borough he remained till his death. His wife, Margaret (Hays), died in 1894, and they are interred at Harrisburg. Mr. Guyon was a Mason, a member of the chapter and commandery at Harrisburg, and of Lu Lu Shrine, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

L. H. Guyon attended the public schools of Harrisburg and for two years was a student at State College. He then came to Sunbury and learned the machinist's trade in the Pennsylvania



railroad shops, following this work from 1896 to 1901, after which he conducted a foundry and machine shop for a time. For a few years he was with the Edison Electric Light Company. In 1901 he engaged in the merchant tailoring business at Market Square, taking the establishment founded by his father-in-law, T. W. Scott, in 1881. He has managed the business admirably, the trade being in a thriving state.

Socially Mr. Guyon is a Mason, a member of Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M., Mount Hermon Commandery, No. 85, K. T., and Zembo Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Harrisburg. During the Spanish-American war he was a member of Company E, 12th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Mr. Guyon married Mary E. Scott, daughter of T. W. Scott, of Sunbury, and they have a family of four children: Mary F., Lucian J., James T. and Hayes S.

**ELMER F. SMITH**, of Milton, Northumberland county, has made his home in that borough from boyhood and is one of the respected citizens of the place. He has long been engaged as an engineer on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad.

Mr. Smith was born May 1, 1855, at Fitchburg, Mass., son of Elijah Smith and grandson of John Smith. The grandfather was a native of New England and spent most of his life in that region, eventually settling at Birdsboro, Berks Co., Pa., where he followed his trade, shoemaking, until his death. His children were Elijah, Eliza and Harriet (who married John Culp, of Reading).

Elijah Smith was born in Massachusetts and during his young manhood followed farming in his native State. In 1869 he came to Northumberland county, Pa., later settling in Montour county, where he carried on farming the remainder of his days. He died May 4, 1893, and was buried at the Exchange in that county. He was twice married, his first wife being Angeline Walks, by whom he had seven children: Molly, who married John G. Coker, a contractor of Harrisburg (he died 1910); Adam, who is living in Illinois; Elmer F.; Rebecca, deceased, who was the wife of David Fry; Howard, living at Mechanicsburg, Cumberland Co., Pa.; Agnes, deceased; and Milton, a resident of Montour county.

Elmer F. Smith received his early education in the schools of his native place, and coming to Northumberland county with his father when fourteen years old also attended school at Milton for a time. He remained with his father until he was eighteen years old, when he went to learn the carpenter's trade at Milton, following that work for a period of five years. In 1872 he entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, being engine house man for a few years,

until he commenced as fireman, and by 1876 he was a full-fledged engineer. He has been engaged as such ever since, and is now on the Milton branch, running the Milton annex. He is one of the well known and faithful old employees of the company, justly enjoying the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has been associated in his many years' service as an engineer.

Socially Mr. Smith holds membership in the Knights of Malta, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Independent Fire Company, and he is well known in the local ranks of the Democratic party. He has served three years as member of the borough council of Milton.

On Oct. 15, 1874, Mr. Smith married Annie A. Fryer, daughter of Jacob Fryer, of Milton, and they reside at No. 220 Mahoning street, Milton. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have had two children: Lottie, who is the wife of Harry Kint and has one child Robert; and Charles Franklin, an employee of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, who married Grace Reed.

**CHARLES DOUGHTY WHARTON, SR.** (deceased), was an active and well known figure in the business life of Sunbury for many years as proprietor of what was in his day known as the "Washington Hotel," now the "Neff House." He conducted one of the best hotels in the district, where few men enjoyed wider acquaintance or more deserved popularity. A native of Philadelphia, Pa., born Feb. 27, 1798, Mr. Wharton when a young man came from that city to Sunbury, of which place he continued to be a resident until his death, which occurred when he was in his prime, June 19, 1847. On Oct. 19, 1821, he married Maria Donnel, who was born in Sunbury Oct. 10, 1803. She died in Sunbury, and they are buried in the old cemetery at Sunbury. Twelve children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wharton, six dying unnamed. The others were: Mary Elizabeth, born July 11, 1824, who married Dr. D. W. Shindel; Henry D., born Nov. 28, 1826; Charles D., born May 5, 1829; Edward Gobin, born Aug. 25, 1833; Amelia Donnel, born April 15, 1839, who was the wife of the late Thomas D. Grant; and Donel Jordan, born Sept. 18, 1843.

Henry D. Wharton, eldest son of Charles Doughty Wharton, Sr., was born in Sunbury Nov. 28, 1826. He learned the trade of printer under Colonel Best, then editor of the *Intelligencer*, at Danville, Pa., and for several years was employed in the office of the *Sunbury American*, where he was working when the Civil war broke out. One of the first to respond to the call for volunteers, he went to the front April 23, 1861, as a member of Company F (Capt. Charles J. Bruner), 11th Pennsylvania Volunteer Regiment, with which he served his term of three months. At its expiration

he enlisted for three years in Company C (Capt. J. P. S. Gobin), 47th Regiment, and he served to the close of the war, having reenlisted at the end of the three years, in the same command. His record throughout was one of faithful and honorable service.

At the close of the war Mr. Wharton resumed his trade, having been given a position in the government printing office at Washington. Several years later he was transferred thence to the interior department, afterward to the subtreasury department in Philadelphia and eventually to a position in the United States mint, in that city, which he was holding at the time of his death, Feb. 1, 1898. However, he was not in the government service continuously throughout this period. Under Cleveland's administration he shared the fate of many Republicans, being removed from office, but he was reinstated during McKinley's second term. He spent various periods in Sunbury between his terms of service in the government employ, and for several years was employed as clerk in the office of Hon. J. B. Packer, for whom he had the warmest friendship and admiration. He had many friends in the borough, being a man of kindly disposition and genial manners, always cordial in his meetings with friends and acquaintances. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and during his residence in Sunbury identified with the church choir, of which he was an interested and faithful member. A few years before his death, while engaged at a manufacturing plant in Philadelphia, he was knocked down and clubbed by a robber, his injuries being so severe that he never wholly recovered from the effect. He was at work in the mint, however, up to within a few days of his decease. Mr. Wharton was a prominent member of G. A. R. Post No. 2, of Philadelphia, in which body he had high standing. He was buried in Monument cemetery. He was twice married, but left no children.

Charles D. Wharton, Jr., son of Charles Doughty Wharton, Sr., was born May 5, 1829. When the war with Mexico broke out he was serving in the United States navy, and he took part in the operations at the siege of Vera Cruz, being boat-swain and one of a small number who rowed ashore and in a hand to hand fight, with cutlasses, drove back a squadron of Mexican lancers who had surrounded Gen. Phil. Kearny, whom they succeeded in rescuing. For this brave act Congress passed a special vote of thanks, a copy of which, bearing the seal of the secretary of the navy, Mr. Wharton preserved to the end of his life, as well as a document showing his part in the affair. He also received a sum of money in consideration thereof. On the breaking out of the Civil war he enlisted in Company F, 11th Penn-

sylvania Volunteers, afterward enlisted in the 45th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers (Governor Beaver's old command), was in Company F, 36th Pennsylvania Volunteers, and in Company G, 184th Pennsylvania Volunteers, serving until discharged July 14, 1865, by reason of the close of the war. Among the principal engagements in which he took part were Gettysburg, Antietam, South Mountain, Falling Waters and Petersburg. After the war he returned to his trade, that of molder. On March 11, 1886, he entered the Pennsylvania Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Erie, where he remained until his death, in 1887, at the age of fifty-eight years. An Erie paper said, in an obituary notice:

"He was a grand hero, yet his gentle, childish ways would never give the impression that he had fought hand to hand with Mexican lancers, or, with yardarm locked to yardarm, served the smoking guns. Probably not half a dozen of his comrades in the Home know his record."

Services were held over his remains at the Home, and the body was then sent to his son at Sunbury for burial beside his wife, who had died some years before. A detail of comrades accompanied the remains to the railroad station. "He lived the life of a soldier, and the good deeds he did live on and help to make the world better."

Mr. Wharton married Mary Irwin, daughter of Martin and Rachel (Irwin) Irwin, and a sister of Jared C. Irwin, of Sunbury, Pa. They had these children: William A., John A., Charles M., Mary A. and Edith E.

Durell Jordan Wharton, only surviving member of the family of Charles Doughty Wharton, Sr., was born in Sunbury Sept. 18, 1843. He learned shoemaking, and has followed that trade all his life. Like his brother, he served his country faithfully during the Civil war, becoming a soldier in the 3d Pennsylvania Artillery. On June 8, 1868, he married Isabella Thompson, daughter of Samuel Thompson, of Sunbury, and she died Dec. 10, 1910, aged fifty-nine years, nine months, five days. By this union there were three children: Annie Jordan, born April 6, 1870, who died April 1, 1871; Mary L., born April 16, 1872; and Henry Donnel, born Jan. 1, 1874, who died April 25, 1877.

Mary L. Wharton, daughter of Durell J. Wharton, was married Feb. 22, 1911, to Charles Caldwell, who was born at Columbia, Pa., Sept. 5, 1873, a son of Joseph R. and Emma F. Caldwell, residents of Columbia. Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell took an extensive wedding trip, through the South, visiting among other places Washington, D. C., and Old Point Comfort. Mr. Caldwell is a wholesale dealer in cigars in Sunbury, manufacturer of the well known brand El-Serena, and does a large business. Mrs. Caldwell is an active worker



in the Presbyterian church, and highly respected among a large circle of friends and acquaintances. She owns her home at No. 242 Chestnut street.

HENRY BILLMEYER, lumberman and farmer, of Milton, Northumberland county, has carried on operations in both lines on an extensive scale, and is one of the best known men of his section. He is a large land owner, and still oversees his agricultural work and does custom mill work, but does not undertake as large contracts as he handled in his younger years, though he has not by any means relinquished business activity. Mr. Billmeyer was born Oct. 17, 1842, on the old family homestead in Montour county, Pa. The family is of German origin, and his first ancestors in this country settled at Lewisburg, Union Co., Pa., where they were among the pioneers. Three brothers, Martin, George, and Andrew Billmeyer, moved thence to what is now Liberty township, Montour county, where they took up land which is still owned by their posterity. Of these, Andrew was the great-grandfather of Henry Billmeyer.

Andrew Billmeyer, born in 1756, died upon his farm in Liberty township Feb. 2, 1825, aged sixty-eight years, two months, ten days. His wife, Fanny Bruner, born in 1758, died Feb. 8, 1823, aged sixty-five years, five months, sixteen days, and they are interred in a private burial ground upon the homestead. Their children were: Andrew, Jr., George (born 1779, died 1853), Martin, Mrs. Mary Leshner, Mrs. Benjamin Knauss and Mrs. Kelly.

Martin Billmeyer, son of Andrew, was born in 1777 in Montour county and there passed his entire life, dying Dec. 6, 1855, aged seventy-eight years, three months, twenty-eight days. He was a farmer and distiller of rye, apples and peaches, and was a prosperous and well known man of his time. His wife, Margaret (Himerich), born in 1790, died March 4, 1870, aged eighty years, twenty days, and they too are buried in the family plot before mentioned. Their children were as follows: Jacob; Polly, who married John Hower; Catharine, who married Isaac Blue; John, who died unmarried; Daniel, born in 1817, died in 1884, who married Christian Cummings, born in 1822, died 1893 (they left no children); Peter, who married Hailey Roat; Sarah, who married John Gouger; Martin, who married Maria Kramm; Fanny, who married Benjamin Gresh; Andrew J., born in 1831, died in 1906, who married Malinda Bowers; and Harriet, who married Jackson Moss.

Jacob Billmeyer, son of Martin, was born upon the homestead, and died there May 30, 1881, aged seventy-two years, six months, seventeen days. He followed farming throughout his active years. He married Eliza Hower, who was born in 1813, and died Feb. 5, 1873, and they rest in the family bury-

ing ground on the old homestead. A family of seven children was born to them, namely: Hon. Alexander is mentioned below; Henry is mentioned below; Sarah married Martin Blue; Mary married Frank Umstead, of Washingtonville, Pa.; Margaret married David Springer, who is deceased, and she makes her home in Liberty township; Howard married Kate Luekens and lives in Montour county; Daniel is living in Montour county.

Hon. Alexander Billmeyer, son of Jacob, is a prosperous lumberman and the owner of fourteen large farms, thirteen of which are situated in Montour county. On Nov. 4, 1902, he was elected Congressman from his district, the Sixteenth, and served two years. He married Angelin Blue, daughter of Daniel Blue, and they have had five children: Ella married Glenn Crawford; Alice married Thomas Vincent, of Danville, Pa.; Mary married Dr. H. A. Sweigert, of Lewistown, Pa.; Hiram married Nellie Jamson, of Danville; Florence married Gilbert G. Kulp, of Shamokin, Pa. Mr. Billmeyer is one of the most prominent men in central Pennsylvania. He is a director of the Danville National Bank and a trustee of the Danville Asylum.

Henry Billmeyer received his education in the pay schools conducted in the neighborhood of his home during his early life, and at a tender age commenced to assist his father on the farm, learning the practical lessons of life with far more thoroughness than was considered necessary for literary training. When he was about twelve years old he often drove an old yoke of oxen (belonging to his father) for his father and grandfather, who lumbered at the old water sawmill. He was young, but did what his grandfather told him to do. When a large cow which they owned had twin calves, it was decided to raise them for an ox team. They were black, with white faces. The grandfather told Henry he would give him ten dollars to break them and the boy took the offer. When the grandfather took sick and made his will, he willed the twin oxen to Henry. This proved to be the main team used to get the logs into the mill, and also did most all the plowing work. His sisters, who also drove them, made muslin dy nets for them. Henry and his brother Alex lumbered with them until Henry was almost twenty-one years old, at which time he was drafted for the Union service for three years or during the war. At that time the oxen were about twelve years old. To help raise money for a substitute—he had to hire a man not subject to draft or go himself—he sold them to his uncles in Juniata county, Jacob and George Hower, taking them over the mountain through Northumberland to Selinsgrove, and got seventy-five dollars, which was all the money he had. He rode them like horses. He had to report at Bloom to be examined, and was found fit for service. He and his brother Al-



exander then pledged two colts and a buggy which they had for two hundred dollars—and all the money they had was two hundred and seventy-five dollars. Meantime he had reached his majority. His brother advised him not to go into the army at once, so he hired a substitute, a man named George Smith, from Canada, for \$625. He promised to come back if he lived, but that was the last Mr. Billmeyer ever saw of him. Mr. Billmeyer has always felt that this team of twin oxen which helped him in his early lumbering and farming operations, and then sold for enough to partly defray the expense of hiring a substitute for army service, contributed much to the beginning of his success. When he and his brother Alexander were young men they left the cornfield one day in 1863 to buy timber. Their capital was five dollars in gold, and they gave three dollars to Andrew Robinson for a fine dog they wanted, paying the other two down on some timber. Such was the humble start from which these two well known business men built up their prosperous mill and lumber operations. Mr. Billmeyer would cut the timber and haul it to the mill in the daytime, and he and his brother would saw the logs with an up and down saw run by water power, doing this work at night by the light of pine knots. In time they leased a sawmill from Judge Moore and Mr. Snyder, of Danville, and located it on the Simington farm, in Montour county, and as they prospered they were able to buy it, paying \$3,000 for it. It was a thirty-horse power plant, and they turned out a large amount of work with it. After buying it they moved it to John Watson's farm, near Washingtonville, Montour county, and the brothers divided the work, Henry Billmeyer attending to all the teaming and cutting of the timber and Alexander Billmeyer looking after the sawmill. They moved it still later to George Smith's farm, Mr. Smith being an uncle of Mrs. Henry Billmeyer, and here the accommodations were at first so inadequate that they had to sleep in the sheds and stables until they could build suitable quarters. For about two years before dissolving partnership the brothers were located on a large tract which they had bought from James Lowery. When they divided their interests Henry Billmeyer took the old homestead of 111 acres in Liberty township, his brother continuing the mill alone, still selling to the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, which took their mill output.

After the old homestead came into his possession Henry Billmeyer improved it greatly, putting up an entire set of new buildings, and he also continued milling, buying a plant and doing sawing for his brother. His mill was stationed first at Mooresburg, in Montour county, whence he shipped his product to Wooden & Jackson, of Berwick, Pa. Later it was on the Frederick farm in Chillisquaque township, Northumberland coun-

ty, whence he moved it to his lower farm in Montour county, its present location. There he still continues to do custom work, and he looks carefully after his agricultural operations, which are extensive. His lower farm was an old McMahan farm, and when he first bought it contained 220 acres, to which he has since added; it has fine buildings. The soil is excellent, and the place is valuable in every way. Mr. and Mrs. Billmeyer spend their summers there, making their home in Milton the rest of the year. He is one of the most progressive citizens of his section, and his undertakings have not only proved profitable to him but also a benefit to every locality in which he has had interests.

On Jan. 17, 1869, Mr. Billmeyer married Hannah Flora, who was born Dec. 30, 1851, daughter of James and Sarah A. (Smith) Flora, and they have had three children: Sarah A., wife of H. B. Montgomery, of Milton; Carrie Ellen, wife of John D. Swanger, of Milton; and James H., born Sept. 1, 1872, who is unmarried and assists his father in business.

James Flora, father of Mrs. Billmeyer, was born in Montour county. He followed farming for a number of years, and later engaged in the hotel business at Maudsley, that county, maintaining a high reputation for integrity and strict management. His wife, Sarah A. (Smith), was the daughter of John Smith, and they are buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery, at Danville, Pa. They were the parents of seven children: Jane E., Sallie, Mary C., William C., Hannah, Caroline and one that died young. The family are Lutherans in religious belief.

REUBEN JOHN GLICK, attorney at law of Shamokin, Northumberland county, is a member of an old Schuylkill county family, being a descendant in the fifth generation from his emigrant ancestor, John Glick, a native of Germany, who came to this country with four brothers and settled in the upper part of Bucks county, in what is now Lehigh county, Pa. There is a Johannes "Klick" buried at Wessnersville, Berks Co., Pa., who was born Oct. 29, 1715, and died March 23, 1781. His wife, Magdalene, was born April 23, 1724, and died April 23, 1790, on her sixty-sixth birthday.

John Glick, Jr., son of the emigrant, and the next in line to Reuben John Glick, was born in what is now Lehigh county and passed the greater part of his life in that region, tilling the soil and owning and operating a distillery. He continued thus until he reached the age of seventy, when he removed to Tiffin, Ohio, living there in retirement until his death.

Reuben Glick, son of John Glick, Jr., was born in Lehigh county, on the old Glick homestead, March 19, 1809. He passed all his life there,

engaged in the peaceful pursuits of farming, and died Jan. 1, 1892. He was a member of the Evangelical Church and in political faith was an old-line Whig until after the disruption of the party, in 1858, when he became a Republican. He married Elizabeth Allen, who was born July 5, 1807, daughter of Moses Allen, the latter born Sept. 16, 1781, of English descent; Mr. Allen lived for a number of years in Warren county, N. J. Mr. and Mrs. Glick had six sons and one daughter: William Wallace C., born Dec. 19, 1830; Moses, Dec. 25, 1833; Hannah Charity, Sept. 8, 1837; Joseph Miller, Aug. 13, 1840; John W., Sept. 12, 1842; Edward A., Feb. 16, 1845; James Monroe, Aug. 12, 1847.

Joseph Miller Glick was born Aug. 13, 1840, in Lehigh county, was reared on his father's farm and attended the schools of his native township. In May, 1864, he enlisted for service in the Union army, becoming a member of Company C, 133d Regiment, Volunteer Infantry, with which he served four months. In 1866 he settled at Girardville, Schuylkill county, where he passed the remainder of his life, becoming one of the most prominent citizens of that place. He engaged in the shoe business, building up a lucrative trade in that line, in which he was interested until his death, meantime also acquiring other valuable business interests. He was secretary of the Girardville Savings Fund and Loan Association, the Girardville Gas Company and the Palace Theatre Company. In 1875 he was one of the organizers of the Citizens' National Bank of Ashland and served as a director from that time until his death; he was also one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Girardville. Mr. Glick was a staunch Republican, and before Cleveland's first administration held the office of postmaster at Girardville for fourteen years. He also served as a member of the borough council.

On Aug. 26, 1866, Mr. Glick married Mary Margaret Hower, daughter of John Hower, of Girardville, and she preceded him to the grave, dying in October, 1887. Mr. Glick died May 17, 1894. They are buried at Girardville. They were the parents of three sons: George W., born Feb. 2, 1872, is a mail agent on the Philadelphia & Reading road and makes his home at Shamokin; he married Jennie Traylore and they have one child, Alma. Reuben J. was born Aug. 15, 1874. A. Hower, born Dec. 9, 1883, is now managing the Glick shoe store at Girardville; he is unmarried.

John Hower, Mrs. Mary Margaret (Hower) Glick's father, was the first settler at Girardville, Schuylkill county, where he built a hotel which he called the "Girard House" in honor of Stephen Girard, who often stopped there. It was the first public house at the place and Mr. Hower conducted it until his death, which occurred there.

He married Lucretia Gable, daughter of John Gable, and a large family was born to their union, as follows: Harriet, who married Thomas Cherington (they reside at Catawissa, Pa.); Mary Margaret, Mrs. Glick; Emma, wife of George W. Barnhart; Elizabeth, wife of S. K. Cleaver; Clara, wife of John W. Mertz; John; Clinton, deceased; William E.; Albert L.; and Thomas, deceased.

Reuben John Glick was born Aug. 15, 1874, at Girardville. After his preparatory education he attended the Bloomsburg normal school, from which he was graduated in 1891. He then entered Lafayette College, from which he was graduated in 1895, locating in Shamokin July 31st of that year. He was admitted to the Northumberland county bar July 30, 1898, and has since been engaged in legal practice. Mr. Glick has gained a lucrative clientage, and the fact that he is solicitor for the poor district shows that he has the confidence of his fellow citizens generally, his high personal character being his best recommendation. Mr. Glick has his office in the McConnell building.

Mr. Glick is quite prominent in local politics as a member of the Republican party, of which he is a firm supporter. He holds membership in the Elks at Shamokin. As a wide-awake, energetic and disinterested citizen he is making a name and place for himself in the home of his adoption which is but the just reward of his industry and intelligent efforts.

HEIM. The Heim family of Northumberland county is numerous represented in this portion of Pennsylvania. It is descended from George Heim, one of three brothers from Wurtemberg, Germany, who settled in Pennsylvania on their arrival in America—John in Berks county, Andoni (or Andrew) in the Buffalo Valley and George in the Mahantango Valley, in that section now embraced in Schuylkill county. He is buried at Klingerstown in Schuylkill county, his grave being in a garden, but unfortunately it has no marker. He was a man of more than ordinary intelligence and of good education, was one of the early schoolmasters of that region, and also followed surveying, doing all the surveying required in his section at the time. He purchased considerable land from the Indians over which there was subsequently litigation with the Penns, they claiming title. Heim had a large strip of land which extended from the Himmel Church in the direction of Klingerstown. He resolutely opposed the window tax imposed by the English Crown upon the pioneers during the Colonial days. He probably was single when he came to America. His wife, however, was of foreign extraction, being of Irish stock. They had among others these children: John (grandfather of William H. Heim, of Sunbury), George (great-grandfather of Charles A. Hime, of Jordan township, and of Dan-



iel D. Heim, of Shamokin). Paul (had a son Paul), Peter and Matthias.

John Heim, son of George, was born in 1756, in Upper Mahanoy, and died in 1824, aged sixty-eight years. He is buried at Klingerstown, in a garden. He was a prominent schoolmaster of his day and also followed farming, having considerable land. He was a leading and respected member of the community, doing all the writing and similar business for his section. In 1790 the Federal Census records him as a resident in that section of Berks county now embraced in Schuylkill county, in the Upper Mahantango Valley, in which Klingerstown is now located. He then had four sons—all under sixteen years of age—and two daughters. He was twice married, and by his first union had seven children (another account says he had seven sons and one daughter by first wife). His second wife was Sophia Kohl, who remarried after his death and died about 1863, at the ripe age of eighty-eight years, and is buried at St. John's Church in Upper Mahanoy township. Eight children were born to this union, namely: Molly married Peter Beisel; Christina married a Straub; John, a carpenter, located in Richfield, Snyder Co., Pa.; George lived near Heplers, Pa.; Rev. William was an Evangelical preacher (he had an only daughter, Sallie, who married Dr. Hensyl, of Howard, Pa.); Peter lived at Watsonstown, Pa. (he had a son John, who is deceased, and three daughters); Daniel is mentioned later; Jonathan, who located in the West, had a large family, now located in Iowa and Indiana.

Daniel Heim, seventh child of John and Sophia (Kohl) Heim, was born Jan. 15, 1816, in Washington township, Northumberland county. His mother's second marriage occurred when he was about twelve years old, and he soon afterward entered upon the battle of life among strangers. For three years he found employment among the farmers, and then in Union county learned the carpenter's trade and followed that and millwrighting eighteen years. In 1850 he engaged in the merchandise business in his native township, at Greenbrier, and followed it there for sixteen years, building the large brick store and residence there which he occupied. Thence he came to Sunbury and remained one year, in 1867 moving to Danville, where he kept the "Danville Hotel" one year. In 1870, in partnership with his son John, he embarked in the hardware business at Sunbury, a business still carried on by his sons at the old location. John Heim retired from the business in 1879, after which Mr. Heim continued to conduct it on his own account during the rest of his life, signing his own checks until two days before his death. The large brick store at No. 415 Market street, still occupied by the business, was built by him. Meantime he became interested in a man-

ufacturing enterprise in the same line, being one of the organizers of the Sunbury Nail, Bar and Guide Iron Manufacturing Company, of Sunbury, of which he was vice president from its inception. For some years he was a director of the First National Bank. He prospered throughout his business career, and at the time of his death, which occurred April 17, 1895, in Sunbury, he was in comfortable circumstances. He was buried at Pomfret Manor cemetery.

Mr. Heim served one year (1871) as chief Burgess of Dunbury, elected as the Republican candidate. He was a Democrat until 1860, joining the Republican party as one of Lincoln's supporters. He was always interested in the cause of free education, being its most active advocate, in fact, during his residence in Upper Mahanoy township, where he served as school director. In his earlier manhood he was very prominent in local military affairs, in which he took keen enjoyment. Before the war he was captain of militia and lieutenant of a volunteer company, and during the administration of Governor Johnston was commissioned major of a uniformed volunteer battalion, holding that rank five years. Of large physique and dignified carriage, he made a most impressive appearance in his military capacity, for which he seemed particularly well fitted. He always rode a fine horse. Six feet, four inches in height, straight even in his old age, his was a commanding presence, and a picture taken when he was seventy-nine years old shows that he retained his aristocratic bearing and comeliness to the end of his days. In fact, he was generally conceded to be the finest looking man in his section. He was highly respected by all who knew him, in any of the relations of life, for his resolute character and strict honesty. He was well known in Masonic circles, belonging to Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., of Sunbury, and to Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M., and was a prominent member of the Lutheran Church, building St. John's Church, in Upper Mahanoy township.

On Oct. 23, 1863, Daniel Heim married in his native township Mary Hornberger, daughter of George and Polly (Maurer) Hornberger, the latter a sister of Felix Maurer, at one time sheriff of Northumberland county. She died in October, 1896. To Mr. and Mrs. Heim were born ten children, namely: John H., of Sunbury; Lydia, who married Peter Gonsor; Hattie, who married Samuel H. Snyder, and died in July, 1909; Sarah A., born Nov. 3, 1843, who married Charles Schlegel, and died May 20, 1863 (she is buried at St. John's Church in Upper Mahanoy); Louise Anna, widow of Albert Haas, of Sunbury; James B., who lies in the National cemetery at Baltimore, having died in 1865 on his way home, after being mustered out at the close of his service in the Union army;



George W., of Sunbury; Capt. William Henry; Mary Ellen, who died in 1863; and Percival Oscar, of Sunbury.

CAPT. WILLIAM H. HEIM, son of Daniel, was born at Greenbrier, Northumberland Co., Pa., Sept. 13, 1855. His early education was obtained in the township schools, and he was one of the first pupils at the Sunbury high school, then taught by one Professor Miller. In 1869 he went to learn the job printing business under Youngman & Keefer, and one year later became associated with his father as clerk in his hardware store, with which he has since been identified. After the death of his mother the business was purchased by his brother, George W. Heim, who continued with it for twelve years, William H. and P. Oscar Heim meantime entering into partnership with him. In 1899 William H. Heim purchased their interests, and he now conducts the business as D. Heim's Son. He is a substantial business man and highly respected in commercial circles, has served as school director of Sunbury, and was tendered the nomination as representative of his district in the State Legislature, but refused the honor, though he takes a public-spirited interest in the welfare of the community. He has been active, however, in fraternal life, and especially prominent in local military affairs. He is a member of Lodge No. 267, B. P. O. Elks, of Sunbury, and was a delegate to the meeting in California in 1909; is a member of Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M. (pursuivant for many years), Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M., and Mount Hermon Commandery, No. 85, K. T., all of Sunbury, Pa.; of the West Branch Consistory, and also of Irem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.

Capt. Heim has been connected with the National Guard since 1870. He saw active service in the railroad riot of that year. He first became a member of Company E, 8th Regiment, which company later was transferred to the 12th Regiment. In 1877 he organized Company E, and in 1898 organized Company C. He is now captain of Company K, 12th Regiment, having held that office since June, 1898; Companies E and K have a large armory at Sunbury. The Captain is a Republican in politics and a Lutheran in religion, holding membership in Zion's Church at Sunbury.

Captain Heim has been twice married. On Oct. 25, 1877, he was married to Annie L. Eyster, daughter of Dr. Joseph Eyster, of Sunbury. She died June 30, 1895, aged thirty-eight years, the mother of two children, Daniel Claud (a farmer above Sunbury) and Mary Mabel (a trained nurse, of Philadelphia). In 1906 Captain Heim married Daise Rose DeHaven, daughter of John DeHaven, whose father built the Northern Central railroad from Harrisburg to York. There is one child, Lenora DeHaven, by this union.

PERCIVAL OSCAR HEIM, hardware merchant at

Sunbury, was born at Greenbrier, in Upper Mahanoy township, Jan. 26, 1861, son of Daniel Heim. He was educated in Sunbury, graduating from the high school, and began clerking at an early age in his father's hardware store. For three years he was in partnership with his brothers George W. and Capt. William H. Heim, finally selling out to Captain Heim and opening up a store of his own at No. 438 Market street. He is still established at that location, having built up a profitable trade. Mr. Heim has the reputation for business sagacity common to the members of his family, and is one of the esteemed citizens of Sunbury in business and social circles.

In 1890 he married Ellie Houghendobler, daughter of Zacharias Houghendobler, of Milton, Pa., and they have had one child, Helen. They are members of the Lutheran Church and he is a Republican in politics.

George Heim (2), the great-grandfather of Charles A. Hime, of Jordan township, and of Daniel D. Heim, of Shamokin, was a son of the George who came to this country from Germany, as previously recorded. He was a resident of Mahanoy (now Washington) township, and was probably buried at the Himmel Church. He had, among other children, Philip, who it is said was a preacher and lived in lower Northumberland county.

George Heim (3), son of George (2), was born March 20, 1791, and died Jan. 26, 1860; his wife, Susanna (Herb), born April 18, 1794, died Oct. 28, 1872. They are buried at Himmel's Church, of which he was a Lutheran member, and he was engaged as a laborer on the construction of the old stone church, wheeling the stones up an incline. He lived near this church, in Washington township, and did laborer's work, owning but a few acres of land. His children were: John, Harry, Jonas, Daniel, Jacob, Isaac, Anthony, Hettie (who married twice, her first husband being named Bohner) and Susan (Mrs. Kautz).

Daniel Heim, son of George (3), was the father of Daniel D. Heim of Shamokin, Pa. He was born in 1820, and died aged over seventy years. He is buried at the Himmel Church, of which he was a Lutheran member. Mr. Heim lived in Washington township, and was engaged as a carpenter and undertaker, being succeeded in the business by A. Z. Drumheller. He built some of the first coal breakers in Schuylkill county. A man of progressive and intelligent mind, he was one of the early supporters of the public school system in his section, being a staunch advocate of free schools when it meant something to stand for popular education in a hostile community. He believed in the education of children and carried his children to school when the snow was deep rather than deprive them of any of the opportunities he valued so highly. He served as school director and also as

supervisor of his township. In politics he was a Democrat.

Mr. Heim married Harriet Drumbheller, daughter of Martin Drumbheller, and she lived to the age of eighty-two years, dying in 1901. They had children as follows: Daniel D.; Joel, deceased; Susan, married to Conrad Hoffman; Emeline, married to Joel Rebuck; Harriet, married to Monroe McKinney.

DANIEL D. HEIM, a retired contractor of Shamokin, was born in Washington township May 18, 1847. He worked at the carpenter's trade from youth, and when only in his sixteenth year left home and went to work in Schuylkill county at three dollars a day. Except for the time he was in the mercantile business, at Shamokin, conducting a flour, feed and produce store for three years, Mr. Heim followed the trade off and on until his retirement, being one of the leading men in his line in Shamokin, where he was given many important contracts. He built the present high school of Shamokin (in 1894), the silk mill (in about 1900), the Weaver building and the Morgan Kearney building, all in Shamokin, and did considerable work outside of that place. He employed as many as seventy-five carpenters at a time, and often had three hundred men on his payroll. As he prospered he acquired other important interests, being one of the five original owners of the large silk mill at Shamokin, and he helped to start and organize a number of enterprises in that borough. Mr. Heim is a Republican and at one time wielded considerable influence in local political matters. He was once a candidate for county treasurer, but was defeated. Fraternally Mr. Heim affiliates with the Elks at Shamokin; with the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and P. O. S. of A. (charter member of Washington Camp No. 19) at Sunbury; and the Freemasons, in the latter connection belonging to Shamokin Lodge, No. 255; Shamokin Chapter, No. 264; Shamokin Commandery, No. 77; Bloomsburg Council; Bloomsburg Consistory; and the Shrine at Reading.

In 1882 Mr. Heim married Grace Barnes, of Ashland, Pa., and six children have been born to this union: Homer B., now of Chicago, Ill.; Erma V., at home; J. Roy, of Williamsport, Pa.; Ariel M.; Daniel E., and James M. Mr. Heim and his family worship at Trinity Lutheran Church, Shamokin.

Jacob Heim, son of George (3), was a resident of Washington township and a blacksmith and farmer by occupation, following his trade forty-six years, from the time he was eighteen years old. He owned a small tract of twenty-eight acres in Jordan township (now owned by David Geise), and was an industrious, respected citizen of that township, which he served some years as overseer of the poor. He died Oct. 14, 1897, aged seventy-

two years, six months, eighteen days. His wife, Anna Anderson, was born in Berks county, and came to Northumberland county with her mother, Mrs. Mary Anderson, who married for her second husband a Mr. Kaufman. Mrs. Heim died Nov. 18, 1902, aged seventy-three years, twelve days. She and her husband are buried at the Schwartz Church, at Urban. They were the parents of eleven children: Sarah married Fred Kohl; Emanuel settled at Omaha, Nebr.; William died on the homestead April 24, 1902, aged fifty-one years, five months, eighteen days; Charles A. is mentioned below; Louisa, who now lives out West, has been twice married, first to a Wormer; Mary is the widow of Harry Ladler; Polly married Frank Troutman; Daniel is a resident of Shamokin; Magdalena died unmarried; Erisman died young; Ella died in infancy.

CHARLES A. HIME (HEIM), son of Jacob, was born in the Swabian Creek district in Washington township, Sept. 10, 1852. He was reared to farm life from early boyhood, his educational advantages, which were limited, being such as the old pay schools afforded. He began to learn the blacksmith's trade when a mere child, and followed it at home with his father, continuing to do his own blacksmith work to the present day. He began farming for himself in 1882 in Jordan township at the place where he now lives, his property being a half mile east of Urban. Here he also began house-keeping. Mr. Hime has a tract of forty-six acres cleared and twenty-eight acres of woodland and in addition to farming does threshing and lumber sawing, having an excellent business in both lines. He had the fingers of his right hand sawed off by accident in May, 1904.

Mr. Hime is a self-made man, having attained the prosperity he now enjoys by industry and the most honorable methods. He is thoroughly respected and enjoys the esteem of all his friends and neighbors. He served his township a number of years as school director and supervisor. He is a Democrat in politics, and he and his family are members of the Schwartz Church at Urban, of which he has been deacon and trustee.

In 1879 Mr. Hime married (first) Henrietta Schwartz, daughter of Peter Schwartz, and she died Sept. 28, 1899, aged forty-eight years, eleven months, six days, the mother of five children: (1) Sarah married Amos Lohr, of Mandata. (2) Agnes married Robert Kline, of Shamokin. (3) Katie, who is a deaf mute, is the wife of Ed. Litzenberger, and lives at Allentown. (4) Ella married Victor Kieffer, of Shamokin. (5) Mamie - unmarried and lives at home.

In 1902 Mr. Hime married (second) Mrs. Mary (Kieffer) Wolfgang, widow of William Wolfgang, daughter of George Kieffer, and to them has been born one child, Mildred Viola.

Jacob Wolfgang, the grandfather of William



Wolfgang, was born Oct. 13, 1787, and died Sept. 19, 1869. He and a number of the family are buried at St. Jacob's (Howerter's) Church. He had a number of children. He was a son of Michael and Cristina Wolfgang, of Berks county, Pennsylvania.

Jacob D. Wolfgang, son of Jacob, was born in the Mahantango Valley, and died July 8, 1898, aged sixty-six years, seven months, twenty-eight days. He is buried at Hebe, as is also his wife, Elisa Kerchner, who was born Jan. 11, 1835, died Sept. 28, 1871. Mr. Wolfgang was a Lutheran and a Democrat. By occupation he was a farmer, owning land in Jordan township, Northumberland county. His family consisted of six children: Henry married Eliza Peiffer; Catharine married Henry Shipe; Lovina married John Kimmel; William is mentioned below; Elizabeth married Felix Deter; Pelly married George Brosius.

William Wolfgang, son of Jacob D., died Jan. 28, 1900, aged thirty-eight years, ten months, twenty-six days. He was a native of Eldred township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and followed farming there, owning a seventy-acre tract. He was a Democrat in politics, and in religion a Lutheran, belonging to Howerter's (St. Jacob's) Church. On March 28, 1880, he married Mary Kieffer, and to them were born six children: Elizabeth died young; George is in the State of Washington; Anna married Edwin Stopp; Cassie, unmarried, is in Ogden, Utah; Sophia, unmarried, lives at Herndon; Willie is at home.

**WILLIAM PLUNKET**, who presided over the county courts under the Colonial régime, was a physician by profession and education. He was the first resident doctor of Northumberland county. He was a native of Ireland. In personal appearance he is described as a man of large stature, great muscular development, and powerful strength, while an imperious disposition was among his distinguishing mental traits. This is attested by several occurrences in his career which yet retain a place in the traditions of this locality. On one occasion, with several born companions, he was engaged in some hilarious proceedings at an Irish inn; the adjoining room was occupied by an English nobleman, who had a curious and valuable watch, which he sent to Plunket with a wager that he could not tell the time by it; that gentleman coolly put it in his pocket, and sent a message to the Englishman to the effect that he should call upon him in person if he wished to know the time. Thus he never did, evidently out of respect for Plunket's well known physical prowess, and the latter, it is said, retained the watch to the end of his life. At a later date he became involved in an assault upon an English officer, in which the latter sustained severe bodily injuries; although disguised, Plunket was recognized by his stature, and,

in imminent danger of arrest, was smuggled on board a vessel in a barrel or hogshead. Thus he came to America, and located at Carlisle, Cumberland Co., Pa., then the western limit of civilization. There he resided during the French and Indian war, in which he served as lieutenant and surgeon, receiving for his services a grant of several hundred acres on the West Branch of the Susquehanna, to which he gave the name of "Soldier's Retreat"; it was situated along the river above Chillisquaque creek. He was residing thereon as early as 1772, as evidenced by the fact that his improvements are mentioned in the return of a road in that year. He was commissioned a justice for Northumberland county on the 24th of March, 1772, and officiated as presiding justice throughout the colonial period. Of the twelve judges commissioned on that date he was probably the only one who had personal knowledge of the methods of procedure in the English courts, and on that account was probably chosen to preside. In administering the criminal law, his sentences were characterized by great severity. He presided over the courts for the last time at May sessions, 1776. In January, 1775, he was a representative from Northumberland county in the Provincial convention at Philadelphia, and in December of that year he led an expedition to Wyoming. During the struggle for American independence he remained neutral (through fear of forfeiting his title to Irish estates, it is said), and does not thereafter appear in the public affairs of the county.

While a resident of Carlisle Doctor Plunket married Esther, daughter of John Harris, of Harris's Ferry, father of John Harris, the founder of Harrisburg. They were the parents of four daughters, of whom Elizabeth, born in 1755, married Samuel Maclay, associate judge of Northumberland county and United States senator; Isabella, born in 1760, married William Bell, of Elizabethtown, N. J.; Margaret married Isaac Richardson, and removed to Wayne county, N. Y.; and Esther married Col. Robert Baxter, a British officer, and died about a year after marriage. The Doctor resided for some years in the Maclay house at Sunbury, where, after the death of his wife, Betty Wiley was his housekeeper. His office, subsequently occupied by E. Greenough and David Rockefeller, was on the site of E. W. Greenough's residence on Front street, Sunbury. He became totally blind in the later years of his life, when a rope was stretched from his residence to his office so that he could still go back and forth without aid. As shown by his will, which is dated Jan. 3, 1791, and proved May 25, 1791, he died in the spring of that year, and is buried in an unmarked grave in the Sunbury cemetery. Dr. R. H. Aul had one of his medical works, "*Synopsis Medicinæ, or a Summary View of the whole Practice of Physick*," by John Allen, M. D., F. R. S., printed at London in 1749.



**HON. JAMES POLLOCK**, who probably reached higher political position than any other native of Northumberland county, Pa., was the last judge to preside over her courts by appointment of the governor. He was born at Milton Sept. 11, 1810, son of William and Sarah (Wilson) Pollock, natives of Chester county, Pa., of Irish extraction.

Mr. Pollock's education was begun at the common schools of Milton with Joseph B. Anthony as his first teacher, and continued at the academy of Rev. David Kirkpatrick, where he prepared for the junior year at Princeton, from which he graduated in 1831, with the highest honors of his class. He then began the study of law under Samuel Hepburn, of Milton, and was admitted to the bar of Northumberland county on Nov. 5, 1833. He opened an office at Milton in April, 1834; two years later he was appointed deputy attorney general for the county, serving in this position until 1839. In 1844 he was elected to Congress from the Thirteenth Pennsylvania district as the Whig candidate; he was twice reelected, serving in the Twenty-eighth Congress on the committee on Claims, in the Twenty-ninth on the committee on Territories, and in the Thirtieth as a member of the Ways and Means committee. On the 23d of June, 1848, he introduced a resolution for the appointment of a committee to report upon the advisability and feasibility of building a trans-continental railway, and, as chairman of the committee so appointed, made the first favorable official report on this subject. On Jan. 16, 1851, within a brief period after the conclusion of his third congressional term, he was commissioned as president judge of the Eighth Judicial district (then composed of the counties of Northumberland, Lycoming, Columbia, Sullivan and Montour), his judicial incumbency expiring, by the terms of his commission, on Dec. 1, 1851, after which he resumed the practice of law. In 1854 he was the candidate of the Whig and "Know-Nothing" parties for governor, and was elected by a majority of thirty-seven thousand over his principal competitor, William Bigler, the Democratic candidate. He was inducted into office in January, 1855, and served the term of three years; among the measures of importance during his administration were the inauguration of a policy of retrenchment in the fiscal affairs of the Commonwealth, the sale of the main line of the public works, the passage of laws designed to promote the efficiency of the public school system, and the adoption of measures by which the suspension of specie payments by banks chartered in the State was legalized during the crisis of 1857. In 1861 he was a member of the Peace Conference which assembled at Washington and presented the Crittenden compromise measures to the consideration of Congress; and in May of that year he was appointed by President Lincoln director of

the United States mint at Philadelphia. He retired from this office in 1866, but was reinstated by President Grant in 1869, and in 1873 became superintendent of that institution. The legend, "In God we trust," was originally suggested by him for the national currency. In 1879 he was appointed naval officer at Philadelphia and held that office four years. His last official position was that of Federal chief supervisor of elections, to which he was appointed in 1886. He died at Lock Haven, Pa., April 19, 1890, and his remains were interred in the Milton cemetery.

In personal appearance Governor Pollock was of commanding figure and somewhat above the average height, with dark eyes and hair, smooth-shaven face, and a countenance expressive of intelligence and benignity. In religious affiliation he was a Presbyterian, and was for some years president of the board of trustees of the College of New Jersey at Princeton, by which the honorary degree of LL. D. was conferred upon him in 1855.

As an attorney he was a better advocate than counselor. He was in regular practice in the courts of Northumberland county from 1833 to 1844, and at intervals in his official career after that time. While his judicial incumbency was the shortest in the history of the county, it was long enough to secure for his abilities in this position an ample recognition. He was an eloquent speaker, graceful, persuasive and convincing, and possessed remarkable tact in gaining the sympathy and approval of his hearers. Strong conscientiousness was a prominent element in his character, and while his official acts were at times subjected to violent criticism, the honesty of his intentions was conceded even by his most determined opponents.

**ZERBE.** The Zerbe or Zerby family numerous-ly represented among the substantial and creditable citizens of the lower end of Northumberland county, particularly in Lower Mahanoy township, are the descendants of the brothers Daniel and Philip Zerbe. There was another branch of the family in that township, now extinct, to which belonged John Zerbe, who died in Lower Mahanoy, unmarried; and Philip Zerbe, a rafter on the Susquehanna who owned a tract of land along the river, and who left children, Levi (who served as a soldier in the Civil war), Isaac (also a soldier in the Civil war), Reily (a soldier in the Civil war), Joel, Susanna (married Isaac Messner), Elizabeth (married John H. Seagrist, of Georgetown) and Magdalene (died unmarried).

In 1772, in the first list of taxables of Pine Grove township, then a part of Berks county but now included in Schuylkill county, appear the names of Benjamin, Daniel and Philip Zerby, who were brothers. The following concerning the early representatives of this family in America is taken from a recent work on Berks county: Zerbe-

Zerby (also Zerve, Zerwe and Zerben).—The Zerbe family of Berks was very early settled in America. The original home of the family was in France, but owing to their steadfast loyalty to their religious faith they were obliged to find homes elsewhere, that they might worship as they thought right. On their first coming to the New World they settled in New York State, in the Schoharie Valley, and a little farther south at Livingston Manor, from which places they followed the migratory tide into the fertile valley of the Tulpehocken. Rupp in his "30,000 Names of Immigrants" shows a Lorenz Zerbe who came from Schoharie to Tulpehocken in 1723, and in addition to Lorenz mentions a John Philip Zerbe and a Martin Zerbe among those above twenty-one years of age, who passed the winter of 1710 and summer of 1711 in Livingston Manor, N. Y., and who may have come to Tulpehocken at a later period. The name of John or Johan has been a favorite one in the family, as appears from the tax lists and vital statistics.

Daniel Zerbe, ancestor of one branch of this family now in Lower Mahanoy township, is presumed to have come to Northumberland county from the vicinity of Pine Grove, now in Schuylkill county. His wife, whose maiden name was Wertz, he married after coming to this region, and they are buried at Zion's Stone Valley Church, in the township where they lived. He was a farmer, owning the place which now belongs to Jonathan Zerbe, one of his descendants. Daniel Zerbe is described as a tall man. His children were as follows: John married late in life, but had no posterity; he died of smallpox. Daniel died unmarried in Lower Mahanoy (there is a Daniel Zerbe, son of Daniel and Marie E., who was born in August, 1811, and died Feb. 8, 1861, aged forty-nine years, six months, buried at the Stone Valley Church). Thomas is mentioned below. Joseph, who was a laborer, lived in Lower Mahanoy, and he and his wife, Catharine (Meck), are buried at Georgetown; their children were Elizabeth, Henry (a soldier of the Civil war), Joseph, Daniel, George, a daughter who died unmarried, Samuel (of Millersburg) and Jonas (of Shamokin). Rebecca married David Schwartz and they subsequently moved West. Elizabeth married Adam Allman and they lived in Lower Mahanoy. George married Phoebe Spengel, and they lived in Lower Mahanoy and are buried at the Stone Valley Church; they died of smallpox; their children were Jonathan and Ellen, the former a resident of Loyaltown, Pennsylvania.

Thomas Zerbe, son of Daniel, spent all his life in Lower Mahanoy township. In his early manhood he was engaged as a general laborer, but he followed farming principally after commencing on his own account, and about 1852 located on the place now occupied by his son Thomas, buying the farm at that time. In 1857 he built the house

still standing on that tract; the barn was built by his son Thomas in 1870. He was interested in politics, being quite active in the interests of the Republican party in his locality, and was also zealous in church work, being a Lutheran member of the Malta Church, where he is buried. He served as trustee of this church for many years, and helped to build it in 1860. He died March 23, 1867, aged fifty-eight years, two months, eighteen days. His wife, Elizabeth, was a daughter of Martin Garman, who married a Michael. She died June 27, 1894, aged seventy-eight years, three months, ten days. Mr. and Mrs. Zerbe had the following children: Josiah, of Alma, Nebr.; Thomas; Sarah, married to Henry Miller; Rebecca, married to George Heitzman; Benjamin, of Beavertown, Pa.; Catharine, married to Elias Paul; and Elias S., of Altoona, Pennsylvania.

THOMAS ZERBE, one of the foremost citizens of Lower Mahanoy township, was born May 3, 1840, in the district where he still lives. He was reared on the home farm, and in 1862 began to operate the place on his own account. This is the property which has been in his family since 1852, when his father purchased it, and which was formerly the George Snyder homestead. It consists of fifty acres, besides which Mr. Zerbe owns another farm in the same township of fifty-four and one half acres (formerly the Joseph Shaffer farm), and three islands in the Susquehanna with a total area of about fifteen acres. His agricultural work has been highly successful, but he has not given all his time to this branch, being engaged to some extent as a lumber merchant and operating a portable sawmill; he has employed as many as six men in this line. In public affairs he has long been one of the most influential men in his locality. He was overseer of the poor in his district for many years, and in 1891 was elected county commissioner, in which office he served two consecutive terms, six years; his majority was 1,180 in an evenly balanced county, which speaks well for the confidence his fellow citizens have in his integrity and ability. Mr. Zerbe has for many years been one of the most enterprising workers in the Republican party in his section. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, as a member of Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M.; Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M.; and Shamokin Commandery, No. 77, K. T. He and his family belong to the Lutheran congregation at the Malta Church, and he has served many years as trustee.

On July 28, 1861, Mr. Zerbe married Catharine Messer, daughter of Philip and Mary (Dockey) Messer, and they have had a family of seven sons: Franklin died young; Charles A. was killed in a mine; John W. is postmaster at Shamokin, Pa.; James M. is a resident of Reading, Pa.; Joseph H. lives at Dalmatia; Daniel W. is located at



Bridgeport, Pa. (he was a soldier in the Philippines): one died in infancy.

Joseph Henry Zerbe, son of Thomas, was born March 19, 1870, in Lower Mahanoy township, and obtained his early education in the public schools there. Later he attended the academy at Elizabethtown, in Dauphin county. At the age of eighteen years he took up telegraphy, which he learned at Paxton, and he was soon given a station at Mahantango, where he remained for eight years, being transferred thence to Dalmatia (Georgetown), in his native county, where he still remains. This is on the Northern Central road. Mr. Zerbe is the oldest employee of his company at that point. He has become thoroughly identified with the affairs of the locality since settling there, and has served six years as a school director, acting also as secretary of the board. His political sympathies are with the Republican party, in which he is a zealous worker, has been committeeman of his township for two years, and has been chosen delegate to various county conventions. Fraternally he holds membership in Millersburg Lodge, No. 364, F. & A. M.; in Commandery No. 364, Knights of Malta; in Council No. 854, Jr. O. U. A. M., of Dalmatia; and Division No. 24, of the Telegraphers Union, with headquarters at Williamsport.

On Feb. 7, 1890, Mr. Zerbe married Catharine Wright, daughter of James and Mary E. (Rape) Wright, the former of whom came to America from Ireland. Four children have been born to this union: Mary Irene, Catharine Elizabeth, Thomas Clarence and James Henry.

Philip Zerbe, founder of the other branch of the family now so well known in Lower Mahanoy, was born Dec. 17, 1776, lived between County Line and Malta, in Lower Mahanoy township, and owned the farm now the property of Alexander Deppen, a large and valuable tract. He died Nov. 19, 1857, and is buried at Zion's Stone Valley Church, as is also his wife, Elizabeth, who was born Dec. 12, 1779, and died April 14, 1837. They had children as follows: Philip P., born Dec. 24, 1808, who lived and died in Lower Mahanoy and is buried at Vera Cruz (he died Jan. 24, 1862); Peter, who lived in Lower Mahanoy, and died at Tower City (he had a daughter Susan); Joseph; Benjamin, who never married; David; Gabriel; and Julia, who married William Lower and (second) Joseph Schaffer.

Joseph Zerbe, son of Philip, was born in Lower Mahanoy township, and there owned the farm now in the possession of William Zyders, which he sold upon his removal to Iowa, in 1858. There he resumed farming, under primitive conditions at first, and passed the remainder of his days, living to an advanced age. He died in Cedar county, Iowa, and is buried there. His wife, whose maiden

name was Heckert, was also from Lower Mahanoy township, and she also died in Iowa, surviving her husband many years. Their children were all born in Lower Mahanoy township, viz.: David, Philip, John, Albert (who died out West), Amanda (Mrs. Michael Heckert), Elizabeth (who married John Tschopp and M. T. Wertz), Catharine (married William L. Schaffer), Polly (who was married in California to a resident of that State, near Los Angeles) and Eve (who married in Iowa).

Philip Zerbe, son of Joseph, enlisted in the Union service during the Civil war, in July, 1864, and was fatally shot in the battle of Petersburg; his burial place is unknown. He was a man of about thirty-six at the time of his enlistment. When twenty-three years old he married Polly Lessman, who was born March 4, 1824, daughter of John Lessman, one of the Hessian soldiers who settled in this region. Mrs. Zerbe lived at Vera Cruz to the end of her days, passing away Oct. 30, 1908, and is buried there. She was the mother of the following children: William, of Tower City, Pa.; Ambrose L.; John, who died young; Charles W.; Sarah, who has never married; B. Frank; and Philip, who died in Tower City.

AMBROSE L. ZERBE, son of Philip, was born Aug. 13, 1853, in Lower Mahanoy township, where he grew to manhood. The day before his father went to the war he obtained a place for the boy on a farm, and he continued to hire out among farmers until he reached the age of twenty, after which he was employed in the lumber business at Williamsport for a few years. He also learned the trade of stonemason, which he followed for seven years. In 1882 he purchased his present farm in Lower Mahanoy township, a tract of 116 acres which was formerly the Jacob Schneider farm and subsequently owned by the latter's son Frederick Schneider, from whom Mr. Zerbe purchased it. He has since cultivated and improved this place, building his substantial house in 1887, and he has attained a position among the prosperous agriculturists of his section. He has served six years as school director of his township, and has been an active member of the Lutheran congregation of the Vera Cruz Church, in which he has held office for many years, having been deacon, elder and, at present, trustee. In politics he is a Republican.

In 1875 Mr. Zerbe married Sarah Jane Tschopp, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Zerbe) Tschopp, the latter a daughter of Joseph Zerbe. Five sons were born to this union, two dying in infancy. We have the following record of the others: (1) William Landis, born March 7, 1877, was educated in the local schools and at the Keystone State normal school at Kutztown, and has been engaged in teaching since 1895, continually in Lower Mahanoy township, having a permanent



certificate in twenty-four branches. He was married to Annie Sophia Lahr, daughter of John and Hannah (Boyer) Lahr, on Nov. 6, 1902, and they lived at Dalmatia from May, 1903, to September, 1908, since when they have resided on a property Mr. Zerbe purchased, a half mile north of Malta (Vera Cruz). They have had four children: William Ambrose, Aug. 15, 1904 (died Jan. 30, 1905); Katie Alvesta, May 26, 1907 (died June 26, 1907); Emmett John, May 27, 1909; and Irving Herbert, July 3, 1911. Fraternally Mr. Zerbe belongs to Camp No. 9074, Modern Woodmen of America, and Council No. 854, Jr. O. U. A. M., both of Dalmatia. (2) Charles Henry, born Aug. 2, 1879, was educated in the local schools and at the Central State normal school, at Lock Haven, Pa., and has been engaged in teaching since 1903, continually in Lower Mahanoy township, having a permanent certificate. In 1899 he was married to Katie Amelia Shoffer, daughter of Jonathan J. and Naomi (Witmer) Shoffer, and with the exception of a six months' residence at Pillow they have lived at Malta, now occupying a substantial house, formerly owned by his father and his grandmother. While at Pillow Mr. Zerbe was employed at the Pillow Grange store. Three daughters have been born to him and his wife: Florence Naomi, Sept. 16, 1899; Arlene Sarah, Dec. 28, 1901, and Clara Miriam, Oct. 6, 1910. Fraternally Mr. Zerbe holds membership in Dalmatia Camp No. 9074, Modern Woodmen of America. (3) Robert Blaine, born Jan. 17, 1892, also attended the public schools, and Freeburg Academy, was licensed to teach in 1909, at the age of seventeen years, and taught his first term in West Cameron township; he has since been engaged in Lower Mahanoy township.

Like the father, this family is identified with the Lutheran Church at Vera Cruz, and prominent in the Sunday school, the sons being respectively superintendent, secretary and organist, as well as teachers.

CHARLES W. ZERBE, son of Philip, was born Nov. 12, 1857, in Lower Mahanoy township, where he has passed practically all his life. He received his education in the common schools and at the Soldiers' Orphans' school at White Hall, Pa., and in 1880 obtained a license to teach public school from County Superintendent W. P. Scharf, of Snyder county, taking his first position in the fall of that year, at Aline. Returning to Lower Mahanoy in 1883, he was examined by Professor Wolverten, then superintendent of public schools in Northampton county, and passing was installed at the Union schoolhouse, where he continued for that term. He taught eight terms in all in Lower Mahanoy, and two terms in Upper Paxton township, Dauphin county, and made a high reputation in the profession for conscientious and efficient work. For the next seven years Mr. Zerbe was

engaged at different vocations, in the northern part of the State, and in 1903 he settled down to farming in his native township, where he has since remained. The farm of 127 acres which he cultivates is located along the Mahantango creek, and is in excellent condition, giving ample evidence of the intelligent care bestowed upon it. He carries on his work along modern lines, and in fact is progressive and aggressive in everything in which he takes an interest. He enjoys the confidence of his fellow citizens to an unusual degree, and has been intrusted with public responsibilities of various kinds, having served his township as auditor, school director, tax collector and assessor. He is still holding the office of school director, his experience as an educator making him a particularly useful man in that position, and he is giving his own family all possible advantages.

On Sept. 25, 1888, Mr. Zerbe married Mary A. Messer, daughter of Isaac and Susanna (Zerbe) Messer, of Paxton, Pa., whither they moved from Lower Mahanoy in 1886. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Zerbe: Alva M., Susan M., Edith E., Sarah E., Charles R. and Isaac M. Mr. Zerbe and his family are Lutherans, belonging to St. Paul's Church at Vera Cruz, which he has served as deacon. Politically he is a Republican.

Alva Messer Zerbe, son of Charles W., was born June 1, 1889, was educated in the common schools, at Freeburg Academy, and Pennsylvania Business College, Lancaster, Pa., and has been teaching school since 1910 in Lower Mahanoy township. On June 18, 1910, he married Esther Amelia Kopenhaver, daughter of William L. and Cora (Snyder) Kopenhaver, and a son, Clinton Eugene, was born to them Jan. 8, 1911. Mr. Zerbe is prominently identified with the Lutheran Church and Sunday school, serving the latter as officer and teacher; his wife is a member of the Reformed Church.

B. FRANK ZERBE, son of Philip, was born June 7, 1862, in Lower Mahanoy township, where he is now engaged in farming. He was reared in his native township and began his education in the public schools there, when eight years old entering the Soldiers' Orphans' school at White Hall, two miles west of Harrisburg, in Cumberland county, Pa., where he remained until he reached the age of sixteen. Returning to live with his mother in his native township, he worked some years for his brother William, from 1885 to 1900, assisting him in the plastering business. Since 1899 he has resided at his present home, west of Vera Cruz, having a farm of twenty acres formerly owned by Jacob Schroyer and earlier by the Snyder family. As the cultivation of this place does not occupy all his time he also assists neighboring farmers, and is known as an industrious, reliable man, one who has made his way by his own efforts.

On Oct. 2, 1897, Mr. Zerbe married Annie B.

Rothermel, and they commenced housekeeping in 1898 at Georgetown, the following year removing to their present home. They have five children: Tenny May, Bertha Emelie, Mark Stanley, Philip Andrew and Harry Franklin. Mr. Zerbe and his family are Lutheran members of the Vera Cruz Church, which he is at present serving as deacon, and he is also active in the work of the Sunday school. In politics he is a Republican.

Mrs. Annie B. (Rothermel) Zerbe is a granddaughter of Isaac and Lydia Rothermel and daughter of Andrew and Sarah (Zartman) Rothermel, who were the parents of nine children: George, Ida, Oscar, Annie B., Charles, Linda, Emma, Alice and Adam.

David Zerbe, son of Philip (1776-1857) and Elizabeth Zerbe, was born in Lower Mahanoy township, where he passed nearly all his life. By trade he was a carpenter and postmaker, and he also burned lime. He was well known in his vicinity, having held local office, was a Democrat in politics and a Lutheran in religion, and is buried at St. Paul's (Schwartz's) Church at Urban. He died April 8, 1908, aged eighty-two years, two months, fourteen days. Mr. Zerbe married Lydia (Ressler) Wetzel, who was born April 18, 1826, daughter of Solomon Ressler, and first married Solomon Wetzel. She is living at Trevorton, in failing health. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Zerbe: Frank, a resident of Trevorton; William A.; and Mary, wife of George Trautman, of Shamokin.

WILLIAM A. ZERBY, son of David and Lydia (Ressler) Zerbe, was born March 18, 1864, in Jordan township. He was reared to farm life, working for his parents until he reached his majority, after which he began farming at his present home in Jordan township. His first work on his own account was as a lumber merchant, and he established a sawmill as the increase of his business demanded, having operated same since 1892 in connection with his agricultural work. He has lumbered over three counties, Northumberland, Schuylkill and Dauphin, selling his product in the coal region, and employing as many as twenty men, besides teamsters and help to cultivate his farm. His home place consists of forty-eight acres in Jordan township, on the road leading from Hebe to Klingerstown, and was formerly the John Wiest homestead. It is only part of a much larger tract as the land was originally laid out. Mr. Zerby is a Democrat and has been active in the interest of his party in lower Northumberland county. He has served as school director, and is a public-spirited citizen in every respect.

On June 12, 1888, Mr. Zerby married Emma Knorr, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Fetherolf) Knorr, and they have had six children: Edward, Charles R., Clarence R., Lulu A., Homer

Lee and Mazie L. Mr. Zerby and his family are Lutheran members of the Church at Klingerstown, which he has served as deacon for three terms of two years each.

Christian Zerbe, who lived in Kelly township, in what is now Union county, Pa., is mentioned in the history of Union county as a trustee of the first Lutheran Church there. His purchase of land there might have been recorded in the Northumberland county office. He married Maria Christina Strauss, daughter of John Philip Strauss, and their children, as recorded at the Lutheran Church of Rehdersburg, were born as follows: John George, March 20, 1774; John, Feb. 15, 1776; Maria Catharine, Jan. 16, 1778; Susanna, Jan. 31, 1780; Jacob, Feb. 8, 1782; Mary Christina, Oct. 8, 1783; Henry, Nov. 11, 1785; Mary Salome, Oct. 29, 1787; Elizabeth, May 25, 1789; Anna Mary, April 26, 1792; Samuel, May 24, 1795.

DAVID ZERBE, a respected farmer citizen of Lower Mahanoy township, was born Dec. 17, 1844, and has followed farming practically all his life. On Aug. 13, 1864, he enlisted for three years in the Union service, becoming a private of Company H, 9th Pennsylvania Cavalry, and had served but one year of his term when discharged because of the termination of the war. From childhood he was employed among farmers, continuing thus until twenty-four years old. For a short time he followed blacksmithing, and he later was engaged at the carpenter's trade in his native township for ten years. In 1870 he began farming in Lower Mahanoy township, and he purchased the farm of seventeen acres which he now occupies in the year 1902. It is fertile land, located along the Mahanoy creek, and was at one time the home of Daniel Frantz. Mr. Zerbe has prospered by industry and good management, and he has a nice home, acquired by his own efforts. He has served two years as overseer of the poor in his township.

In 1868 Mr. Zerbe married Sarah Schaffer, who was born in 1844, daughter of Franklin and Mary (Tromman) Schaffer, and she died leaving no children. On Thanksgiving Day, 1901, Mr. Zerbe married Agnes Klinger, daughter of Samuel Klinger, of Uniontown, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Zerbe are members of the Reformed congregation at Zerby's (Stone Valley) Church, in which he has been a prominent worker, having served eighteen years as deacon, and five years as elder. On political questions he is a Republican.

RICHARD H. SIMMONS, M. D., county medical inspector for Northumberland county, and physician-in-charge of Pennsylvania Dispensary No. 33 at Shamokin, is one of the most popular medical practitioners of this county. He resides



at No. 116 South Sixth street, Shamokin. He was born in Cornwall, England, July 5, 1869, son of George T. Simmons.

Henry Simmons, grandfather of the Doctor, followed farming in England, owning two farms. He also carried on a hotel business. He made one visit to America to see his son, then living in Michigan. He married Mary Bartle, and both died in England. Their children were: Henry, Richard John, William, James, Edwin, George T., Mary, Joseph, and two that died in infancy.

George T. Simmons, son of Henry and father of Dr. Richard H., was born in Cornwall, England, Dec. 24, 1847. He came to America in May, 1869, landing in New York City. He spent one year in Michigan, and came to Shamokin, Pa., in 1869. At first he engaged as a miner, but later opened a grocery store, which he conducted for twenty-one years, retiring in 1903. He married in England Anna Hocking, a native of that country. Their children were: G. Clarence, teller in the Market Street National Bank, at Shamokin; Zella H., at home; and Richard H.

Richard H. Simmons was born July 5, 1869, and was but eighteen months old when brought to America. He attended the local schools of Shamokin, and later the high school, and began work as a clerk in the drug store of H. A. Shissler, after which he went to Philadelphia and entered the employ of William Cliffe, in the same line of work. He gained a practical insight in the business, and finding it congenial determined to enter the medical profession. In 1890 he became a student at the University of Pennsylvania, and in 1893 received his degree of M. D. He located at Shamokin, where he has established a large practice, having risen rapidly in his profession; he has held a number of positions that have proved his worth. At the present time he is filling the office of county medical inspector, appointed by Samuel G. Dixon, of Harrisburg, through the Pennsylvania Health Department. He is also physician-in-charge of Pennsylvania Dispensary No. 53, Shamokin.

Politically the Doctor is a stanch Republican. His religious connection is with the Reformed Church. During his college days he played left end on the football team, 1891-92-93, and was one of those who helped to make the team famous during those years. He is a member of the Medical Club of Philadelphia, and the Engineer Club of Central Pennsylvania, located at Harrisburg. Fraternally he is a Mason of high degree, belonging to Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M.; Shamokin Commandery, No. 77, K. T.; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading.

On June 12, 1895, Dr. Simmons was united in marriage to Cora B. Seiler, daughter of Emanuel G. Seiler, of Shamokin, and to bless this union

have come one daughter, Vera S., and one son, Carl B., the latter dying in infancy.

SEILER. The Seiler family to which Mrs. Simmons belongs has long been known in Northumberland county. John Jacob Seiler, a native of eastern Pennsylvania, of German extraction, settled in Little Mahanoy township, where he was engaged in farming. He became known for his great strength. He was born May 22, 1780, and died March 12, 1866. The maiden name of his wife was Kuntzman.

Daniel Seiler, son of John Jacob, followed the wheelwright's trade until 1845, when he purchased a farm in the Mahantango Valley, and engaged in its cultivation from that time until his death, Aug. 27, 1877. He was one of five who were the first to espouse the cause of the new Republican party in his township, and he was always active in politics. He held the offices of deacon and elder in the Reformed Church. To him and his wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Geist, were born eight children, six sons and two daughters, namely: Jacob, a farmer on the old homestead; Emanuel G.; Mary Magdalene, widow of John K. Haas, of Shamokin; Daniel G., head of the commission house of D. G. Seiler & Co., of Shamokin; Sarah Ann, who married Aaron H. Haupt, of Shamokin; Aaron, of Shamokin; Felix G., member of the firm of D. G. Seiler & Co.; and Isaac G., who resides at Selinsgrove, Snyder Co., Pennsylvania.

Emanuel G. Seiler, son of Daniel and father of Mrs. Simmons, was born in Mahanoy township June 21, 1847. He worked on his father's farm and attended the township schools until he was about eighteen years old. After learning the carpenter's trade he followed that occupation for several years in his home neighborhood and in Shamokin. In 1869 he came to Shamokin and opened a small store, which his care and good judgment developed into a good paying business. In 1871 he formed a partnership with J. K. Haas, and they opened a small store at Pine and Second streets, carrying a stock of dry goods, groceries and confectionery. At the end of five years Mr. Haas retired taking the dry goods business, and Mr. Seiler continued the grocery and confectionery departments. The business was gradually enlarged and in 1879 Henry S. Zimmerman became a partner, the firm becoming E. G. Seiler & Co. By this time a wholesale jobbing business had been added, and it so developed that the retail business was sold. Prosperity seemed to choose this firm for her especial protege, and the business has expanded and grown, till new buildings have been erected, new members admitted to partnership, warehouses have been built. The present style is Seiler, Zimmerman, Otto & Co., and thirteen men are employed, including three traveling salesmen who cover all territory within a radius of three



hundred miles of Shamokin. Mr. Seiler has been gradually retiring from the active work of the business. He has proved his worth by his efficient services in a number of corporations whose very existence has meant a great deal to the development of Shamokin. He is vice president of the Guarantee Safe Deposit & Trust Company, of which he was an organizer and first treasurer; president of the Shamokin Street Railway Company; president of the Board of Trade; vice president and one of the organizers of the Anthracite Fire Insurance Company; treasurer of the West Ward Building & Loan Association; treasurer and one of the organizers of the Black Diamond Building & Loan Association; and a leading member of the Anthracite Association, which was organized in 1898 to promote the sale of anthracite and to secure reasonable prices for same. He is a Republican, and has served in the council. He is an elder in St. John's Reformed Church.

In 1869 Mr. Seiler was married to Caroline Bower, daughter of Michael Bower, of Lower Mahanoy township; Three children have been born to them: One died in infancy; Cora B. married Dr. Richard H. Simmons, of Shamokin; Lula is at home.

CHARLES H. SHULTZ, master carpenter for the Pennsylvania Railway Company at Sunbury, Northumberland county, has been in the service of that company continuously since 1884, and has been at his present location since the year 1901. He was born July 24, 1846, at Orwigsburg, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and is a son of Henry Shultz, a native of Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa., and a descendant of an old and distinguished Berks county family.

The Shultzes (or Schultzes) were among the adherents of the religious sect known as Schwenkfelders, founded by Kaspar Schwenkfeld (1490-1561), a Silesian nobleman and mighty factor in the Reformation, who settled in Hereford township, Berks county, and the adjoining region of upper Montgomery and western Lehigh counties. They trace their lineage to one Mathias Schultz, who was born in 1612, lived through the Thirty Years' war and died in 1682, in his seventieth year, at Lower Harpersdorf, in what was then the principality (now a government district) of Liegnitz, Silesia. His son, Melchior Schultz, is said to have been born in 1647, and died in 1708, leaving among other children two sons, Melchior (1680-1734) and Balthaser (1682-1727). Both of these sons died in Saxony, the former at Berthelsdorf, about two months before the emigration to this country, then being contemplated. Melchior Schultz (1680-1734) was the father of George, Melchior and Rev. Christopher Schultz, all of whom married. The son Melchior married twice, but had no children by either wife. De-

scendants of the other two sons still flourish in Berks county. The widow of Balthaser Schultz, Susanna (Dieterich), and her four children, George, Susanna, Maria and Barbara, accompanied about forty other followers of Kaspar Schwenkfeld to America in 1734.

The Shultzes here under consideration come from the foregoing source. Governor Shultz of Pennsylvania was of the same stock. The great-grandfather of Charles H. Shultz was known as "Squire" Shultz and was a man of prominence in his day. A portrait of him done in India ink, and in typical Colonial style, portrays him standing in front of a high writing desk, goose-quill in hand, a high stool by his side, and pictures him as a man of dignified and honorable mien. This portrait is now in the possession of his great-grandson, Charles H. Shultz, of Sunbury, who also has excellent likenesses of his paternal grandparents done in India ink.

Henry Schultz, grandfather of Charles H., lived in the vicinity of Womelsdorf, Berks county, in what was known locally as the "Schmaltz Goss," and there died at the age of forty-five years. He is buried at Womelsdorf. In religion he was a member of the Evangelical Association. By trade he was a tailor, and he also acted as nurse among the sick, occasionally. His wife, Christian (Miller), long survived him, living to be nearly ninety years old. They had the following family: Henry, father of Charles H. Shultz; Samuel, a tailor and merchant, who lived at Schuylkill Haven; Rebecca, Mrs. Hackman; Maria, Mrs. William Shaner; and Susan, Mrs. Jacob Snyder.

Henry Shultz was born at Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa., and lived for many years in Schuylkill county. He was a prosperous carpenter and contractor at Schuylkill Haven, that county, building a large number of houses, churches, schools and other buildings at that place and in the adjoining territory, among others the Methodist and Evangelical churches at Pine Grove. He gave employment to as many as ten men. A prominent member of the United Brethren Church at Schuylkill Haven, he was regular in attendance on church worship and served as trustee of that congregation. Mr. Shultz died May 20, 1909, at Harrisburg, Pa., in his eighty-seventh year, and he and his wife Catharine (Geiger) are buried in the Charles Evans cemetery at Reading, Berks county. She was a daughter of Henry and Catharine (Moyer) Geiger, of near Orwigsburg, Schuylkill Co., Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Shultz had four children: Samuel, who is deceased; Charles H.; John A., of Harrisburg, Pa.; and Irvin, who died in infancy in 1864.

Charles H. Shultz was educated in the schools of Schuylkill Haven, whither his parents moved when he was but nine months old. At the age of fifteen he began to learn the carpenter's trade, which he has ever since followed, since 1884 in the

service of the Pennsylvania Railway Company. He has been stationed at different places, having been at Reading and Harrisburg before his assignment to Sunbury, in 1901. At Reading he was assistant master carpenter for a period of sixteen years, and throughout his location in Sunbury has been master carpenter there, having a force of sixty men. He has a high reputation as a mechanic, and in the discharge of his present responsible duties has proved himself possessed of excellent executive ability as well. He is a worthy representative of an honorable old family and thoroughly respected by all who know him. At the time of the threatened invasion of Pennsylvania in the Civil war he was in the Union service for ninety days as a member of Company I, 39th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. He is a member of the Reformed Church.

In 1867 Mr. Shultz married Ellen Koch, daughter of Daniel and Catharine (Heiser) Koch, of Schuylkill county, and to them have been born three children: (1) Katie is the wife of Rev. Andrew Smith, a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College and theological seminary, and now a minister of the Reformed Church, stationed at York, Pa. (2) Harry, who died Dec. 20, 1910, was a trainmaster in the service of the Pennsylvania Railway Company at Harrisburg. (3) Mamie died when nine months old.

**FAIRCHILD.** There are few names in the upper section of Northumberland county better known than that of Fairchild. The brothers Solomon and Abram Fairchild, the former now living retired, the latter recently deceased, were for years among the most prosperous farmers of Chillisquaque township, where Solomon Fairchild still resides. Farming always claimed their principal attention, but they also interested themselves in the various industrial and financial institutions of the county, so that they were associated with much of the progress of the region in other respects as well; and they made and maintained a high reputation for business sagacity and judgment, for intelligent foresight and enterprise of the most commendable quality.

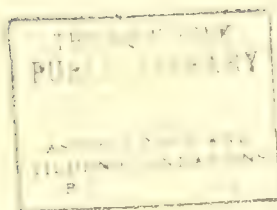
The Fairchilds are of a Luzerne county family. John Fairchild, their grandfather, lived and died at Newport, Luzerne county, where he followed his trade, that of blacksmith. He married Mary Van Dine, of Holland.

Solomon Fairchild, son of John, was born Oct. 17, 1783, in Luzerne county, and learned the trade of his father, which was his occupation for many years. He also engaged in farming. He died in 1854. On Jan. 19, 1806, he married Elizabeth Lutsey, like himself a native of Luzerne county, born May 23, 1789, who died in 1839. They were members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Fairchild reared a large family, as

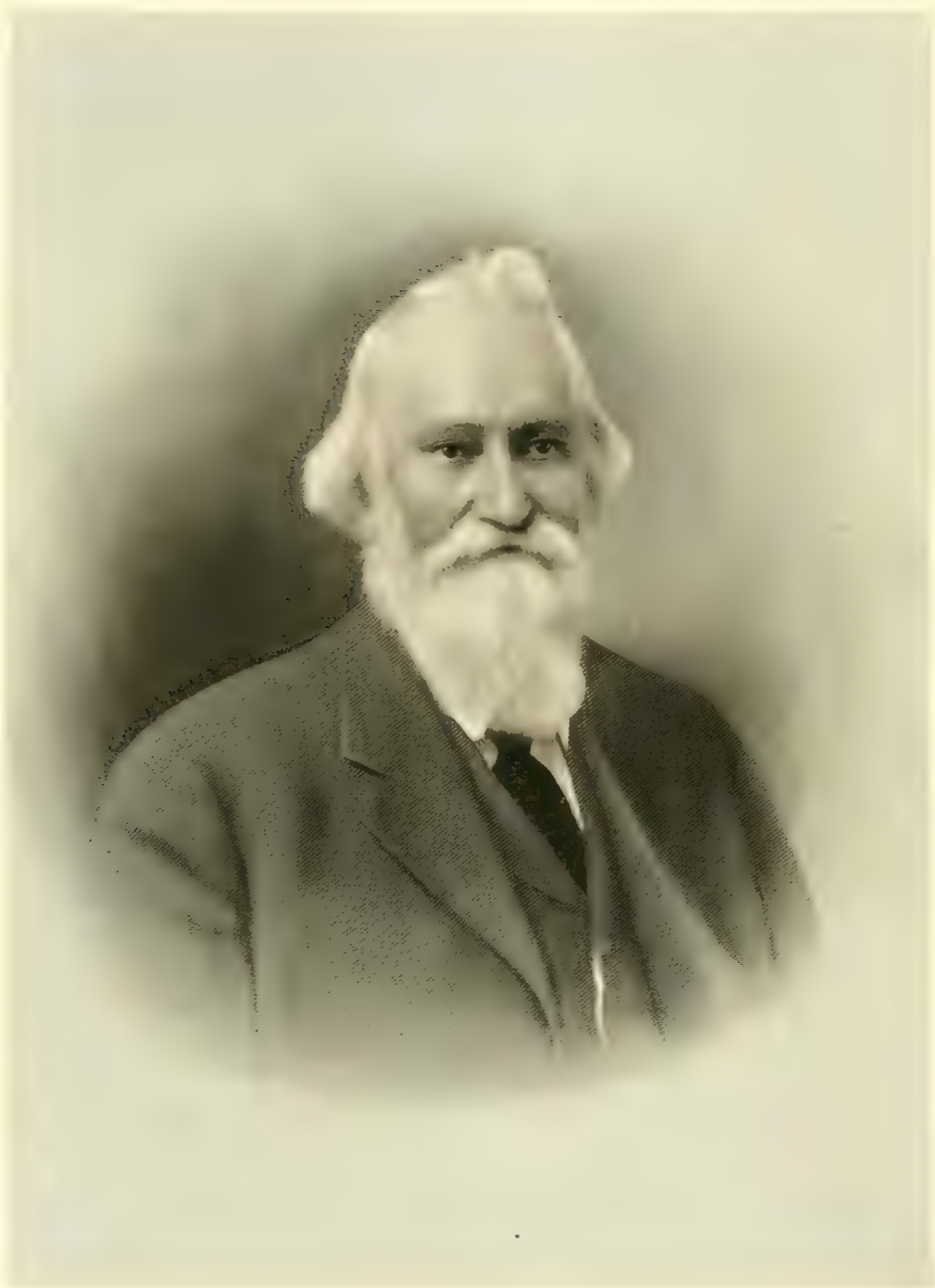
follows: Polly, born June 28, 1807, who was married April 3, 1821, to Daniel Vandemark and died in 1826; Annie, born May 31, 1809, who married Henry Styer in 1825 and died in 1844; Margaret, born May 14, 1811, who married John Rosencrantz in March, 1830; John, born Feb. 19, 1813, who married Martha Line in 1836; Rosannah, born May 21, 1815, who married Cornelius Styer, of Montour county, in 1833; William, born May 13, 1817; Elizabeth, born May 16, 1819, who married Peter Kutz, and died in 1871; Priscilla, born Aug. 31, 1821, who married Matthias Raisley, of Butler county, Pa.; Solomon, born May 15, 1823; Isabella, born June 16, 1825, who married Ziba Kramer, of Iowa; Martha, born June 10, 1828, who died in 1835; Emily, born Dec. 29, 1830, who died in 1834, and Abram, born Dec. 25, 1832.

SOLOMON FAIRCHILD was born near Nanticoke, in Luzerne county, May 15, 1823, was reared in his native county and received his education there in the public schools. He followed farming throughout his active years. Moving to Northumberland county from Luzerne in 1874, he settled at his present home, near Milton, purchasing the Creasy farm from Daniel Fisher. It contains 114 acres of excellent land, and there Mr. Fairchild has ever since made his home. He remodeled the buildings soon after taking possession, and has made numerous improvements on the place which make it one of the most desirable and valuable country homes in that neighborhood. Throughout his active years as an agriculturist Mr. Fairchild stood foremost among the progressive farmers of his locality, his success being recognized as the result of the most intelligent management backed by well directed energy. He may well be classed among those who have made farming what it is today—the most valuable practical science of the age. Mr. Fairchild was long a director of the First National Bank of Milton, and he was likewise interested in the administration of local public affairs, serving as school director and in other township offices in Luzerne county. He is a Republican in political faith. Honored and respected by all who know him, he is a citizen whose life has been a credit to the community in which it has been lived.

On Dec. 23, 1852, Mr. Fairchild was married to Emily Lines, daughter of Abram Lines, of Luzerne county. She died in 1853. On April 29, 1856, Mr. Fairchild married Sarah Robbins, who was born in 1834, daughter of Jonathan Robbins, of Luzerne county, and died in 1897. Eight children were born to this union: Ambrose, now living in Union county, who married Ada L. Dunkel (children: Solomon, Helen, Blanch, deceased, Edward, Hunter, Donald and Christine); Franklin P.; George W., who married Julia Rishel (they had children, Sarah, Leo, deceased, Pearl,







*Abraham Fairchild*



*Solomon Fairchild*





George A., Kate and Lester); Solomon L., who married Mary L. Pontius (they had children, Roy P. and Sarah R.); Sarah Elizabeth, who married C. C. Brown, of Chambersburg, Pa.; Linda May, at home; Minnie, living in Pittsburg, Pa.; and Grace D., who married Harry Stein, of Lewisburg, Pa. Mr. Fairchild and his family belong to the Presbyterian Church at Milton.

ABRAM FAIRCHILD was born Dec. 25, 1832, in Luzerne county, and was there reared and educated. He made farming his occupation, and followed it in his native county until the year 1874, when he removed to Northumberland county and settled upon the farm in West Chillisquaque township, where he continued to make his home until his death. He followed farming until his retirement, in 1905, with the success which has made this name a synonym for all that is best in agriculture in this region. Moreover, he always encouraged, by word and support, enterprises which promised to benefit the locality generally, as his connection with various important local institutions goes to show. He was until his decease a director of the First National Bank of Milton; a director of the Union National Bank, of Lewisburg; a stockholder in the Milton Knitting Company; in the Milton Trust and Safe Deposit Company, and in the Milton Driving Park and Fair Association. No man in the district was more prominently identified with its progress, and his personal popularity was ample evidence that his efforts were recognized as unselfish and appreciated by his fellow citizens. After coming to Northumberland he took no part in public life, but while in Luzerne county he served two years as supervisor, two years as constable, and nine years as township auditor. He was a Republican in political matters. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, to which his family also belong. He died May 20, 1911, and was buried in Harmony cemetery, Milton.

In 1854 Mr. Fairchild married Hannah Miller, who was born in 1834, daughter of Barnet Miller, and died in 1905. She is buried in the Lower cemetery at Milton, where a fine monument marks her resting place. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Fairchild: (1) Eudora is deceased. (2) Elizabeth married E. F. Colvin and lives at Milton, Pa. Their children are: Abraham, who married Mary Savage and has two children; Martin; Ruth; Dora, who married William Hasenklock, and has one child, Colvin; and Dix Colvin. (3) Annie M., wife of John D. Derr, of Steelton, Pa., has three children, Hannah, Cramer and Margaret. (4) Milton O., a farmer, of Union county, Pa., married Margaret Rissel, and they have four children, Barnet (married to Mary Grove and had one child, Christine, deceased), James R., Elmer and Margaret. (5) Elmer died when six years old. (6) Mary married Eyer Spyker and

lives at Lewisburg. They have three children, Maria, Baker and Elizabeth. (7) Angus A., who lives on the homestead, married Annie Auten, a sister of Judge Auten, of Northumberland county, and has four children, Myron, DeWitt, Anna and Abram, Jr. (8) Clara J. married O. B. Grancell, and they have two children, Fairchild and Ruth. (9) Milo Wesley died when twenty-four years old. He married Mary J. McCurdy and had one son, Thomas. (10) Benjamin died when three years old.

CULLEN FRAZER SHIPMAN, legal practitioner of Sunbury, is one of the prominent young men of that borough, where he has become well established in his profession during the comparatively short period of his practice. He is connected with the foremost fraternity and club circles of the city and enjoys high standing among a wide acquaintanceship.

Mr. Shipman was born Jan. 11, 1874, in Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, Northumberland county, and was reared there. He received his early training on the farm, meantime attending the district school, and at the early age of sixteen he began teaching the school in which he had formerly been a pupil, in the home neighborhood. During the several terms he taught there he continued his studies, by himself and as a student at the Pennsylvania State normal school, at Millersville, and the Missionary Institute at Selinsgrove, Pa., which he attended in the spring terms, after the common schools had closed. In the fall of 1894 he entered the freshman class of Susquehanna University, at Selinsgrove (formerly known as the Missionary Institute), where he completed the first two years of his college course. He then entered the junior class at Bucknell College, where he finished his classical course, **graduating in 1899**, in the first rank. Immediately afterward he took up the study of law in the office of the late Hon. S. P. Wolverton, in Sunbury, and he was admitted to practice in the courts of Northumberland county June 23, 1902, since when he has devoted all his time to legal practice. He was admitted to the Supreme court of the State May 21, 1906. His office has been at Sunbury throughout this time, and he has built up an extensive patronage, in general legal work, receiving his share of the local law business. He represented the appellant company in the case of the Shamokin Wagon Works against the Ohio German Fire Insurance Company, in which a point of law not formerly settled in Pennsylvania, on question of agency, was decided in favor of his client. Mr. Shipman is a member of the Northumberland County Bar Association, and socially he is a member and secretary of the Bucknell Alumni Club of Sunbury; member and past president of the Americus Club; member of the Sunbury Board of Trade; and member of

Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; he had the honor of opening the first meeting of that lodge held in the new Masonic temple at No. 220 Market street, in April, 1910. Politically he is a Democrat.

On Jan. 25, 1909, Mr. Shipman married Effa Savage, daughter of Dr. Robert H. and Adelia F. (Garinger) Savage, of Sunbury, and granddaughter of Charles Garinger, of Sunbury, who conducted the "Shamokin Dam House" in that borough.

**MASSER.** The Masser family, to which the late Dr. Frank B. Masser, of Sunbury, Northumberland county, belonged, as also the late Jacob C. Masser and his younger brother, Felix C. Masser, both of Upper Mahanoy township, the latter still engaged in farming and a large land owner, was established in Berks county, Pa., in the latter half of the eighteenth century.

Matthias Masser, the first of this family to come to America, was a native of Württemberg, Germany, and in an early day settled in Alsace township, Berks Co., Pa., where he followed farming and at the time of his death owned a plantation. His wife, whose maiden name was Barbara Berger, was a native of Switzerland, and they are buried side by side at Zion's Church, known locally as Alsace Church. His death occurred July 29, 1797, in Alsace township, but no date of her death is given. His last will and testament, made Dec. 12, 1795, and signed "Mathias Maaser," states "I am old in years." It was witnessed by Jacob Young and John Spicker, and was probated soon after his death. His seven children were: Jacob, Johannes, Henry, Abraham, Maria, Esther and Christian (deceased wife of Jacob Clauser; they had one child).

The early Massers worshipped with the German Reformed denomination and were identified with the Spiess and Jacksonward Churches, at which many of the name are buried. The family is still quite numerous in Berks county, some of its members still living in the locality where the emigrant ancestor settled, and in 1909 there were nine adult members of the family in the city of Reading. Augustus W. Masser, a seed merchant of that city, bears a strong physical resemblance to Felix C. Masser, of Northumberland county.

Johannes Masser, son of Matthias, was a native of Berks county and settled in the western part of Schuylkill county, Pa., near the Northumberland county line, taking up a large tract of land and following farming. The farm now owned by Joel Schlegel, in Eldred township, Schuylkill county, was his property. He married Margaretha Fick (Fickin), also a native of Berks county, born April 21, 1772, who died Sept. 30, 1847, and she is buried at St. Jacob's (Howerter's) Church. His burial place is not known. They were both Ger-

man Reformed members of St. Jacob's Church. It is known that Mr. Masser was a tall man, and his wife was a typical member of a family noted for strength. They had the following children: Ferdinand, who was an extensive farmer, lived near Uniontown, Pa.; John, who was a very rich man at one time, lived at various places and died at Gratz, Pa.; Jacob is mentioned below; Maria Magd. (1802-1880) married Charles Reiner (1799-1878).

Jacob Masser, son of Johannes, was born Oct. 29, 1812, on his father's farm, where he was reared. He lived and died on the farm, now owned and occupied by his son Felix C. Masser, to whom he willed it, a property consisting of 128 acres of rolling, fertile land, on the south side of Line Mountain in Upper Mahanoy township, a half mile from the Schuylkill county line. This place was once the homestead of the pioneer Jacob Wagner (1725-1802). Jacob Masser was not only a successful farmer but also an excellent mechanic, in which line he was particularly well known. He learned the carpenter's trade and being called upon to make many coffins followed undertaking also, conducting many funerals in his day. He made considerable furniture, of all kinds, and his son Felix has a cupboard of his make which is a most creditable sample of his workmanship. He made a cupboard for each of his daughters. Late in the forties he built the barn which stands on the farm, and he also built a part of the present residence there. In politics he was a well known Democrat and he filled the office of supervisor in his township. He and his family were members of the Reformed Church, which he served a number of years as deacon and elder, holding the latter office at the time of his death. He died May 29, 1895, after a life of over eighty-three years in which he had enjoyed unusually good health, having been sick but once, shortly before his death. He was a well-built and vigorous man, a good walker, and energetic all his days.

Mr. Masser married Catharine Christ, who was born Oct. 14, 1816, daughter of Jonathan Christ and his first wife Maria (Hepler), and sister of Emanuel Christ (1794-1831). Mrs. Masser died Dec. 15, 1890, the mother of fourteen children, eight of whom died before the father: Daniel, born May 12, 1835, who died Dec. 2, 1859; Helena, born Sept. 8, 1836, who died July 22, 1860; Jacob C.; Emanuel, born June 23, 1840; Polly; John; Henry; Gabriel, born June 1, 1848, who died Oct. 14, 1866; Luzetta; Charles; Felix C.; Alice, who married Frank Geist; Katie; and E. Celesta, born Aug. 20, 1861, who married Rev. W. Weicksel, and died June 4, 1892.

Jacob C. Masser, son of Jacob, was born June 8, 1838, just across the Northumberland line in Schuylkill county, and was a farmer and stonemason of Upper Mahanoy township, living on his



eighty-acre tract in the extreme eastern end of the township, on the south side of Line Mountain. When a young man he learned his trade, which he followed first at Ashland and later at Lost Creek, both in Schuylkill county, for about ten years, after his marriage working in Upper Mahanoy township, this county. Most of the land in his farm belonged to his father, but it was he who put up the buildings on the place, after his marriage. During the Civil war he was drafted and paid \$300 for a substitute. He died July 17, 1909, and is buried at Howerter's Church.

Mr. Masser married Catharine Wagner, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Haas) Wagner, granddaughter of Jacob Wagner and great-granddaughter of Jacob Wagner (July 6, 1725-Nov. 30, 1802) and his wife Lovina (March 1, 1736-July 1, 1827). Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Masser: (1) Richard Masser is a merchant of Hegins, Schuylkill Co., Pa. (2) Nora Masser married Moses Trautman, who is engaged in business as a merchant in Shamokin, this county. (3) **MONROE H. MASSER** was formerly a public school teacher, having taught for six terms in Upper Mahanoy and West Cameron townships, this county, and is now the carrier on Rural Route No. 2, from the postoffice of Pitman, Schuylkill county. He also conducts the homestead farm, where he and his mother make their home, and which adjoins the property of his uncle, Felix C. Masser.

Mr. Masser was a Reformed member of St. Jacob's (Howerter's) Church, in which he held official positions for fully forty years, serving as deacon, elder and trustee; he was filling the latter office at the time of his death. His family also unite with the Reformed congregation of that church. Politically he was a Democrat. Mr. Masser was a most esteemed citizen, and throughout his long and useful life upheld the best traditions of an honored name.

**FELIX C. MASSER**, son of Jacob and Catharine (Christ) Masser, was born April 20, 1855, and from young manhood has been engaged in farming in Upper Mahanoy township, where he now has extensive interests. He received his education in the public schools, but his advantages were limited, and when only fourteen he began driving his father's team to market at Shamokin, once or twice a week. He was trained to farm work from his early years, and after working for his parents until he was twenty-three years old began farming on his own account in Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, in the spring of 1879. He has since lived at his present home, which he farmed as a tenant until his father's death, in 1895, after which the property passed into his possession. He also owns two other farms, one the original Herb homestead, the other the Sebastian Zimmerman stand in Schuylkill

county. He is an intelligent and successful farmer, one who has the entire respect of his fellow citizens and the good will of all who have had dealings with him. A prominent and active member of St. Jacob's Union Church (which is located in Upper Mahanoy township, near the Schuylkill county line), he was a deacon of the congregation for thirty years and has given faithful service in every capacity. His family are also identified with that church.

In 1815 Mr. Masser married Phebe Jane Zimmerman, daughter of John Zimmerman and a descendant of Bastian Zimmerman. Fourteen children have been born to this union, namely: Emma, Mrs. Wilson Kuntzelman; Bertha, Mrs. James Keim; Phebe Jane, born in 1880, who died in 1881; Lillie, wife of Isaac Keim (cousin of James); Charles, a farmer of Upper Mahanoy township; Victor, of New York City; Arthur; Polly; Katie; Raymond; Frank; James, who died in infancy; Clement, who died in infancy; and Claremont.

Henry Masser, another son of Matthias, the emigrant ancestor, was born Feb. 11, 1775, in Oley, Berks Co., Pa., and died July 17, 1853. After learning the trade of tinsmith he engaged in business for a short time at Gettysburg and Harrisburg, Pa., in 1801 coming to Sunbury, Northumberland county, and establishing himself in business in the same line. In 1809 he enlarged his business, dealing in general merchandise thereafter, and he continued in that business until 1852—shortly before his death. Throughout this long period he was at the one location, occupying the two-story brick building on the south side of Market street, on the second lot west of Center alley. He was prominent in the public affairs of his day, serving as county commissioner, 1808-11; as county auditor, 1813-14, and 1820-22; and as justice of the peace for many years.

On Dec. 5, 1802, Henry Masser married Mary Barbara Baldy, who was born at Sunbury July 11, 1785, daughter of Paul Baldy, and died at that place June 24, 1828; her funeral sermon was preached from the text Luke 1:30. They had a family of twelve children, viz.: Mary Catharine, born Aug. 31, 1803, died April 4, 1805; Elizabeth, born June 15, 1805, married Rev. Jeremiah Sheddell, of Albiontown, Pa., who died before her; William, born Sept. 4, 1807, was a farmer and lived near Three Rivers, Mich.; Henry B., born Aug. 17, 1809, died July 8, 1897, is mentioned below; John was born June 17, 1811; Mary Ann, born May 6, 1813, married Francis Bucher, of Sunbury, whom she survived, her death occurring Oct. 1, 1903; Peter B., born April 11, 1815, died Nov. 14, 1866; Charles, born Feb. 14, 1817, died Aug. 1, 1841; George Washington, born Feb. 22, 1819, died March 13, 1870; Jacob B., born



Jan. 17, 1820, died Sept. 10, 1876; Edward Baldy, born May 9, 1822, died Nov. 7, 1852; Henrietta A., born Oct. 16, 1824, died Aug. 10, 1832.

Henry B. Masser, son of Henry, was born Aug. 17, 1809, at Sunbury, and there received his early education in the local schools. To a large degree he was self-educated, or at any rate, he obtained all his higher education after he began to depend upon himself, as he left school at the age of fourteen to take charge of his father's store. Thereafter he pursued the study of the classics under Charles G. Donnel and Rev. William G. Smith, receiving private tuition, and he studied law with Alexander Jordan. He was admitted to the Northumberland county bar Nov. 5, 1833, at the same time as James Pollock, Charles W. Hegins and Samuel P. Johnson, all of whom became president judges in Pennsylvania (Pollock in Northumberland county, Hegins in Schuylkill county and Johnson in Warren county) and Pollock was also governor of the State. "It is doubtful whether four men of equal ability and subsequent prominence were ever admitted to the local bar at the same time on any other occasion," Mr. Masser having long been one of the distinguished citizens of his State. He was soon firmly established in legal practice at Sunbury, and in 1839 was honored with appointment as deputy attorney general for Northumberland county, filling that office with dignity, efficiency and ability for a period of six years. During that time he never had an indictment quashed—a record few incumbents of the office can approach. At the time of his death he was the oldest resident lawyer of Sunbury.

However, it was not alone in legal circles that Mr. Masser gained prominence. His natural talent as a writer early found expression in contributions to the local papers and eventually led him to devote his best efforts to journalistic work. In September, 1840, as the result of unexpected developments in the ranks of the Democratic party, the *Sunbury American* was founded by him and a few associates in the interest of Hegins's campaign, and though the first demand for this organ was soon a thing of the past the paper continued to grow in strength and force and influence, being the oldest paper in continuous existence in the borough. As its editor and publisher (for the most part alone) for a period of almost twenty-nine years, he occupied a place among local journalists and in the history of local journalism which makes his work and influence of permanent value. His executive talents insured the material success of the paper once it was fairly launched, and his trenchant pen, progressive ideas and modest but forceful expressions commanded the attention of thinking people in all classes and parties. A sagacious observer of the political and social trend of his day, his editorials were widely copied as embodying conservative and unbiased

opinions, for though he was an ardent Democrat he rendered especially effective service in fostering the growth of public sentiment toward a protective tariff and supported Pollock for Congress in opposition to the party candidate on the tariff issue. Though the county was then strongly Democratic normally, Pollock received a majority of several hundred, accountable to this influence. Again, a Whig candidate for a position on the Supreme court bench received a majority of six hundred in Northumberland county mainly because of the fact that he received the support of the *American* as the desirable man for the place. Early in Buchanan's administration it became identified with the "free soil" movement in the Democratic party; supported Lincoln shortly after his first election, in 1860, and from that time on became a staunch Republican organ. The *American* was particularly earnest in its advocacy of measures designed to promote the development of the internal resources of Pennsylvania, with which Mr. Masser was especially in sympathy. He was not only prominent in public affairs but also interested in various business enterprises of a private nature. After giving up the active editorship of the paper, early in 1869, he continued to take a deep interest in educational and literary matters. For a number of years before his death, which occurred in Sunbury July 8, 1897, when he was in his eighty-eighth year, he lived retired in that borough. He was for several years a member of the vestry of St. Matthew's Protestant Episcopal Church.

In 1842 Henry B. Masser married Diana M. Engle, of Sunbury, who died May 7, 1862. They had two children: Henry (born Feb. 1, 1843, died Sept. 17, 1843) and Mary.

JACOB B. MASSER, M. D., son of Henry and Mary Barbara (Baldy) Masser, was born Jan. 17, 1820. He received the greater part of his literary education under private tutors, graduated from Jefferson Medical College in 1841, and from that time until his death, a period of thirty-five years, was a prominent physician and surgeon in Sunbury. He served one year as a surgeon in the Union army during the Civil war. For one term, 1858-61, he was register and recorder of the county. Dr. Masser was a worthy and highly esteemed citizen of the borough, and his death, which occurred Sept. 10, 1876, was widely mourned. He married Sarah Heighler, who survived him.

FRANKLIN BACHE MASSER, M. D., late of Sunbury, was born there July 14, 1860, son of Dr. Jacob B. Masser, and died in his native city Dec. 22, 1891, at the early age of thirty-one. He received his early education in the local public schools, and graduated from the Hahnemann Medical School, at Philadelphia, in 1881. At the age of seventeen he had commenced the study of medicine with Dr. R. H.

Awl, and after completing his classical studies he took a course at Jefferson Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1884. He settled down to practice at Sunbury, where he resided until his sudden death, from pneumonia, after an illness of eleven days. Dr. Masser served as city physician, was a member of the board of pension examiners, and a member in good standing of the Sunbury Medical Association. He had established an excellent practice, and gave every promise of making a record worthy of the brilliant family of which he was a typical representative. Dr. Masser was buried in the family plot in Pomfret Manor cemetery. He was a member of the Episcopal Church and took an active part in its work. Socially he belonged to the Royal Arcanum and the Knights of the Golden Eagle.

On April 8, 1885, Dr. Masser married Harriet E. Houtz, daughter of Henry and Harriet (Boob) Houtz, of Snyder county, Pa., who died at Freeburg. Three children were born to this marriage, Franklin B., Sarah E. and Geraldine H. Mrs. Masser and her children continue to make their home in Sunbury. She is a member, and has been secretary, of Fort Augusta Chapter, D. A. R., which has a membership of forty-nine.

FRANK ERDMAN, county commissioner of Northumberland county, was born in Shamokin (now Ralpho) township June 19, 1856, son of George Erdman. He attended the public schools of his native township, and then worked on the farm till he reached the age of eighteen years, at which time he went to Shamokin and learned the trade of carpenter under R. S. Aucker. Here he remained for about eight years and then turned his attention to the business of building and contracting on his own account, building many homes in Shamokin and throughout the county, and also doing contracting for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, erecting stations, etc. He continued at this business with success until he was elected to the office of county commissioner, in 1905. Mr. Erdman bought the homestead in what is now Ralpho township near Weigh Scales in 1894, and he has improved it very much, his place being one of the best locations in the county.

In politics Mr. Erdman is a Democrat. He was elected justice of peace of his township, served as school director for six years, was overseer of the poor for six years, and in the fall of 1905 was elected to the office of county commissioner, and again elected in 1908, still holding that position. He is a good official and has proved himself to be an efficient and capable man. He has served as president of the board for the past three years. Socially he is a member of Elysburg Lodge, No. 414, F. & A. M., and a member of Bloomsburg Consistory, having taken the thirty-second degree;

he is a member of Shamokin lodge of Elks, No. 355. In religion he is a member of the Reformed Church.

Mr. Erdman was twice married. His first wife was Marietta Adams, daughter of Daniel H. and Sarah (Pensyl) Adams. After her death he married (second) Catherine R. Goss, daughter of John Goss, of Ralpho township. They have three children: Esther E., Russell D. and Charles R.

JACOB A. MARTZ, a farmer of Lower Mahanoy township, is a member of the Martz family which has been settled in Northumberland county for at least a century. He is a great-grandson of Jacob Martz, brother of David, who came with him into this section of Pennsylvania.

The Martz (or Mertz) family is quite numerous in Berks county, Pa., where, in Longswamp township, the first ancestor to come from Germany made a settlement. The name is perpetuated there by the town Mertztown, in Longswamp township, and Mertz's Church in the same section. Johannes Martz (also Maertz), the founder of this family in America, was one of 242 passengers on the ship "Ann," which sailed from Rotterdam, last from Cowes. He was a son of Johannes Maertz, of Stockhausen, Wurtemberg, about thirty-five miles northeast of Frankfort-on-the Main, and forty miles northeast of Coblenz, in Germany. Johannes Maertz, the emigrant, landed at Philadelphia Sept. 28, 1749. He settled in the vicinity of Lyons, Berks county, and the church located near his home was named Mertz Church in honor of him. The births of his first four children are recorded there. On May 24, 1756, he married Rosina Hase, daughter of Melchior Hase. Their children were: Johannes, born July 17, 1757; Anna Maria, Dec. 2, 1760; Maria Salome, May 24, 1763; Melchior, April 11, 1765; and Peter, March 9, 1769. The line in which we are interested at present descends from either Johannes or Melchior.

David and Jacob Martz, brothers, moved from Berks or Lancaster county toward the close of the eighteenth century, settling on the Shamokin creek, three miles south of Sunbury, in Northumberland county. Jacob, however, did not remain long, moving to the Lykens Valley, in Dauphin county, where he died and is buried. He settled near Killinger, in the Lykens Valley. He was a tailor, and followed his trade for many years, dying at an advanced age; he is buried at David's Church, at Killinger. He prospered and owned his own home. His wife, whose maiden name was Jury (she being a sister of John Jury, of Lykens Valley), also reached advanced age. Among their children were: Susanna married Simon Romberger; Polly married a Messerschmidt; Charles lived at Killinger; Jonas died



at Millersburg; Daniel died at Lykens; Jacob is mentioned below; Amos lived in Indiana; Christian lived at Hanover, Pennsylvania.

Jacob Martz, son of Jacob, was born in 1815 in Upper Paxton township, Dauphin county, and died in that locality in 1882, aged sixty-seven years. He is buried at Killinger's (also known as David's) Church, of which he was a Reformed member. He was a butcher, and followed his trade among the farmers in his neighborhood, being engaged every day during the season. To a limited extent he also carried on farming, owning a small tract of three acres, while his wife owned fifteen acres. Mr. Martz was a Republican in politics, and was elected supervisor of his township, serving several years in that office. His first wife, Rachel (Welker), daughter of John Welker, died in the fall of 1860, aged fifty-one years. She was the mother of nine children: Uriah married Hannah Miller; Jacob died when young; John W. is mentioned below; Hannah married Adam Naurbringer and (second) Elias Witmer; Sarah married Henry Kissinger; Elizabeth and Amanda died unmarried, but three weeks apart, of typhoid fever; Mary married Jerry Hoy; Jeremiah married Miss Hoffman. For his second wife Mr. Martz married Sarah (Weaver), widow of Peter Schreffler, and by this marriage there were two children: Emma and one that died in infancy.

John W. Martz, son of Jacob and Rachel (Welker) Martz, was born Aug. 13, 1834, in Upper Paxton township, Dauphin Co., Pa., and was there reared. In 1852 he came to Northumberland county, locating in Lower Mahanoy township, where he has ever since resided. When a young man he learned the tailor's trade, which he followed after settling in this county, living for five years in Georgetown, whence in 1861 he came to Vera Cruz. He is now the oldest resident of that village. Mr. Martz followed tailoring there until 1906, when he retired from the business, now giving all his working hours to the duties of his position as postmaster, which he has held since Dec. 31, 1898; the post office name is Malta. He is a much respected citizen, one who has always held the esteem and regard of his fellow citizens by his upright life. In politics he is a Republican, in religious connection a member of the Reformed Church at Vera Cruz, which he has served officially for a number of years, as deacon, elder and trustee. While living at Georgetown he held the office of deacon in the church there for three years.

On Jan. 29, 1854, Mr. Martz married Mary Ann Witmer, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Phillips) Witmer, and ten children have been born to their union: Sarah Ellen, William, Jeremiah P., Alice A. (unmarried), Peter L., Mary Lizzie, Jonathan O., Rachel R., Jacob A. and a son that died in infancy.

JACOB A. MARTZ, who is a farmer along the Mahantango creek, in Lower Mahanoy township, was born July 18, 1862, at Vera Cruz, and was reared and educated there. When a young man he engaged in the lumber business in his native place, following that line for twenty years, during which time he operated a portable sawmill. For five years he had his mill at Peter's Mt., where he manufactured shingles, staves and all kinds of lumber, selling his product in eastern Pennsylvania and, to some extent, in New Jersey. During the last few years he carried on this business he had from ten to fifteen men in his employ. Meantime he also became interested in farming, managing a farm for several years while in the lumber business, and since 1896 he has given all his attention to the cultivation of his present farm in Lower Mahanoy township, where he has resided since that year. This place, which was formerly the Jacob Snyder farm, contains 136 acres, now owned by Charles Snyder. Mr. Jacob Snyder erected all the buildings on the property. Mr. Martz owns a farm of 118 acres located along the Susquehanna river, which was formerly the homestead of Joel Engel, and before his time was owned by Andrew Ziegler; it was long in the Ziegler family.

On Sept. 15, 1883, Mr. Martz married Emma Schaffer, daughter of Durrell and Anna (Snyder) Schaffer, and granddaughter of Isaac Schaffer. Eleven children, five sons and six daughters, have been born to this union, all of whom survive, namely: Martha O., wife of Frank Witmer, son of Henry Witmer, of Lower Mahanoy; Mary A., married to Reuben Wetzel, a baker, at Herndon, this county; William, a farmer on his father's property above mentioned, who married Stella Witmer, daughter of Monroe Witmer, late of Lower Mahanoy; Stella, married to Clarence E. Witmer, son of Ephraim Witmer; John N.; Clarence E.; Lloyd J.; Neda Irene; Telma M.; Charles I.; and Emma K.

Mr. Martz and his family are members of the Reformed Church, and he is serving as a deacon of the Vera Cruz congregation. He is a Republican in his political views.

WILLIAM MARTZ was born in eastern Pennsylvania, where his father, a native of Germany, settled. He lived for a number of years at Snyder-town, in Northumberland county, where he owned the farm which is now the property of William Place, and in addition to farming he followed his trade of blacksmith. He was a tall man, and heavy set. When about sixty years old he went out to Illinois with his daughters Sarah (wife of Leonard Wagner) and Lydia (wife of John Kline), and there lived at Elmwood, in Peoria county, until his death, which occurred when he was about seventy-five. He married an Evert,



who long preceded him to the grave and is buried at Snyderstown, Northumberland county. They had six children, namely: (1) John is fully mentioned in the next paragraph. (2) Kate married John Miller. (3) Lydia married John Kline. (4) Sarah married Leonard Wagner. (5) Daniel, who lived and died at Sunbury, had children William J. and Mary. (6) Jacob settled in southern Missouri, where he died. He was a farmer by occupation. His children were Lizzie, Belle, Charles, Hattie, Fletcher, Maggie and Emma.

John Martz, son of William, was born in December, 1818, at Snyderstown, Northumberland county, and there passed his long life, dying Jan. 31, 1892. He is buried in the Martz family plot at Snyderstown. He owned 110 acres of land, and farmed all his life, but was also engaged as an employee on the Pennsylvania railroad for some years. Though he did not care to hold office, he was prevailed upon to serve two terms as overseer of the poor of Shamokin township, an office he filled with intelligence and ability. He was an active member of the Reformed Church, in which he served as deacon and elder. Mr. Martz married Elizabeth Kaseman, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Reichard) Kaseman, and they became the parents of four children: Franklin P. lives in Ralpho township; William E. is mentioned below; Clara married David Snyder and they live in Snyderstown, this county; Elizabeth married William J. Barrell and they live at Shamokin.

WILLIAM E. MARTZ was born Jan. 21, 1851, at Snyderstown, Northumberland county, and was reared on the farm, working for his parents until he attained his majority. In 1891 he began farming the homestead on his own account, and continued to cultivate it for eight years, in 1899 moving to the place in Rockefeller township he has since occupied and cultivated. This was formerly part of the William Miller homestead and is a valuable tract of fifty-eight acres, at the head waters of Plum creek. All the buildings now standing on this property were erected by Mr. Martz, he having built the barn in 1895 and the house in 1898. His place is a model of comfort and convenience as a country home, and he keeps it in an excellent state of cultivation, looking after all the details carefully and intelligently.

On Feb. 17, 1891, Mr. Martz married Sarah Ann Miller, daughter of William and Ann (Strickland) Miller, of Rockefeller township. Mr. and Mrs. Martz have no children. He is a Lutheran in religious matters, his wife a member of the Reformed Church.

**BYERLY.** The Byerly family of the lower end of Northumberland county is descended from one Ludwig Byerly, one of three brothers who came from Berks county, Pa., and located to the north of the Blue mountains. He settled at Line Moun-

tain, near Pitman, Schuylkill county, another brother is said to have settled at a different location in Schuylkill county, and the third at Danville, Columbia (now Montour) county. Ludwig Byerly was twice married, his first wife, whose maiden name was Beisel, being from the Mahantango Valley, where she also died. She was the mother of two sons and one daughter, Eliza (married Benjamin Leitzel), Samuel and Elijah. After his second marriage, which was to a Miss Delp, he moved about 1825 to Red Bank, in Jefferson county, where he followed farming and lumbering, and he lived to the age of about eighty. He is buried in the vicinity of Red Bank. Five sons and several daughters were born to his second union, the sons being: Ludwig, George, Henry, Emanuel and Solomon.

Samuel Byerly, eldest son of Ludwig, was born in 1811 in the Mahantango Valley, in Schuylkill county, and passed the greater part of his active life in Jordan township, Northumberland county, where he died July 3, 1887, aged seventy-five years, six months, ten days. For a number of years in his earlier manhood he lived out among farmers, later purchasing a small farm in Jordan township, which, however, he soon sold, thereafter going to work for his brother Elijah. When he again began farming on his own account he was a tenant at different places for nine years, and at the end of that period purchased a tract of 196 acres in Jordan township, near Urban, where he had lived as a tenant for three years. After he had owned it for four years he sold out at a profit and moved to Washington township, where he lived for several years, then purchasing what was known as the Schreffler farm of 129 acres on the Middle creek, at the Himmel Church. Eventually he sold this place and returned to Jordan township. He married Sarah Schaffer, daughter of John and Christina (Lenker) Schaffer, and she survived him a number of years, dying in September, 1900, aged eighty-seven years, three months, twenty days. Mr. and Mrs. Byerly are buried at St. Paul's Church, Urban. They had children as follows: Jacob; Henry S.; Samuel, of Shamokin; Harriet, who married David Adams, both now deceased; Annie, who died young; Dinah, who died young; John S.; and Sarah, who married Nathan Guthman, of Mahantango Valley.

Jacob Byerly, son of Samuel, lives at Wiconisco, Dauphin Co., Pa. He was formerly a farmer. In politics he is a Democrat, and he is at present serving as supervisor. He married Catharine Schaffer, of Urban, who is now deceased, and to them were born eleven children: Edwin, Samuel, Gordon, George, William, Clara, three other daughters, and two deceased.

Henry S. Byerly, son of Samuel, attended the old time subscription schools of Lower Mahanoy township, and later went to school in Jackson

township. He was reared to farm life, and continued to work for his father until he reached the age of twenty-two years, after which he was hired on the farm for a year and for another year burned lime for his uncle, Josiah Schaffer. In 1864 he engaged in the lime burning and hauling business, being encouraged to make this venture by his uncle, Mr. Schaffer, and he carried it on successfully for several years. Meantime, in 1865, he purchased a small farm near Hebel, in the Malantango Valley, where he lived one year, after which he and his uncle, Josiah Schaffer, purchased a 118-acre farm in Jordan township, in partnership. This was formerly the Jacob Bohner place. Here Mr. Byerly lived for twenty years, in 1885 moving to a 113-acre tract in Jackson township, to which he added until he had 154 acres. Here he lived until his retirement, in 1898, since which time he has made his home at Herndon. He owns considerable real estate, all of which he has acquired through his own efforts, being a self-made man, one who has worked hard all his life. He has always been active in public affairs and in church life, being a man whom his fellow citizens instinctively interest with matters affecting the general welfare. For six years he was school director of Jordan township, during that time also serving as treasurer of the board. In Jackson township he was overseer of the poor several years and tax collector for two years. Since becoming a resident of Herndon he has served three years as councilman. He is a Democrat in politics and a Lutheran in religion. He has always been an enthusiastic supporter of the church, is at present serving as treasurer, and has been trustee, deacon and elder.

On July 5, 1864, Mr. Byerly married Abigail Otto, who was born Jan. 8, 1840, daughter of John Otto (whose wife's maiden name was Groh), and died Feb. 22, 1909; she is buried at Herndon. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Byerly: Luzianna married William Steel, and they have had three children, Lura (deceased), Eugene and Beulah (they live in Jackson township); Sara A. R. married Edw. Steel, a brother of William Steel, and they live at Dalmatia; Cora Ellen is the wife of William Wayne, a resident of Herndon, and they have three children, Flossie, Alva and Charles; Catharine Lura died in infancy; one son died in infancy; John O., of Dalmatia, married Flora Trautman and they have one child, Oscar; Lydia married Penrose Miller, of Herndon, and they have one child, Mary; Henrietta is the wife of Charles Kehler, of Herndon (they have no children). Mr. Byerly, the father of this family, though now (1910) seventy years of age, is a well preserved man, and he is widely and favorably known.

JOHN S. BYERLY, son of Samuel, is engaged in farming near Urban, in Jordan township. He was

born May 3, 1850, and received his education in the old pay schools conducted during his early boyhood, attending only two and a half days at the free school. His boyhood was passed under the parental roof, and he acquired a practical knowledge of farm work assisting his father, for whom he worked until he attained his majority. He afterward hired out as a laborer for several years until he began farming for himself in Washington township, on a forty-acre tract where he remained for two years. He moved thence to another farm in the same township, where he lived for twelve years, on April 5, 1888, settling in Jordan township, on the farm where he has since resided. This place, which contains about forty acres, formerly belonged to Peter Schwartz, from whom Mr. Byerly purchased it in partnership with his elder brother, Henry S. Byerly, and he has made a success of his work on this property. However, he is particularly well known as a horsedealer and veterinary surgeon. For thirty-one years he has kept stock horses, and he has always prided himself upon the quality and fine condition of the animals he handles, being considered the most reliable man in that line anywhere in this section. He never took a course in veterinary medicine, but he possesses a natural gift which enables him to diagnose and treat animal ailments successfully, and he has saved many valuable animals in the neighborhood, those who know him having the greatest confidence in his ability and skill. He has not only been a useful citizen of his community, but one who has made so many friends that he is liked and welcomed everywhere. He is a tall man, with a pleasant disposition and a jovial word for all, and his popularity is well deserved. During the winter months he always keeps a good supply of cider on tap. He is a Democrat in politics, and has served three years as school director. He and his family are Lutheran members of St. Paul's Church, which he has served as trustee, and is at present holding the office of elder.

In the summer of 1870 Mr. Byerly married Mary Schreffler, daughter of Gottfried and Jestina (Hepner) Schreffler, and they have three daughters: Emma J. is the wife of John Phillips and has two children, William and Gertie; Nora E. married Jacob Tressler and has children, Charles, Daisy, Mary, John and Goldie; Miranda M. married Andrew Schlegel and has two children, J. Charles and Elmer D.

Elijah Byerly, the younger son of Ludwig Byerly by his first marriage, was born Oct. 5, 1813, and was a lifelong farmer. He began farming on his own account at the place where his grandson, Jonathan M. Byerly, now lives, in Jordan township. He married Mary Bower, daughter of Jacob Bower and granddaughter of Matthias Bower, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Matthias Bow-



er owned the farm which later became the property of Elijah Byerly, who began to farm there upon his marriage. Later his wife was given ninety-nine acres of the large Bower homestead, and there Elijah Byerly erected a set of buildings and made his permanent home. He prospered, purchased adjacent land, until the farm comprised over two hundred acres, also starting a hotel which to this day is known as Byerly's, and which in the earlier days was a great business center. Many cattle dealers used to stop there, and the place became known far and wide. It was conducted by Elijah Byerly's son Josiah until 1900. Elijah Byerly died March 19, 1873, and is buried at the Stone Valley (Zion's) Church. His wife, who was born Jan. 22, 1814, died June 21, 1886. Their children, seven sons and three daughters, were: Elias, Benjamin, Henry, Frank, Josiah, Adam, Sovana (died in infancy), Ella (married Penrose Shadle), Maggie (married Adam Bingham) and Emma (married Simon Reed).

Elias Byerly, son of Elijah, was born June 16, 1833, where his son Jonathan M. Byerly now lives. Throughout his life he followed farming successfully, and at different times he was also engaged in hotel-keeping, during the Civil war conducting the "National Hotel" at Pillow, Dauphin Co., Pa. He held local offices, serving as school director and tax collector, and was a prominent worker in the Lutheran congregation of Zion's Stone Valley Church, serving as deacon, elder and trustee, and attending divine services faithfully; he missed but one communion in twenty years. He died Oct. 5, 1909, and is interred in the family plot at the Stone Valley Church. His widow, Elizabeth (Radel), daughter of Michael and Catharine (Bonawitz) Radel, was born Oct. 4, 1834, and though in her seventy-seventh year is well preserved. Eight children were born to this worthy couple: Jonathan M., Mary A., Josephine E., James M. (died in infancy), Senora C., Ivy (who died in infancy, she and James M. both living to be ten months, fourteen days old), Michael E. and Eva (wife of J. C. Boyer). Jonathan M., Michael E. and Eva are the only survivors of this family.

JONATHAN M. BYERLY was born June 26, 1858, in Lower Mahanoy township, and there received his early education in the local public schools, later attending a select school at Pillow, Dauphin county. In 1880 he received a license to teach from Professor Bowl, then superintendent of schools in Northumberland county, and began his career as an educator in Washington township, where he taught for two terms. Later he taught two terms in Lower Mahanoy township, and he made a reputation as a good disciplinarian as well as a conscientious instructor. From boyhood he had been accustomed to farm work, and he began farming for himself in 1882 in Lower Mahanoy, where he remained until his removal, in 1904, to his present

farm in Jordan township. He still owns the place in Lower Mahanoy, which now comprises 114 acres of valuable land which he bought from the estate of his uncle, Benjamin Byerly. The latter bought a Wetzel tract of twenty-five acres to which he added until the farm reached its present proportions. Jonathan M. Byerly farmed that place until he removed to his present home, which he bought in the fall of 1900, from Michael Emerich, and which is a most desirable property of 134 acres of limestone soil. This place has been scientifically fertilized under his management, and he has made a number of improvements which have materially enhanced the value of the property. Mr. Byerly is one of the intelligent, progressive and influential men of his district, where by his useful life he has won the respect of all who know him. He is a Democrat, has served as school director, and has long been an active church worker, being one of the leading members of Zion's (Stone Valley) Church, where he and his family belong to the Lutheran congregation. He has served many years as deacon and elder, and was church treasurer for ten years.

On Jan. 8, 1882, Mr. Byerly married Louisa Emmerich, daughter of Michael and Hannah (Tressler) Emmerich. They have had children as follows: Benedict Beecher, who died when ten months, four days old; Naomi Josephine, wife of John A. Latsha; Claudia Alveretta, wife of C. C. Miller; Hannah E.; Elias M., married to Lizzie Paul; Ellen Salome; Isaac Theodore; Maud Heleria, who died in her sixth year; and Mark Jonathan, who died when ten months old.

Josiah Byerly, son of Elijah, was born Dec. 28, 1843, at Byerly's, in Lower Mahanoy township, this county, and obtained a rather limited education in the pay schools which were then the only institutions of learning in the locality. He worked for his father until he was of age, and about 1882 began farming at the place in Jordan township where he now lives, having a farm of 145 acres which belonged to his mother, having formerly been a Bower tract. On this place stands a large Swiss barn which was built in 1853 by Elijah Byerly; it is 100 by 45 feet in dimensions, and is an attractive feature of the property.

On Nov. 22, 1868, Mr. Byerly married Catharine Snyder, daughter of John and Anna Barbara (Wert) Snyder, and to them have been born eight children, five sons and three daughters, namely: Harry E., of St. Louis, Mo.; Isaiah F., who lives at home; Walter C., who lives near his parents; George C.; Jeremiah; Annie, who died young; Martha, wife of J. Lengert; and Mary. Mr. Byerly and his family are Lutheran members of Zion's Stone Valley Church, which he formerly served in the official capacities of deacon and elder, and he is at present a trustee, which office he has held six years. Politically he is a Democrat.



EDWARD EARLEY, of Shamokin, business man and member of the borough council, which he served one year as president, has a high reputation for personal worth which has been considerably augmented of recent years by his efficient work in the governing body of the municipality. His public spirit and ability won him the name of being one of the most useful officials Shamokin has ever had.

Mr. Earley was born Oct. 27, 1859, at Tamaqua, Schuylkill Co., Pa., son of Patrick Earley, a native of County Donegal, Ireland, who came to America in 1851. For a number of years after coming to America Mr. Earley was settled at Tamaqua, where he followed farming, thence removing to Carbon county, Pa., where he spent the rest of his life. For several years he was supervisor of Banks township, that county. He died there Nov. 26, 1895. Mr. Earley married Bridget McGill, who survived him, dying Sept. 6, 1908, and they are buried in St. Ann cemetery, at Drifton, Pa. Eight children were born to their union: Annie (deceased) married Thomas North; Mary died in infancy; Edward is mentioned later; Bridget married John F. Cannon and resides at Locust Gap, Northumberland county (Mr. and Mrs. Cannon have had seven children, Agnes, who is a trained nurse, located at Reading, Pa.; Raymond; John; William; Anna; Mary, and Catherine); William lives in Carbon county, Pa.; John lives in South Bethlehem, Pa.; James is deceased; Catherine is the wife of Hugh C. Boyle and lives at Coatesville, Pennsylvania.

Patrick Earley was one of a family of seven children, his brothers and sisters being: John, James, Joseph, Mary, Catherine and Bridget. Of this family, Joseph served in the Civil war, and two of his sons fought in the Spanish-American war.

Edward Earley began work when but seven years old as a slate picker at the mines at Locust Gap, this county. He moved with the family to Carbon county, where he continued to work as a slate picker until he became a regular miner, following that line of work for twenty years. During the great strike of 1887 he was a prominent worker in the Knights of Labor. He then gave up mining, and going to Wilkes-Barre found work with the Sheldon Axle Company, with which he remained until his removal to Shamokin, in 1889. Here he entered the employ of his brother-in-law, W. A. Kearney, who was in the wholesale liquor business, being associated with him until he withdrew to engage in business on his own account, in 1898. He has ever since been located at No. 142 Market street, Shamokin, and has built up a profitable trade. Besides, he is local agent for the Kaier Brewing Company, of Mahanoy City. Mr. Earley's perseverance and executive ability have won him success, but his industry and faithful at-

tention to detail have been no less factors in his prosperity, which he well deserves.

That Mr. Earley has high standing in the city of his adoption is shown by the honors he has received at the hands of his fellow citizens. In October, 1905, he was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Patrick J. Glennon, as councilman from the Fourth ward, and at the next election he was a regular candidate for the office, elected on the Democratic ticket and indorsed by the Republicans. In March, 1909, he was the successful candidate for president of the council, which office he filled for one year, with the highest efficiency. The amount of business transacted by the council during his year as presiding officer, and the many excellent measures acted upon, are creditable to the entire body, which won universal public approval for services of a high order. Mr. Earley is president of the local lodge of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (No. 3) and also county president of that fraternity. He is a member of St. Edward's Catholic Church.

Mr. Earley married Cecelia Kearney, daughter of Patrick Kearney, of Shamokin, and they have had four children: Mary, who died when four years old; Edward P., a telegraph operator; Eileen V., a graduate of the Shamokin high school, class of 1909; and Catherine K., a graduate of the Shamokin high school, class of 1911.

FETTER. There are two branches of the Fetter family quite numerous represented in Northumberland county with which this article is concerned, those descended from the brothers Heinrich and Frederick Fetter, who came hither from Berks county in the beginning of the nineteenth century. They are all of the posterity of Philip Fetter, who emigrated to this country from Germany. Isaac O. Fetter, of Sunbury, who has been prominently associated with business interests there for some years as an extensive contractor and builder; Nathan E. Fetter, of Upper Mahanoy township, now serving his sixth term as justice of the peace and otherwise active in the affairs of his locality; and Elias Fetter, farmer of Upper Mahanoy township, a man of conspicuous intelligence and one of the leading citizens of his community, are all of this stock. We give the record of the early generations from the emigrant ancestor.

Philip Fetter, a native of the Rheinpfalz, Germany, landed at Philadelphia in the fall of 1751, and settled in Maxatawny township, Berks Co., Pa. His wife, Anna Maria (Fissler), was also from Germany, but according to family tradition he was unmarried when he came to this country. Among his children were the following sons: Jacob, Adam, Philip and Conrad all settled west of the Susquehanna river, in Snyder and Union counties, Pa.; George settled in Northumberland county; John settled at Tamaqua, Schuylkill county; Heinrich

and Frederick settled in Northumberland county.

Heinrich Fetter, son of Philip, was born Sept. 6, 1779, in Maxatawny township, Berks county, was baptized by Rev. Philip Jacob Michael, at Ziegel's Church, in Weisenburg township, in what is now Lehigh county, Pa., and was confirmed by Rev. Jacob Lupold, at the same church. He was a shoemaker by trade, but engaged principally in farming. Coming from Berks county to Northumberland county in 1810, he first settled on the farm where Elias Rebuck now lives, later locating in Upper Mahanoy township, on the farm now owned by David S. Paul. He is buried at the Salem Lutheran and Reformed Church, in Schuylkill county, near the Northumberland county line. His wife, Elizabeth (Hartman), was born Oct. 19, 1781, in Whitehall township, Northampton Co., Pa., daughter of Johan Dietrich and Catharine (Ruchin) Hartman, and died March 3, 1847, aged sixty-five years, four months, fifteen days. They were the parents of seventeen children, three of whom died young, thirteen sons and one daughter reaching maturity, viz.: Joshua, who went West; Heinrich; David; Mary, who married Samuel Rebuck; Isaac; Daniel; Elias, who married a Miss Bush; Moses; Levi; Philip; John, who was blind; Solomon; Jonas, who died young; and another son whose name is forgotten.

David Fetter, son of Heinrich, was born Jan. 18, 1808, in Maxatawny township, Berks county, and was two years old when the family came to Northumberland county. He received his education in the German subscription schools which afforded the young their principal educational advantages during his childhood, and acquired more than the average literary training for the time, being an excellent reader and writing a good German hand. He was a carpenter, following that trade during his earlier manhood and later engaging in farming, having a forty-seven-acre farm in Upper Mahanoy township. A well known man in his community, partly because of his superior education, he was active and influential in local politics as an ardent Democrat, helped to hold many elections, and himself served as supervisor, overseer of the poor and auditor of his township. He married Mary Erdman, who was born March 12, 1817, at twelve o'clock midnight, daughter of Jonathan Erdman, and died Sept. 12, 1904, at the same hour. Mr. Fetter died Nov. 10, 1890, in his eighty-third year, and both are buried at Salem Church, where they and their family worshipped with the Lutheran congregation. He was a trustee of that church at the time of his incorporation. Thirteen children were born to David and Mary Fetter, as follows: Henry died young; Elizabeth married David Ochs; Harriet married Elias Groh and (second) John Kleinginni; Lydia married Andrew Moyer; Catharine married Peter Lucas;

Adam married Sarah Paul; David died young; Marcus, who was blind, died young; James and Jonathan died young; Edwin died young; Nathan E. is mentioned below; Polly died young. Several of the children died of diphtheria, within a short time.

NATHAN E. FETTER, son of David, was born Feb. 24, 1852, and grew to manhood in Upper Mahanoy township. He received his early education in the subscription and free schools, later attending Freeburg Academy, in Snyder county. When nineteen years old he was licensed to teach, and was first assigned to Delp's school, No. 6, in Upper Mahanoy township, following his profession for twenty-two successive terms, all in the same township, a record which speaks volumes for his efficiency and popularity. He is engaged in farming, and for many years has been one of the leading figures in local public affairs. He is township clerk, a position he has filled for the past twenty years; and since 1882 has served continuously as justice of the peace, in which capacity he has settled many controversies in his district, officially and unofficially. He has been Democratic committeeman of Upper Mahanoy township for the past thirty years and has served as delegate to various county conventions, in which he takes the greatest interest. Few citizens are better or more favorably known. He is a member of the Lutheran congregation at Salem Church, and served the church consistory as secretary for two years. Mr. Fetter lives on the road between Leck Kill and Rough and Ready. In his early manhood he was afflicted with a running sore which eventually caused him the loss of his left leg, but he has never allowed this misfortune to interfere in any way with his ambition or usefulness.

Daniel Fetter, son of Heinrich and grandson of Philip, was born Aug. 27, 1815, in Upper Mahanoy township, and there passed his life, dying March 1, 1878. He occupied the place where his son Elias now lives, cultivating his farm of fifty-odd acres and following his trade of shoemaker, plying his craft in the shop now used for weaving. In politics he was a Democrat, in religion a Lutheran, he and his family belonging to the Salem Church with which so many of the name have been identified. His wife, Sarah (Montelius), daughter of Peter and Rebecca (Stitzer) Montelius, was born July 13, 1820, and died May 26, 1893. Their children, five sons and three daughters, were as follows: Henry died at the age of thirty-two years; Peter is mentioned below; Harriet married Benneville Reiner and they live at Tower City, Pa.; Adam (deceased) lived near Trevorton, this county; Emma, who is unmarried, lives with her brother Elias; Charles died in his thirty-second year; Elias is mentioned below;



Sarah (deceased) married Daniel Stitzer. The parents and all their deceased children except Peter are buried at the Salem Church.

Peter Fetter, son of Daniel, was born in 1843 in Upper Mahanoy township, and like his father became a "cobbler," but he also worked in the lumber woods. During the Civil war he served as a soldier in Company A, 11th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and in the course of his army life he contracted disease from which he never recovered, and which eventually was the indirect cause of his death. His hearing was affected, and he was killed by a fast train on the railroad above Dalmatia while walking along the track, being unable to hear its approach. The accident happened in September, 1898, when he was fifty-five years old. He is buried at the Stone Valley (Zion's) Church in Lower Mahanoy township. He and his family were Lutherans in religion. Mr. Fetter married Annie Yeagley, who survives him, making her home at Dalmatia. The following children were born to their union: Isaac O.; Lizzie, wife of Harry Klinger and living at Tower City, Pa.; Charles, of Tremont, Pa.; Frank, of Sunbury, this county; Adam, who died when four years old; Kate; and Samuel, of Philadelphia.

ISAAC O. FETTER, son of Peter, was born March 28, 1872, in Lower Mahanoy township, and received a common school education. When nineteen years old he went to Shamokin to learn the carpenter's trade, serving his apprenticeship with R. S. Aucker, and remained in that borough six years, in 1897 coming to Sunbury, where he has since been located. Not long after settling here he began contracting and building on his own account, and has followed the business with increasing success up to the present time, being now one of the leading men in that line in the borough. He employs as many as twenty-five men, and up to date has over a hundred buildings in Sunbury to his credit as a builder. Among those of his construction may be mentioned the Gen. C. M. Clement residence; the Sunbury National Bank building; the First National Bank building at Herndon; the W. H. Druckenmiller residence; the E. S. Weimer residence; the addition to the First Evangelical Church edifice; two steel frame buildings for the Keystone Forging Company at Northumberland, one of which is 100 by 150 feet in dimensions; C. S. Miller's ice plant; the M. L. Swab residence on East Market street (which he also designed); the F. A. Witmer residence, in the same section, which he designed as well as erected; the F. H. Conrad residence; and various other buildings. Except where otherwise specified, all these are in Sunbury. In 1905, for greater convenience in the transaction of his business and carrying out his contracts, Mr. Fetter established the planing-mill and lumber yard on South Tenth street, in the East End of Sunbury, which he has since con-

ducted. This plant is situated between the tracks of the Pennsylvania and Philadelphia & Reading railroads, and covers an area of about fifteen thousand square feet. The mill is thoroughly equipped with the most approved modern appliances for producing the highest grade of work, carefully selected lumber is used in filling all orders, and the establishment has a reputation for reliable and well finished products which accounts for its popularity. All classes of work, from the most inexpensive to the most elegant, are undertaken, and a force of twenty-five hands find steady employment. Electric power is the motive force, and the plant is up-to-date in every detail. Mr. Fetter's mechanical skill, combined with unusual executive ability, has made his success possible within a comparatively short time. Though busy with his own interests he has found time for service on the school board, having been director from the Ninth ward since 1905, and he is the present treasurer of the board. He is a Republican in his political views.

On March 6, 1897, Mr. Fetter married Hattie Susanna Bogar, daughter of Paul S. and Matilda (Musser) Bogar, of Adams township, Snyder Co., Pa., and granddaughter of Daniel and Susan (Sampsel) Bogar, also of Snyder county. Mr. and Mrs. Fetter reside in the handsome home at No. 170 South Tenth street, adjoining his mill property, which he designed and erected in 1903, a substantial brick dwelling which is an ornament to the locality and much admired. They are members of the Lutheran Church.

ELIAS FETTER, son of Daniel, was born July 24, 1855, on the homestead in Upper Mahanoy township, and received his education in the free schools of the locality. He was reared to farm life, and in his earlier years did laboring work for others, until he began farming on his own account, in 1879. From that time to the present he has farmed his father's old place, to which he has added eighteen acres and which he has improved in many ways, having a most desirable property on the road between Leek Kill and Rough and Ready, near the Schuylkill county line. His father built a residence on the place in 1866, and Mr. Fetter erected his present home thereon in 1901. He is a man of enterprise and public spirit, one whose opinion on matters generally is held in high regard, and he is a prominent man in his township in many respects. He has long been actively identified with the work of the Democratic party, having helped to hold a number of township elections, and served twelve years as auditor of the township. He has also been a valued member of the Lutheran congregation of Salem Church, where he and his wife belong, having served as deacon and at present holding the office of trustee.

In 1898 Mr. Fetter married Lovina Heim, daughter of John and Lydia (Shott) Heim, of



Washington township, this county. They have no family.

Frederick Fetter, son of Philip, the emigrant, was born in Berks county, Pa. He came thence to Northumberland county about 1815, from what township is not definitely known, but his grandson, John Fetter, thinks it was Heidelberg, and settled on a farm of some eighty acres at Leek Kill, in Upper Mahanoy township. He followed farming throughout his active years, and was not an old man at the time of his death. He adhered to the Reformed faith, and is buried at Howerter's Church. His wife, Catharine (Schmidt), was like himself from Berks county, and their eldest child, George, was born there. Besides this son they had four daughters, namely: Hannah died unmarried; Elizabeth, born Nov. 2, 1798, died Aug. 20, 1865, unmarried; Sallie was an invalid; Catharine married John Brown.

George Fetter, son of Frederick, was born July 4, 1801, in Berks county. He succeeded his father in the ownership of the homestead in Upper Mahanoy township, and resided thereon some years, thence moving to a farm of 118 acres north of that property; this latter place is now the property of one of his grandsons, Charles H. Fetter. George Fetter served his township as overseer of the poor. He was a Democrat in politics and a member of the Reformed Church in religious matters, uniting with the Howerter Church, where he is buried. His wife Catharine (Mertz), daughter of John Mertz, of Berks county, was born April 19, 1803, and died Dec. 24, 1876, and Mr. Fetter died July 17, 1878. Their children were as follows: Charles lived at Pine Grove, Schuylkill Co., Pa.; Daniel, born Nov. 27, 1825, died Dec. 30, 1864, unmarried; John is mentioned below; Benneville is mentioned below; Catharine married Charles Kahler, and died Aug. 1, 1908, aged seventy-three years; Esther, born Sept. 3, 1836, died Feb. 27, 1872.

John Fetter, son of George, now a venerable resident of Upper Mahanoy township, was born in that township Feb. 28, 1832, and has passed all his long life there. He was reared to farming and gave all his active years to that vocation, owning and cultivating his father's old place for seventeen years. Reselling this tract to his father, he purchased his present place, a tract of 107 acres, in 1869, and has since resided there. This was the old Michael Braun homestead, and Mr. Braun in 1829 built the stone house which still stands on the property and is occupied as a residence. Mr. Fetter retired from farming in 1908. He is a member of St. John's Church, in Upper Mahanoy township, which he has served officially as elder.

In 1875 Mr. Fetter married Sarah Ann Runkel, who was born in 1842, daughter of Philip and Susanna (Cherry) Runkel, and they have had two children: William is a farmer in Upper Mahanoy

township; Farietta married Landis Brosius, who farms the homestead for his father-in-law, Mr. Fetter.

Benneville Fetter, son of George, was born April 21, 1841, on the homestead in Upper Mahanoy township, where he was a lifelong farmer, owning and living upon his father's place, which is now the property of his son Charles H. He died Jan. 6, 1887, at the comparatively early age of forty-five years, and is buried at St. John's Church, where he and his family united with the Reformed congregation, and he was serving as deacon at the time of his death. Mr. Fetter had a harrowing experience with the Molly Maguires, who terrorized the coal regions for a number of years, being robbed by them of two hundred dollars while he was going across Broad Mountain. He was a hucksterer, and was on the road between Pottsville and Minersville. He married Louisa Malick, daughter of David and Elizabeth (Leitzel) Malick, and four children were born to them: Wilson M., Charles H., John F. and George M., the last named dying in childhood.

CHARLES H. FETTER was born July 19, 1867, on the homestead, and there worked for his parents until he reached the age of eighteen years. When his father died he took charge of the farm of 118 acres, which he has since cultivated. It came into his possession in 1888. He disposes of his produce in Shamokin. Mr. Fetter has been quite interested in local affairs, has been overseer of the poor in his township since 1905 and was supervisor for three terms. He is a Republican in political sentiment.

On Nov. 9, 1890, Mr. Fetter married Lizzie A. Beissel, daughter of Daniel H. and Abbie (Hornberger) Beissel, of Upper Mahanoy township, and they have had a family of eleven children, as follows: Sadie Maizie, Harry D., Clyde E., Wellington C., George C., John C., Cally L., Dora W., Katie A., Jennie L. and Lydia E. Mr. Fetter and his family worship at St. John's Church, where they are members of the Lutheran congregation, and he has been very active in the work of that organization, having served as deacon eleven years in succession, as superintendent of the Sunday school for three terms, and since 1907 as elder. He takes a keen interest in all the activities of the congregation and is one of its most valued workers. He is a member of Eureka Lodge, No. 260, I. O. O. F., of Leek Kill.

JOHN F. FETTER, son of Benneville, was born Nov. 16, 1871, in Upper Mahanoy township, where he received his education, attending school at Leek Kill. Leaving school at the age of eighteen years, he went to Mount Carmel to learn the carpenter's trade when he attained his majority, and has been engaged at that work ever since, being established in his native township. Since the spring of 1909 he has also been engaged in farming, owning forty-nine acres located along Line Mountain. This

was formerly the Solomon Enderline homestead and subsequently owned by E. B. Tschopp, who built the present frame residence in 1893. Mr. Enderline operated a tannery there for many years.

On Dec. 30, 1863, Mr. Fetter married Anna Brosius, daughter of Michael and Katie (Bush) Brosius, and they have had two children, Katie L. and Lloyd A. All this family are members of the Reformed congregation at St. John's Church. Like his father, Mr. Fetter is a Republican in politics, and socially he affiliates with Mount Carmel Commandery, No. 22, Knights of Malta, and with the carpenters and joiners organization, No. 111, at Mount Carmel.

DANIEL S. SCHWARTZ, one of the leading and substantial married citizens of Jordan township, was born on the Schwartz homestead there Sept. 23, 1846, and is now the owner of that place. He is the second son of Peter Schwartz, the founder of the family in Northumberland county, who came hither from his native county, Berks.

The earliest ancestor of this old Pennsylvania family was one Nicholas Schwartz, and he was one of the early residents of Longswamp township, Berks Co., Pa. (There was another Nicholas Schwartz in Berks county, a much earlier settler there.) In 1759 he was assessed, paying fourteen pounds tax, and one Daniel Schwartz, who paid two pounds, is said to have been his brother. In the tax list the name is spelled Swartz, but in his last will and testament Nicholas wrote the name Schwartz in legible German. In this document, which is on record in Will Book 2, page 336, in the Berks county courthouse, he gives his occupation as shoemaker. On May 9, 1778, during the progress of the American Revolution, letters of administration were granted to his wife, Mary Elizabeth Schwartz, and their sons John and Samuel. Nicholas Schwartz made ample provision for his beloved wife, who was to receive annually 18 bushels of good wheat, 100 pounds of pork, 50 pounds of beef, 6 pounds of good wool, 10 pounds of "heckled" flax, 8 pounds of hemp, 2 barrels of good cider and 3 gallons "oyl." The children of Nicholas and Mary Elizabeth Schwartz were seven in number, five sons and two daughters: John, Samuel, Daniel, Christian, Nicholas, Sarah and Mary Elizabeth. The estate being a large one, all received considerable for that day, John and Samuel obtaining land: the homestead it appears was divided into two parts, John receiving that part on which stood the original set of buildings. Daniel received a tract of land and twenty-five pounds in money. Christian was to receive 200 pounds in money and a mare not over ten years old. Nicholas received 200 pounds in money, Sarah a like amount, and Mary Elizabeth 100 pounds in money.

When the first Federal Census Report was taken,

in 1790, Samuel Schwartz lived in Longswamp township, Berks county, was a farmer, and head of a family consisting of himself and wife, a son then over sixteen years old, and four sons under sixteen, as well as three daughters. It was his eldest son, Peter, born 1766, died 1831, who founded the family in the territory now embraced in Jordan township, Northumberland county, he having settled at Urban, the business center of the township.

There were a number of other Swartzes in Berks county at this period, the following wills being of some note: Book B, page 201, Casper Swartz, died 1787 (executors John and Leonard Swartz); Book A, page 383, Jacob Swartz, died 1798 (executors Philipina Swartz); Book 4, page 169, Leonard Swartz, died 1803 (executors Ludwig Swartz and Henry Knecht); Book 4, page 136, John Swartz, died 1807 (executors Rachel Swartz and John Garbutt).

Peter Schwartz, eldest son of Samuel and grandson of Nicholas, was born in Longswamp township, Berks county, and upon his removal to Northumberland county settled in what is now Jordan township. He took up and bought over three hundred acres of land, located in the vicinity of Urban, which village was founded by his son Daniel on land originally belonging to Peter Schwartz. The latter was a farmer by vocation, and he was a man of progressive and enterprising disposition, erecting a number of buildings and materially improving his holdings. He belonged to the Reformed congregation of St. Peter's Church at Mahanoy and was active in every phase of the church life, holding all the church offices and assisting liberally in the financial support of the organization as well as in the erection of the church edifice. He is buried at that church, as is also his wife, who was a native of Berks county and a member of one of the oldest and most representative families of that region, the Hochs. The inscriptions on their tombstones read as follows:

Hier ruhet  
der Leib von  
Peter Schwartz  
Geboren Sept. den 19ten  
1763  
Starb July den 2ten 1831  
Sein alter war 70 Jahre  
7 monate und 14 tage

Hier ruhet  
der Leib von  
Debora Schwartz  
Geborne Hochein  
war geböhren April den 12ten  
1761  
Starb Sept. den 7ten 1833:  
Ehr alter war 72 Jahre  
4 monate und 26 tage

Peter Schwartz and his wife had three sons and two daughters, viz.: Daniel; Samuel, a school



teacher, who moved to Mercer county, Pa., and who married a Schaffer (he had a son Jonas): Peter; Catharine, married to George Geise; and Hannah, married to Elias Leitzel.

Daniel Schwartz, son of Peter, was born Dec. 2, 1791, in Berks county, and came with his parents to Northumberland county, where he became a prominent citizen of his section. He was a farmer and merchant, owned the farm of 160 acres now belonging to his grandson Daniel Schwartz, and was the founder of the village of Urban (so named by the government when the post office was established), erecting the first building and starting the first store and hotel there. His establishment was the principal business center in the township, and he continued in successful business for many years, during which time he was also active in many ways in promoting the general welfare of the community. He was a valuable member of society. The public school system received substantial encouragement from him and he helped to establish it in his district. He donated the ground upon which St. Paul's (the Schwartz) Church at Urban is erected, and contributed liberally of both time and money toward its erection, was a zealous member of the Reformed congregation there, holding all the church offices, and participated in all the work of that organization. Politically he was a Democrat. His wife, Rachel (Beisel), daughter of Peter Beisel, was born July 11, 1797, and died Dec. 29, 1862. Mr. Schwartz died Sept. 30, 1857. They were the parents of the following children: David; Josiah, who married Anna Schaffer (she was born May 28, 1826, and died Oct. 4, 1861); Elias; Rachel, Mrs. Smith (she and her husband moved to Indiana); Hannah, Mrs. John Daniel; Elizabeth, Mrs. Elias Schaffer; and Sarah, who married John Emerich (1831-1872).

Peter Schwartz, son of Peter and Debora (Hoch) Schwartz, born Aug. 9, 1805, died Jan. 4, 1885, and is buried at St. Paul's Church. He remained in the vicinity of Urban, where he followed farming and merchandising, owning a tract of about one hundred acres (now the property of Charles Heim and John Byerly) which he cultivated, and for several years carrying on a mercantile business east of Urban. He was twice married, his wives being sisters named Merkel, and the following record found in the cemetery of St. Peter's Church at Mahanoy probably refers to his first wife: Hannah Mercklin, wife of Peter Schwartz, born Dec. 11, 1806, died May 20, 1847. His second wife, Elizabeth Merkel, born Dec. 23, 1823, died July 30, 1887. His children were: Daniel M. and Harriet, the latter the wife of Charles Heim.

Daniel M. Schwartz, son of Peter, was an esteemed schoolmaster of his day, teaching at and around Urban, where he was also a merchant for

some years. He was a justice of the peace of Jordan township for many years, and was active in the public affairs, church and social life of the district. Later he moved to Sunbury, where he died Dec. 14, 1903, aged seventy-three years, four months, twenty-seven days; he is buried at Urban. In political connection he was a Democrat. He married Susan Coleman, and they had two daughters, Mary and Jane.

Daniel Schwartz, son of Daniel and Rachel (Beisel) Schwartz, was born July 28, 1819, became a farmer and the owner of the homestead, now owned by his son Daniel S. Schwartz. The property now comprises 104 acres. In 1872 he built the barn now standing on this tract, and he assisted in the erection of the house, which was put up about 1856. He owned another farm, of 130 acres, in Little Mahanoy township. Mr. Schwartz was an industrious and prosperous man, and not only looked well after his own affairs, but found time to serve his fellow citizens, holding the offices of school director and supervisor of his township. He was also active in church affairs as a member of the Reformed congregation at St. Paul's Church, holding all the church offices, in fact he was serving the church in an official capacity during the greater part of his adult life. He died June 5, 1887, and is buried at St. Paul's Church.

In 1843 Mr. Schwartz married Elizabeth Schaffer, who was born Feb. 3, 1822, daughter of Michael Schaffer, and died Dec. 25, 1887. They had a family of four children: Catharine, who died young; Daniel S.; Rachel, Mrs. Durell Schaffer; and Amanda, Mrs. Daniel Wert.

Daniel S. Schwartz received his education in the public schools of Jordan township, was reared to farm life, and has continued to follow agricultural pursuits, being the present owner of the Schwartz homestead near Urban. He is a thoroughly respected resident of that locality, has held the office of tax collector of his township, and has served the Schwartz Church in various official capacities, having been elder and trustee. Politically he is a Democrat. He now resides with his son, James Morris Schwartz, on the old home place.

In 1869 Mr. Schwartz married Lydia Geist, who was born Feb. 6, 1844, daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Hepler) Geist, and died Sept. 7, 1907. To this union was born one son, James Morris.

JAMES MORRIS SCHWARTZ, born March 7, 1870, on his grandfather's farm in Upper Mahanoy township, received his early education in the common schools. Later he attended the commercial college at Williamsport, from which he was graduated in 1894. Meantime, in 1890, he had received his license to teach public school from Prof. William Bloom, and he later received a license from Prof. Ira Shipman, under whom he was granted a professional certificate. He also took



an examination under Prof. Benjamin Apple. His first term was taught in Jordan township in 1890, at the Hebe school, where he also remained for a second term, and his third term was at the Forest school. For the next four terms he was engaged at the Urban school, then for two terms at the Linden school in the same township, and his last term was taught in Washington township—ten terms in all. He met with continued success as an instructor, keeping up the traditions of the Schwartz family, which has had a teacher in every generation on record. He has the retentive memory and active mind characteristic of the family, and his conscientious work made his services as an educator highly valued. Mr. Schwartz is now residing with his father on the old homestead and devoting himself to its cultivation, and he succeeded his father in the office of tax collector of Jordan township, which responsible position he has filled without interruption since 1894. He is a Democrat in politics, and like so many other members of the family a Reformed member of the Schwartz (St. Paul's) Church at Urban, to which his family also belong. He has been secretary of the church council since 1906. Mr. Schwartz is, indeed, a representative member of an old and honored family of Jordan township, one of the most influential in that section of Northumberland county, substantial and valuable citizens who have proved their worth in every generation. They are still interested in the Urban store property, and have other valuable interests.

On March 29, 1905, James Morris Schwartz married Bertha Kauffman, daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Burns) Kauffman, of Sunbury, earlier of Upper Mahanoy township. Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz have an only son, Daniel K.

**LONG.** There are three Long brothers, all engaged in farming in Rockefeller township, Northumberland county, sons of Samuel S. Long and grandsons of Daniel Long, a native of Berks county, where the family has been settled since the early half of the eighteenth century. On Aug. 30, 1737, the brothers Jacob and Johan Nicholas Long, who were from the Rhine country, Germany, arrived in America on the ship "Samuel," of London, Hugh Percy, captain, from Rotterdam, last from Cowes.

This Johan Nicholas Long was the ancestor of the Northumberland county family with which this article is to deal. He settled in Rockland township, Berks county, at an early date, and died there in 1782, survived by his wife Elizabeth and children: Mary Apollonia, who married John Kercher; Jacob; Nicholas; John, and Henry. The three last named were under age at the time of their father's death. His will was witnessed by

his brother Jacob, and Paul Grosscup, the ancestor of the Chicago jurist, Peter Grosscup.

Daniel Long was born in Berks county June 2, 1804. He had no brothers, and but one sister, who died young. His father died in Berks county when yet a young man, and his mother, whose maiden name was Krissinger, then came to Northumberland county, Pa., where she married (second) Jacob Raker, of Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township. To her second marriage were born children as follows: Solomon, George, Jacob, Lovina (Mrs. Daniel Malich), Mrs. Harry Keiser and Mrs. John Hoover.

Daniel Long made his permanent home in Northumberland county after coming hither with his mother. He lived in Rockefeller township, and owned two farms, one the place now owned by his grandson William E. Long and the other owned at present by his daughter, Mrs. Permelia J. Conrad. He was a maker of planes, using beechwood in their manufacture. Here he married Catharine Shipe, who survived him, his death occurring Sept. 19, 1876, hers on Feb. 10, 1887, when she was seventy-eight years, nine months, twenty-two days old. They are buried at the Augustaville Lutheran and Reformed Church. Their children were as follows: Barbara Ann married John Martin and they lived in Shamokin township; Elizabeth Ann married Thomas Wolf and they lived at Tamaqua, Pa.; Samuel S. is mentioned below; Sarah, born in 1833, died in 1838; Catharine Ann married Solomon Miller and (second) Andrew Snyder, and lived at Williamsport, Pa.; Mary Ann married Peter Reeser and they lived at Trevorton, this county; Catharine; Permelia J. married Nathaniel Conrad; William, born May 1, 1842, died Sept. 1, 1844.

Samuel S. Long, son of Daniel, was born March 27, 1837, in Rockefeller township, and died Jan. 29, 1904. He is buried at the Augustaville Church previously mentioned, where he was a Reformed member and active in church work, serving many years in the church council. Mr. Long followed farming, owning the place now in the possession of his son William E. Long, who is the third in direct line to own it. He was not only a good farmer, but a man of rare mechanical gifts, making shoes, planes (many of which are still in use in this section), harnesses, etc., could do mason-work, and in fact almost anything he turned his hand to. He served his township as school director. Mr. Long married Mary Conrad, daughter of Daniel P. and Lydia (Kreeger) Conrad, and she survives him, continuing to live on the homestead. She celebrated her seventy-third birthday Jan. 1, 1911. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Long, Daniel C., George M. and William E.

DANIEL C. LONG was born May 4, 1863, was

reared to farming, and has followed that vocation all his life in Rockefeller township. He worked for his parents until his twenty-fourth year, in 1886 commencing to farm at his present location in Rockefeller township, working it on shares until he purchased the property, some years later, when the owner, Isaac Martz, went to Dakota. This was formerly the homestead of Peter Reeser, who erected the present set of buildings on the place. It consists of forty-six acres in Rockefeller township, which contains the most fertile land in the township, and in addition Mr. Long owns a tract of thirty acres which formerly belonged to John R. Malick. There is a good set of buildings on that tract also. Mr. Long has served six years as school director. He is a Democrat in politics, and in religious connection he and his family are Reformed members of Zion's Union Church at Augustaville, which he has served as deacon since 1902.

On Dec. 15, 1887, Mr. Long married Laura Bloom, sister of Urias Bloom, who is mentioned elsewhere in this work, and they have had ten children, namely: One that died in infancy; J. Harold; Samuel W., who was educated in the public schools and at the Bloomsburg State normal school and is now engaged in teaching public school in Northumberland county; Albert, who died in infancy; Marguerite; Gertrude; Leon U.; Edna; Jean, and Laura.

GEORGE M. LONG was born Dec. 10, 1865, on the homestead farm, where he was reared to manhood. When seventeen he commenced to learn the trade of painter and paper hanger, which he continued to follow for nine years in Shamokin and Williamsport. For ten years he was engaged in the mercantile business at Augustaville, and for two years was interested in the same line in Sunbury. In the spring of 1901 he began farming in Rockefeller township, where he now lives, having a tract of seventy-two acres which was formerly the William M. Miller homestead. Mr. Long is one of the best farmers in his district, and his land is in excellent condition and under a high state of cultivation.

On Jan. 17, 1881, Mr. Long married Annie J. Wolf, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Yordy) Wolf, who lived in Rockefeller township. Five children have been born to this marriage: Herman M., who met an accidental death, at the age of seventeen years, six months; John Adam; George William; Harry Elmer, and Mary Janet. Mr. Long and his family worship at the Augustaville Church, where they are members of the Reformed congregation. He is one of the most esteemed and intelligent citizens of his community.

WILLIAM E. LONG was born Feb. 8, 1873, on the Long homestead, and there grew up, receiving his education in the local public school.

Farming has always been his occupation, and he is now the owner of the homestead, 140 acres of fertile land, well located, in the southeastern portion of the township. He has never been away from the place. Its buildings are in substantial condition. The house was built in 1873 by his father, who did nearly all the carpenter work himself, leaving many evidences of his workmanship and artistic as well as mechanical ability, for he put in considerable ornamental woodwork, all specimens of his own handiwork. He also built the barn. The soil of this farm is red gravel and well adapted for general crops, Mr. Long also making a specialty of truck, as did his father. He sells his produce at Trevorton, where his father also went to market for years, Mr. Long having customers who have relied on the Longs for their vegetables and fruit for thirty years. He is a typical member of his family, industrious, wide-awake, thrifty and enterprising, and is highly respected by all who know him.

On Dec. 2, 1893, Mr. Long married Daisy D. Foy, and they have had two children, Mildred C. and Ethel May. The Longs attend Zion's Union Church at Augustaville, Mr. Long being a member of the Reformed congregation and Mrs. Long identified with the Reformed congregation. He has served as member of the church council.

The Foy family, to which Mrs. Long belongs, came to Northumberland county from New Jersey, and was early settled in what was originally Augusta (now Rockefeller and Upper and Lower Augusta) township. The first of the name to come hither was Samuel Foy, who was born in New Jersey in 1751 and died in Rockefeller township in 1826. His wife, Osila, died July 5, 1851, aged seventy-three years, eight months, four days. These pioneers are buried side by side at the stone church at Augustaville. They had nine children, among whom were sons Charles and John.

John Foy, son of Samuel, owned and cultivated his own farm in Rockefeller township. He and his wife are buried there, at the Ebenezer Methodist Church, of which they were members. (We have record of John Foye, died April 6, 1883, aged seventy-seven years, five months, twenty-two days, and wife Hannah, died July 7, 1886, aged eighty years, seven months, twenty-eight days, buried at the Ebenezer Methodist Church in Rockefeller township.) Their children were: Samuel G.; Catharine, who married Samuel Shipman; Mary, who married Jonathan Harman and (second) Samuel Reeder; Daniel B.; and Harriet, who married Jacob S. Snyder.

Samuel G. Foye (as he wrote his name), son of John, learned the carpenter's trade in his early life and followed it for a number of years. For some years he was mine boss at Bear Valley colliery. Later in life he was a farmer in Lower Augusta township, where he owned a large farm.



His first wife was Dinah Bloom, daughter of William Bloom, and they are buried at Malick's United Brethren Church, of which they were consistent members. Among their children was a son Isaac E., who lives in Rockettville township; he married Lydia Hassinger, and they have five children, William H., Laura G., Peter, Daise, and Grace E. Brouse married with Emerson, Samuel G. Finner, and these children: John, Wesley, born March 22, 1855, who died in West Virginia Dec. 18, 1897; Raymond; and several others.

Daniel B. Foy, son of John, lived and died in Rockettville township. He was twice married, his first wife, Maria Conrad, being the mother of five children: Fannie; John; William; Mrs. Eister; and Daisy D., who married William E. Long. For his second wife he married Sallie M. Reback, by whom he had six children: Kate, wife of Charles H. Brosious; Harry, who married Daisy Foy; Andrew C.; Lean; Paul, and Dona V.

GEORGE W. CRAMER, a respected citizen, of West Chillisquaque township, who owns a fine farm at Montandon, was born July 16, 1847, in Montandon township, Snyder Co., Pa., son of Nathan Cramer, and grandson of George W. Cramer. The grandfather came to this section from Bucks Co., Berks county, Pa., and took up land in Montandon township. He came to his death, by foul play, being found dead in a strip of woods with a wound in his head. His children were: Beaton, who became a successful farmer, owning four farms in Snyder county, near Middleburg; Sallie, who married John Gungorer; and Nathan.

Nathan Cramer was born in 1818 in Snyder county, and died in 1880; he is buried at Northumberland. He worked by the day, engaged in fishing on the Susquehanna, and also acted as pilot on that river, becoming a well- and favorably known man. To him and his wife, Susanna (Bitter), were born children, as follows: Henry, now living at Danville, Pa.; Amelia, who died at the age of seventeen; Frederick, a resident of Northumberland, who died May 12, 1911; George W.; John F., a plasterer, of Danville; and Mary, who married Flenington Houghton and has sons Charles and Fred.

George W. Cramer remained in Snyder county until 1864, in which year he came to Point township, Northumberland county. He continued to follow farm work, in which he had been reared. From Point township he went to Big Island, and then up the north branch, where he was employed for two years, from there moving to Chillisquaque township, where he farmed ten years for Gilbert Vans. For the next three years he was on the Dr. MacKay farm in Turbut township, this county, in 1898 moving onto the D. M. Nesbit farm, where he was occupied for two years. In 1900 he bought the tract of eighty-seven acres, thirteen perches,

at Montandon, in West Chillisquaque township, which has since been his home, this having been part of the Nesbit farm. He is a hard-working man, and has won success by his own efforts, being respected by all who know him for his upright and honorable life. He has the confidence of his fellow citizens, whom he has served for three years in the capacity of school director. Politically he is a Democrat and in religion a Lutheran, a member of St. John's Church at Northumberland, which he helped to build. His fine farm is a credit to the locality.

Mr. Cramer married Lucinda Brouse, daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth (Dark) Brouse, of Snyder county, Pa., and they have had the following children: Minnie M., wife of Frank Hummel; William E.; Wesley I.; Albert J.; Martin L.; Bruce S.; Leroy E.; Laura M.; Harry B. and Jennie Gertrude.

JOHN W. HOCH, deceased, of the "City of Gold" at Milton, Pa., was born at Beaver Springs, Snyder Co., Pa., Aug. 7, 1859, son of A. S. Hoch, now residing at New Berlin, Union Co., Pennsylvania.

Mr. Hoch is of German ancestry, his great-grand grandfather having been the first of the family to come from the Fatherland. Samuel Hoch, the great-grandfather, a farmer in Snyder county, died at a comparatively early age leaving a large family of children, of whom John Hoch, grandfather of John W., was among the oldest. The family was separated after this bereavement, and John, then quite a small boy, was hired out to a farmer, an entire stranger, no provision being made for his schooling, which was limited to a few months snatched at intervals in his work. At sixteen he began an apprenticeship to a carpenter, August Swineford, receiving his board and clothes, and this business he followed at Middleburg, Pa., through his active life. He retired from business at the age of fifty-seven, and the last few years of his life were spent in Middleburg, his death occurring at the age of seventy-seven. His wife, Elizabeth Swineford, a daughter of his former employer, died at New Berlin, Pa., and both were buried at Middleburg, her birthplace, and their home during the greater portion of their married life. She was a Lutheran in faith, and Mr. Hoch belonged to the Reformed Church. He held various offices in the church at Middleburg, and at one time saved the edifice being sold by the sheriff, raising a subscription for this purpose. This task was undertaken on foot through Centre and Union counties, and many weary miles were traversed before the object was accomplished. Politically he was a staunch Republican, and held a few minor offices. He was a hard worker and during his time accumulated two competencies, the first having been lost through the dishonesty



of others. He had three children: A. S.; Mary M., who married Samuel E. Long, of Butler Co., Pa.; and Abraham, who died in infancy.

A. S. Hoch was born June 11, 1836, at Middleburg, and there acquired his schooling. While still a boy he was compelled by his father's reverses to assist in the support of the family, as he could earn fifty cents per day at carpentering. His hard work as a boy undermined his health, and as a result he could do only light work as a carpenter, he accepted a position as clerk for Daniel J. Bogar, of Middleburg, at ten dollars per month and board. After a short time Mr. Bogar failed, and Mr. Hoch clerked for two years for Reuben Keller, at Adamsburg. In 1860 he established a business of his own at Margaret's Mills, his capital amounting to \$800 at the time. He had, however, the confidence of many other men, who assisted him, and in 1861 he transferred his business to Kelly Cross Roads, and later opened another store at Kelly Point, where he was the first merchant. He built up a trading trade at both places and was instrumental in having a post office established at each place. In March, 1888, he moved to New Berlin, where his son was in business as senior member of the firm of Hoch & Kline, and by purchasing Mr. Kline's interest entered the firm which then became Hoch & Son. Five years later he retired, and the firm became Hoch & Oldt. Mr. Hoch was a member of the Lutheran church, in which he has twice been elder, and for two years was president of the Christian Endeavor Society. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to the lodge at Lewisburg. On April 16, 1857, Mr. Hoch married (first) Amelia Saltzman, born in November, 1828, in Adamsburg, Pa., daughter of William and Catherine Saltzman. She died June 18, 1887, and was buried in the Lutheran cemetery in Kelly township, Union county. To this union came two children, of whom, Lizzie died in childhood; and John W. was the other. On Oct. 16, 1888, Mr. Hoch married (second) in White Deer township, Union county, Ida M. Keefer, born in Union county, daughter of Martin and Ulrica (Hermann) Keefer. Mr. Hoch is a Republican, and has been assessor, overseer of the poor, school director, and while in New Berlin a member of the borough council and its president for three years.

John W. Hoch attended the schools near his home and improved his time by study at home. He taught school for fifty-four months, forty-six of which were passed in one building in Kelly township, Union county. Later he entered the mercantile business, and was successfully engaged in that line for twenty-one years, at New Berlin, selling out in 1906. He then retired from active work, but illness did not suit him and on Feb. 8, 1908, he bought out C. A. Hood at Nos. 112-114 Front street, Milton, where he has a fine up-

to-date restaurant. All the work is done under his personal supervision, and to those who know him that speaks for first class service.

Mr. Hoch married Ida C. Stahl, daughter of Jeremiah Stahl, of Union county, and they have had children as follows: Joyce married the Rev. W. E. Peltley, a minister of the Evangelical faith stationed at Scranton; Albright S. and Elmer E. are at home. Politically Mr. Hoch is a staunch Republican, and for eleven years he served as postmaster at New Berlin. He was a member of the school board for six years, and for a time was president of the borough council. He is a member of Mifflinburg Lodge, No. 370, F. & A. M., and Lodge No. 163, I. O. O. F., of New Berlin. He is a man of good business and executive ability, and is strictly honest and upright in all his dealings.

FRANK P. WALDRON, farmer of Turbut township, was born in that township Sept. 25, 1852, and has passed all his life in this section.

Mr. Waldron's first ancestor in this region was his great-grandfather, Cornelius Waldron. The family has been established in America from Colonial days, and is of Dutch origin, its founder in this country, Baron Waldron, having come from Holland to what was then New Amsterdam, now New York, in 1669. After the English took possession of New Amsterdam the family moved to New Jersey, and Cornelius Waldron, above mentioned, moved from Hunterdon county, N. J., to Pennsylvania in 1785. His first location was near Mays, in what is now Leaning county, and afterward he bought a farm in Brady township, that county, still later buying land at the mouth of Muddy run, in Northumberland county. He moved his family to this place, where he was accidentally killed while felling a tree. He was laid to rest in the old Warrior Run burying ground. Cornelius Waldron served as a captain in the Revolutionary war and after its close was captain of a military company.

Laffert Waldron, son of Cornelius, was born in 1784 in Hunterdon county, N. J., came to Pennsylvania with his father, and purchased the farm on Muddy run. But he soon sold it and bought a place about a mile east, in Turbut township, from the Kellehner estate—the place afterward occupied by his son William. There he passed the remainder of his life, dying on his farm in 1837. His wife, Hannah (Webb), died in 1832, and they are buried at the Warrior Run Presbyterian Church. The family attended services there. Mr. and Mrs. Waldron had the following children: John, Cornelius, Richard, William, Charles, David, M. D., Mary (Mrs. Sloat), Sara (Mrs. Sloat), Jane and Hannah. Laffert Waldron was a fine penman, and some of his work now in the possession of his grandson, Charles L.

Waldron, of Milton, shows unusual ability; though it is over a century old it is not faded, and it is well cared for by the present possessor, who prizes it highly.

William Waldron, son of Laffert, was born Sept. 17, 1814, on the old farm, and received his education in the township schools. He followed farming all his life and prospered by dint of industry, winning the respect of all who knew him because of his upright methods and high Christian character. Though his own affairs demanded constant attention he was progressive, and recognized the fact that a citizen owes his duty to his community as much as to his immediate personal interests, and he did his share in local matters, filling various township offices and serving fifteen years as justice of the peace. The cause of public education, not a particularly popular one in his early manhood, also received his earnest support, and all his children received good advantages. He was an original member of the Turbut Grange, P. of H., and an original stockholder of the First National Bank of Milton, giving his influence and support to all institutions which in his opinion would be of general benefit. In religious connection he was a Presbyterian, an active and consistent member of the Milton Church. He died in 1901.

In 1841 William Waldron married Anna Hilgert, daughter of Philip and Catherine Hilgert, of Chillisquaque township, and she died in 1900, at the age of eighty years. Ten children were born to this union: Philip H., who served during the Civil war in Company B, 131st Pennsylvania Volunteers; William A., of Michigan; Charles Laffert, of Milton; Frank P.; George W., who married Ida Brobst; John C., who married Mary Kerr; James M., who graduated from the Pennsylvania State College, became a civil engineer, was formerly in Georgia and is now engaged in the construction of the subway and tunnels in New York City; Hannah J., who married Ephraim Deitch, of Williamsport; Mary, who married James Marsh, of Michigan; and Sarah Elizabeth, of Sunbury, Pennsylvania.

Frank P. Waldron received his education in the schools of the home township, and was employed with his father until he reached the age of twenty-five years. From that time on he was engaged in farming on his own account, in West Chillisquaque township, where he was situated until 1904, the year in which he removed to Turbut township and settled upon his present farm. This was the old William Marsh farm. It contains 134 acres, and is now known as "Meadow View Farm." It is a fine tract of limestone soil, plentifully supplied with good water, and Mr. Waldron has been decidedly successful in his agricultural operations. He has been a public-spirited citizen, wherever found, and during his residence

in Chillisquaque township served seven years as member of the board of school directors, was chosen treasurer of that body three times and served one year as president. At present he is serving as auditor of Turbut township. He has been as faithful and conscientious in the administration of its affairs as he is in the discharge of his personal obligations and his services have been greatly appreciated. Politically he is a Democrat, and in religious matters he is identified with the Reformed denomination, belonging to the church at Milton.

On Jan. 18, 1857, Mr. Waldron married Susan M. Hummel, daughter of Henry and Sarah (Lantz) Hummel, and they have had children as follows: Sarah E., who is at home; William C., now living at Reading, who married Grace Rundeo, and has a son, Frank P.; Annie M., unmarried; John L.; Henry H., who died when six years old; and George A., who died at the age of twelve.

John Hummel, grandfather of Mrs. Waldron, followed farming near Freeburg, Snyder county, where he died. He married Susan Hilbish, and they had children: Henry, John, Caroline (Mrs. Charles Rhode) and Susan (Mrs. Benjamin Rhine).

Henry Hummel, son of John, was born in Snyder county, Pa., and died in Northumberland county, at Milton, Nov. 1, 1900, aged seventy years, seven months, thirteen days. All his life he followed farming, owning a farm place in Chillisquaque township, along the Susquehanna river. Fifteen years before his death he removed to the borough of Milton, where he passed the remainder of his days. To him and his wife Sarah (Lantz), daughter of Samuel and Magdalena (Marz) Lantz, were born children as follows: Susan M., Mrs. Frank P. Waldron; Sarah J., Mrs. Ogden Brown, living in Union county, Pa.; Catharine A., who married Irwin Romig; William E., who makes his home with his sisters Mrs. Waldron and Mrs. Brown; and John S., who married Anna Gillinger and has one son, Jackson.

HAAS. The Haas family has had many worthy representatives in Northumberland county in the last century or so, and the late Dr. Joseph Haas, for years a familiar and beloved figure all over the Mahanoy Valley, where he practiced medicine for over fifty years, has left several sons to perpetuate an honorable name. The only one who followed in his footsteps in the choice of a life work is Dr. Richard P. Haas, of Williams-town, Dauphin county; but the other three are still residents of their native county, John P. Haas engaged as a merchant at Shamokin, Edward L. Haas occupying the old homestead in Jackson township, and William H. Haas engaged as a farmer at Dornsife. The late John B. Haas,

long engaged as a merchant at Sunbury, was also of this family, his father, Daniel Haas, having been an uncle of Dr. Joseph Haas.

The earliest of this name at Sunbury, from which section the members of the family have scattered to different locations, was Frederick Haas, who died late in November, 1813, and was buried in the old South Fourth street cemetery. His son John was his administrator. He had a brother Henry, who departed this life in January, 1805; and another son, Lawrence, who had been a resident of Jackson township, died in the summer of 1803. In 1811 John and William Haas were taxable residents of Little Mahanoy township, this county.

John Haas, the great-grandfather of John P. Haas, of Shamokin, was also one of the pioneers of Sunbury. He came from the Trappe, in Montgomery county, Pa., and learned the trade of blacksmith with Paul Baldy. He first engaged in business as a distiller, having built a small distillery on the Center turnpike, two miles east of Sunbury, and after discontinuing operations there erected a sawmill on the land later owned by Dr. R. H. Aul. But the dam was twice washed away, and he was ruined financially, being obliged to begin business again on borrowed capital—a thousand dollars loaned to him by one of his boyhood friends, Joseph Heister, of Reading, who served as governor of Pennsylvania. He was thus enabled to engage as a merchant at Sunbury, where he was located before 1802 in a small log building on the north side of Market street, where the building of the Sunbury Trust & Safe Deposit Company is now located. Before 1808 he erected the brick house near the northwest corner of Market and Fourth streets where he continued in business for some years. In 1814 he purchased twenty-three acres of land and built the old stone mill known as "Haas's Stone Mill" on Little Shamokin creek, in Upper Augusta township, just east of Sunbury, operating this mill in connection with his store and becoming quite prosperous. Mr. Haas was born in 1764, died Jan. 17, 1828, and is buried in the old South Fourth street cemetery at Sunbury. He was a member of the Reformed Church. His wife, Maria Elizabeth (Druckemiller), born May 2, 1770, died Nov. 16, 1845. They were the parents of the following children: Henry lived and died at Sunbury, where he was proprietor of the "Central Hotel"; Frederick is mentioned below; Daniel always lived in Sunbury, where he was born in 1806, and at the time of his death was the oldest native resident of that borough; George died Nov. 3, 1835, aged thirty-six years; Margaret married John Shammo and they lived at Millersburg, Pa., until their removal to Rockford, Ill. (Mrs. Shammo's nephew, Charles Haas, visited them there in

1872); Catharine married John Boulton and they made their home in Sunbury.

Frederick Haas, son of John, was born in Sunbury July 31, 1796, conducted the Haas mill for some years, and was a popular and esteemed citizen of his day, well known all over the county. He was a Democrat in politics (as were all his sons) and stood favorably in the party. Having been chosen to fill an unexpired term as county commissioner, he was at the end of the term elected to serve a full three years, 1856-59, discharging his duties with the highest intelligence and efficiency. Mr. Haas married Sarah Zimmerman, who was born June 20, 1798, and died Sept. 30, 1862, a little over a year after his own death, which occurred Aug. 19, 1861. They are buried in the family plot in the South Fourth street cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Haas were members of the German Reformed Church, in which he was long a zealous worker, holding various offices and attending services with great regularity. He took his children with him to Sunday morning worship and sat among them, and though a strict parent he was a most loving one. He had a large family, twelve children, as follows: John (July 12, 1819-Feb. 20, 1846), Mary Elizabeth (Aug. 20, 1820-May 9, 1845, wife of John Hower), William, Deborah, Sarah, George (Dec. 17, 1827-March 31, 1845), Dr. Joseph, Catharine and Margaret (twins), Charles, Henry and Amelia.

JOSEPH HAAS, M. D., son of Frederick, was born Jan. 17, 1830, in Upper Augusta township, near Sunbury, and was there reared on the farm, receiving his early education in the local schools. He also learned milling with his father, but at the age of nineteen he began the study of medicine with Dr. J. W. Peal, of Sunbury, completing his course at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, where he was graduated in 1852. From that time until his death, for over fifty years, he was located at Mahanoy, in Jackson township, and had an extensive practice in the Mahanoy Valley, where his long and faithful ministrations caused him to be venerated and beloved by all who knew him. His record is one of remarkable devotion to his chosen life work. No weather was ever too inclement to serve him as an excuse for not attending a patient, and though he was in his seventy-fifth year at the time of his death, Jan. 30, 1905, he was on his way to respond to a professional call when heart failure, brought on by cold and exposure, suddenly brought his useful life to its close. He had started out in his sleigh over a cold country road, and a passing traveler, noticing his position and stopping to investigate, found him lifeless. He was only about half a mile from his home at the time. Few men have been more widely mourned, or more keenly missed, for his friends and patients, particularly



in the country districts in the southwestern part of the county, were numerous. He was buried at St. Peter's church. Dr. Haas owned a farm of about two hundred acres in Jackson township, and looked after its cultivation, which he found quite profitable. He was a Democrat in politics, and though not active in public matters with any idea of obtaining favors for himself took an interest in such things as affected the general welfare. He was instrumental in the establishment of the free school system in his township and served as a member of the first school board. Socially he was a Mason, holding membership in Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., of Sunbury.

On Oct. 23, 1855, Dr. Haas married Mary Frances Peal, daughter of Dr. John W. Peal, of Sunbury, and they were looking forward to the celebration of the golden anniversary of their marriage when he was so suddenly taken away. Mrs. Haas, who is now (1910) eighty-one years old, lives at the old homestead with her son Edward; she has been blind since November, 1904. Four sons were born to Dr. and Mrs. Haas: Dr. Richard P., of Williamstown, Pa.; John P.; Edward L.; and William H., a farmer at Dornsife, Northumberland county.

JOHN P. HAAS, son of Dr. Joseph, was born Sept. 1, 1858, in Jackson township, where he was reared. He began his education in the local schools, later attending Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport, Pa. Returning to Jackson township, he worked upon the home farm until he attained his majority, since which time he has been a resident of Shamokin. He began life here as a clerk, and after gaining the necessary experience embarked in business on his own account. In 1893, establishing himself in the grocery business at Sixth and Spruce streets, where he is still located. He does a large business, being one of the foremost merchants in his line in the West End of Shamokin. He is a director of the Market Street National Bank and of the West and Black Diamond Building and Loan Associations. His business affairs have prospered under judicious management, and he is a substantial and respected citizen, giving all his time to his private interests and taking no part in public matters. He is a Democrat politically, and fraternally a member of the I. O. O. F., Royal Arcanum and Woodmen of the World. His religious connection is with the United Evangelical Church.

Mr. Haas married Sarah A. Zartman, and they have had a family of seven children: Charles W. died in infancy; F. May graduated from the Shamokin high school in 1900 and has taught public school in that borough eight years; Howard R. graduated from the Shamokin high school in 1904 and is now in the office of Kearney & Raker, attorneys (he married Estella E. Zaring); Clarence R. graduated from the high school in

1906 and is now engaged as bookkeeper for the Shamokin Lumber & Manufacturing Company; Willard F. died in infancy; Chester A. and Grace Z. are still in school.

Mrs. Sarah A. (Zartman) Haas was born Nov. 12, 1857, in Jackson township, daughter of Daniel and Catharine (Seiler) Zartman, and granddaughter of Martin Zartman, a native of Lancaster county, Pa., who on removing to Northumberland county settled in Jackson township. He is buried at Kneass station, in that township. His children were Daniel, Samuel, Isaac and Elizabeth.

Daniel Zartman, father of Mrs. Haas, followed farming upon the homestead in Jackson township, where he died. His children were: Harriet died aged twenty-one years; Daniel died when five years old; Isaac married Elizabeth Daniels, and died at the age of forty-three; Mary is the widow of David Knorr; Rebecca married H. B. Longsdorff; Samuel married Susan Fenstermacher; Elizabeth married H. S. Zimmerman; Sarah A. is the wife of John P. Haas, of Shamokin.

EDWARD L. HAAS, son of Dr. Joseph, was born Nov. 10, 1860, on the farm in Jackson township where he now resides, near Mahanoy. He acquired his early schooling in the township, and later was a student at Berksburg Academy and the State normal school at Lock Haven, Pa. Mr. Haas has always followed farming, working for his father until the latter's death. In the spring of 1910 he purchased his father's homestead place, a tract of forty-six acres, upon which he lives, and which formerly belonged to Sylvester Hilbush, earlier to his father, Jacob Hilbush, who built the present barn (Aug. 13, 1839) and the large brick house (1855). Mr. Haas is an industrious farmer, intelligent in his business transactions and bearing the highest reputation for integrity and solid worth. He has served his township as school director, and has also been quite active in the Lutheran congregation of St. Peter's Church at Mahanoy, where he and his family worship and of which he has been deacon two years. He is a Democrat in his political views.

On Nov. 20, 1888, Mr. Haas married Clara Raker, daughter of D. Z. and Annie (Dornsife) Raker, of Little Mahanoy township. They have had four children: Claud (who died of typhoid fever May 18, 1906, aged seventeen years), Effie, Lester Leroy and Willie Raker.

CHARLES HAAS, who is now living retired in Sunbury, was born Jan. 6, 1835, at "Haas's Mill," where all his brothers and sisters were born. He learned the milling business from his father and continued to follow it for seventeen years, after which, until his retirement, he was engaged at various vocations. He filled various township offices, and for ten years was janitor of the First

Presbyterian Church, giving up that work in the spring of 1910. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and a venerable and esteemed resident of the borough in which he makes his home.

Mr. Haas married Sarah Houck, who was born Jan. 4, 1830, and died April 16, 1894. She is buried in the South Fourth street cemetery. Seven children were born to this union: David, John C. (deceased), Henry E. (deceased), Mary A., Franklin C., Samuel E., and Emma J. (deceased).

Daniel Haas, son of John, was a native of Sunbury, Pa., born in 1806, and at the time of his death, Jan. 9, 1891, was the oldest native resident of that borough, where he spent all his life. He was a carpenter, and had an establishment in Sunbury, which he long conducted in partnership with George Renn. They did an extensive business in their day, making furniture and bedsteads, and also carried on an undertaking business. Daniel Haas died at the age of eighty-five years, his wife Margaret (Zimmerman) when seventy-five years old. They are buried in the old South Fourth street cemetery. Six sons and six daughters were born to the couple: Peter, now (1911) seventy-eight years old, lives in Sunbury; Samuel died in Council Bluffs, Iowa (he became very wealthy, making his fortune in cattle ranches, and in the packing business; he left a family who still live out there, his sons Harry and Charles being at Council Bluffs); John B. is mentioned below; Albert died at Sunbury, where his widow, Lucy (Heim), is still living; William, who died in Sunbury, was a soldier in the Civil war; Jerry was killed while in active service in the Civil war; Elizabeth died of typhoid fever at Sunbury in her twentieth year; Miss Harriet Haas lives at No. 231 South Fourth street, Sunbury, she and her brother Peter making their home together; Clara married Jacob Swank, train dispatcher of Sunbury, Pa., for the Pennsylvania Railway Company; Catharine married Dr. Elijah Franklin Orser, and she lives with her sister Harriet and brother Peter; twin daughters died small. The six sons were born first, then the six daughters.

JOHN B. HAAS was born in Sunbury Dec. 6, 1835, and was there educated in the public schools. He became a grocer and fruit dealer in Sunbury, handling large quantities of fruit, and also dealt extensively in potatoes, buying apples and potatoes by the carload. He bought beans in large quantities from New York, where entire fields were devoted to their cultivation, and throughout his life was a successful business man, widely and favorably known. His business establishment was near the First National Bank, and the property at No. 242 Market Square still belongs to his widow. His home was at No. 320 Arch street for thirty-eight years.

On Dec. 28, 1868, Mr. Haas was married, after a romantic courtship, to Emma Thayer, daughter of James and Zenecia (Bassett) Thayer, who lived in Yates county, N. Y. Mr. Haas had gone to New York to buy apples, and thus came to deal with James Thayer, whose daughter Emma he subsequently married. It was a case of love at first sight between these young people, and a happier union never was known. She is of "Yankee" origin, being a descendant in the ninth generation from the famous Roger Williams, the founder of Rhode Island. The Eddy family, to which Zenecia Bassett, her mother's mother, belonged, intermarried with the Williams family. Mrs. Haas is a member of Fort Augusta Chapter, D. A. R., of Sunbury, and is the present secretary of that organization, of which she was treasurer five years. She is a prominent member of the Iris Literary Club of Sunbury, of which she is the librarian. This club, which has a membership of fifty, meets once a week at the home of Judge Savidge, whose wife, Mrs. C. R. Savidge, is president. It subscribes to a traveling historical library conducted under the auspices of the State of Pennsylvania and has proved a most interesting organization as well as an avenue of culture to all who enjoy its privileges.

To Mr. and Mrs. Haas were born three daughters: Eva Thayer is the wife of Dr. J. B. Cressinger, a prominent physician of Sunbury; Cora B. married Bert S. Hopkins, a jeweler and optician, and they live at Penn Yan, N. Y., where Mrs. John B. Haas spends her summers; Mary died of diphtheria in 1881, aged six years. Mr. Haas was an Episcopalian, like the other members of his family.

BENJAMIN F. W. LATSHAW, a retired farmer of Jackson township, in his active years one of the prominent citizens and business men of his section, was born there May 19, 1845, in the house built by his great-grandfather, Henry Latsha, and which he and his son still occupy.

Henry Latsha and his brother Johannes (grandfather of the late Frederick W. Latsha, of Washington township) were the founders of the Latsha or Latshaw family now represented among the best citizens of this part of Northumberland county. They were pioneers in this region, and both are buried in the graveyard of St. Peter's Church at Mahanoy. The earlier home of the family in this country was in Berks county, Pa., and we give something of its history as found in a recent Berks county work. One Frantz (John Francis) Latshar, a native of Switzerland, came to America on the "Mortonhouse," which embarked at Philadelphia Aug. 21, 1728. On the list of passengers his name is spelled "Frans Latshaw." His first settlement in Pennsylvania was in a place called Upland, in Chester county,



where he remained a few years, and then went to Oley, Berks county, later settling in the Tulpehocken Valley in the latter county, where he died. He made a permanent home in Colebrookdale township. His last will and testament, made in 1781, was probated Oct. 29, 1795. He was twice married, the first time in Switzerland, and tradition says his first wife died leaving him a number of small children and no one to help in the house. Accordingly he went to Philadelphia (as the pioneers were obliged to do in those days for merchandise or help) for a woman to look after his home and children. He was told of a young woman of good repute whose husband, a Mr. Gabel, had died on the voyage to America, leaving his wife with two small children. At Philadelphia she began a struggling life with her children, finding a place as servant in a Germantown family. Mr. Latshar became acquainted with her, persuaded her to accompany him home as housekeeper, and later they were married. Her son, Henry Gabel, was taken along with them, and early in life was taken into the Rutter household, the Rutters being the early ironmasters of Colebrookdale, and he fell heir to some of the Rutter money, also being remembered in his stepfather's will. He was a Mennonite, and is buried at Boyertown; his birth occurred in 1734. Frantz Latshar and his second wife had children also. Her maiden name was Sowers, and she was from the Tulpehocken Valley, in Berks county. He left a large estate, which he divided equally among his children, those mentioned in his will, as recorded in Book B, page 398, being John, Frantz, Abraham, Jacob, Mary Lantes (Landis), Henry Gabel (step-son), Rebecca Shelly (deceased, the mother of six children), and Catharine Lantz (step-daughter), of whom Abraham lived on the Hereford township (Berks county) farm and Frantz elsewhere in the same township. We have the following account of the sons.

John Latsha lived in Colebrookdale township, where he died in 1794. He made his will in 1787 (Will Book B, page 360), dividing his estate among his brothers and sisters. He made his home with his brother Jacob, and if he was married he had no children.

Frantz Latshar (Latschar) made his will April 1, 1802, and it was probated July 1st of the same year. His wife Esther survived him and was given 400 pounds in gold. They had three sons, Frantz and Jacob receiving all the land in Hereford township, and John the homestead.

Abraham Latshar lived in the section of Colebrookdale township now included in Washington township. He died in 1814. His will, in English script, but German words, is on record in Volume 1, page 114. His children were: Samuel, Johannes, Jacob, Anna, Elizabeth, Catharine, Heinrich, Alexander and Abraham. The record from which

this is taken says Heinrich (Henry) lived for a time in Clayton, Berks county, and then left for parts unknown. Evidently he is the Henry Latsha who founded the Northumberland county branch of the family with which this article deals, and Henry and Johannes (born in Washington township, Berks county, 1756, died 1810) Latsha were brothers and sons of Abraham Latsha (Latshar). According to the family Johannes was a son of the emigrant, but that does not agree with the more complete account, and as John the son of Frantz received his father's homestead it seems more likely Johannes was the son of Abraham. And further, it is said that among his father's children were also Henry, who settled in Mahanoy township (which then included a large part of the lower end of Northumberland county) before the Revolutionary war, and Abraham, who settled in Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county.

Henry Latsha, recorded as son of Abraham and Catharine (Sauer) Latsha, was born Aug. 21, 1754, in this country, was baptized by Rev. Mr. Duppendorf, and confirmed by him, when twenty-seven years old, in the faith of the German Reformed Church. He was early in Northumberland county, his name appearing in the list of taxables of Mahanoy township for 1778. He took up 373 acres of land in what is now Jackson township, near Mahanoy, on the Mahanoy creek, by warrant from the Province of Pennsylvania dated July 11, 1769, and ninety-five acres of this tract have never been in any other name. It is now owned by B. F. W. Latshaw, great-grandson of Henry Latsha. The Latsha pumping station is built on the land taken up by Henry Latsha. The first house which he built stood about sixteen feet due east from the present residence, and was accidentally destroyed by fire shortly before 1798, in which year the dwelling which still stands was erected. It was built of logs, now weather-boarded, and is still in fine condition, being occupied by Benjamin F. W. Latshaw and his son B. B. Latshaw and family. Thus the sixth generation eats and sleeps in the house which sheltered the pioneer Henry Latsha, who died there Aug. 7, 1823. He is buried at St. Peter's Church, Mahanoy. Henry Latsha followed farming, and had all the experiences which confronted the adventurer into these regions in those primitive days. The Indians were his neighbors; he shot many a deer, and wolves and bears were not uncommon in this section then; the creeks swarmed with fish, which the coal dirt and sulphur attendant upon modern industrial operations have killed. A man of more than ordinary education, he conducted a typical subscription school of the time, the "Lehrer" receiving two or two and a half cents per pupil daily in exchange for the elementary educational privileges then afford-



ed. A family or baptismal record, 10 by 18 inches in size, printed on heavy paper, in red ink, made by Henry Latsha, is a tangible testimonial of his skill and acquirements, and is a highly prized possession of his great-grandson, Benjamin F. W. Latshaw. He was nearly six feet in height, well built, weighing about one hundred and ninety pounds, and possessed the endurance necessary for a successful battle with the conditions of those early days. He used to walk to and from Washington township, Berks county, where his people lived, and while making the trip one winter lost his path on the Broad (Blue) mountain; in order to keep from freezing to death he forced himself to walk all night around a big tree, but in spite of his heroic efforts the toes of both feet had to be amputated.

On Aug. 30, 1781, Henry Latsha married Mrs. Catharina Fredericka (Schott) Emrich, Rev. Mr. Enderlein performing the ceremony. One son, Henry, was born to this union. Mrs. Latsha was born May 8, 1745, at Dorrenbach, Germany, daughter of Jacob and Mary Margaretha (Kunst) Schott, and was baptized by Rev. John Daniel Engel, her sponsors being Conrad Rab and his wife Catharina Frederica Irbach. She was brought to this country in 1754 and confirmed in 1759 by Pastor Kurtz, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and on April 11, 1765, she became the wife of Valentine Emrich, Rev. Mr. Kurtz marrying them. Four sons and one daughter were born to her union with Mr. Emrich. Mrs. Latsha died March 17, 1811.

Henry Latsha, only son of Henry, was born March 3, 1783, in Northumberland county, and became a farmer, owning the farm which now belongs to his grandson, Benjamin F. W. Latshaw. He also engaged in merchandising, owning the first store in his section of the county, his business establishment standing opposite the present home of Elias Hilbush, near the Latsha pumping station. Mr. Hilbush's farm was part of the tract of 373 acres taken up by Henry Latsha. A hollow is now the only indication of the site of the store. Mr. Latsha obtained his merchandise by team from Philadelphia or Reading, whither he also hauled what he had to sell or exchange. Like his father he was a man of more than ordinary intellectual acquirements for the day, and he was a substantial and influential citizen. He died Feb. 21, 1863, when only a little less than eighty years old, and is buried at St. Peter's Church, Mahanoy, of which he was a Reformed member. His wife, who was a daughter of John Michael Emrich (born in 1757), was born Aug. 11, 1785, and died June 29, 1861. They had three sons and three daughters: Catharine died unmarried; Henry married a Miss Blasser and (second) Rebecca Lease; Jacob married Eliza Grissinger; Sallie died unmarried; Elizabeth married Henry

Rodger; Michael was the father of Benjamin F. W. Latshaw.

Michael Latsha, son of Henry, was born Oct. 21, 1813, on one part of the homestead farm, and himself became a farmer, owning eighty-four acres of the tract of 373 acres taken up by his grandfather. One John Daniel now owns the 84-acre farm. Michael Latsha had a coal yard at Latsha pumping station and dealt in coal for many years; owned and operated the gristmill on the Mahanoy now owned and operated by S. J. Wilkinson; engaged in butchering; and in his various undertakings proved himself a man of much more than ordinary business ability. He served as supervisor and in other township offices, and was active in the work of St. Peter's Church, at Mahanoy, being a prominent member of the Lutheran congregation, which he served in every official capacity. He was a regular attendant at divine services, and for many years one of the most faithful supporters and workers of that church. In politics he was a Democrat. Mr. Latsha died July 12, 1868, and is buried at St. Peter's. His wife, Sarah (Wolf), was born March 18, 1816, and died Dec. 13, 1885. She was a daughter of Anthony Wolf, whose wife, nee Kneiss, was captured by the Indians when quite young and held in captivity for six years. To Michael and Sarah (Wolf) Latsha were born children as follows: Henry, born Oct. 22, 1838, died July 29, 1879, married Elizabeth Kobel, born Aug. 25, 1840, died April 4, 1892; Daniel married Mary Reitz; Mary married Andrew Geist; Hannah married Peter Keiffer; Benjamin Franklin W. is mentioned below; Sarah married John Brower, Sr.; Lovina married Adam Trautman; William married Mary Treon; Galen married Alice Zartman.

(N. B.: One Henry Latsha had another tract of land in Jackson township which extended westward from the farm of the late Rev. J. Charles Smith, located on the road between Mahanoy and Mandata. This tract was one and a half miles long and extended east and west from one mountain to the other, embracing the whole valley. Thus, however, he sold. Either Henry the pioneer or his son owned this valley.)

Benjamin F. W. Latshaw was reared to farm life, and during his father's lifetime also assisted in the mill and the coal yard, later conducting the coal yard which his father had established. He has sold large quantities of coal in his time. Mr. Latshaw had a successful business career, from which he retired in 1904, and he has ever since made his home with his son, B. B. Latshaw, and family. He is a tall man, six feet in height, and stout, weighing two hundred and fifty pounds, and he enjoys robust health and a good memory, being thoroughly conversant with the early history of his district as well as with the genealogy of his family, in which he is much interested. In

politics he is a Democrat, and has served as supervisor of Jackson township. He and his family have long been Lutheran members of St. Peter's Church at Mahanoy, in whose work he has been active, having served as deacon, elder, trustee and treasurer.

On March 29, 1874, Mr. Latshaw married Wilhelmina Schweinhart, daughter of James Schweinhart (whose wife was a Kober), and she died June 11, 1904, aged fifty-five years, six months, six days. She is buried at St. John's Church, at Latsha station.

BURLINGTON. BENJAMIN LATSHAW, only child of Benjamin F. W. and Wilhelmina (Schweinhart) Latshaw, was born Aug. 27, 1877, in the old Latsha home where he still lives. He worked on the pipe line for some years, but since 1904, when his mother died and his father retired, he has been farming the homestead place. He is a substantial and respected young farmer of his community. On Aug. 27, 1896, he married Sarah Stetler, daughter of Rev. D. M. Stetler, formerly of Mahanoy, now the Lutheran pastor at Trevorton. Seven children have been born to this union: Millie (deceased), Ralph, Anna, Luther, Paul, Fred and Daniel.

WITMER. The Witmer family, which has many representatives in Northumberland county at this day, was founded there by Christophel Witmer, who by his wife Christina had children as follows: Christophel (1762-1825), Sarah (1767-1852), Heinrich (1758-1825), Mathias (June 10, 1757-May 5, 1824) and Mrs. Daniel Zerbe. The Witmers with which this article deals are descended from the sons Mathias and Christophel.

Mathias Witmer, son of Christophel, was born June 10, 1757, and died May 5, 1824. His son Johannes, born March 12, 1797, died Oct. 12, 1823.

Daniel Witmer, son of Mathias, was an extensive farmer, owning the farm which is now the property of Joel Lahr, in Lower Mahanoy township. He followed agricultural pursuits all his life. He is buried at the Zion's Stone Valley Church. He was three times married, by his first wife having children as follows: Jacob, Fannie, Daniel and Elizabeth (wife of Elias Hoover). (At the Stone Valley Church is buried Susana, wife of Daniel Witmer, born Oct. 29, 1798, died Jan. 15, 1831.)

Jacob Witmer, son of Daniel, was born Feb. 7, 1807, and died Sept. 23, 1885. He was a blacksmith by trade and also followed farming, living on and working the place now occupied by his son Isaac, having the forty-acre tract. He held local office, serving as tax collector, and was an active member of the Reformed Church, which he served in various official capacities. He was twice married, his first wife, Sallie, daughter of Hein-

rich Hepner, born April 15, 1809, dying Feb. 6, 1864. His second wife was Catharine (Bonawitz), widow of Michael Radel. All his eleven children were born to the first union: Kate, Benneville, Harry, Anna, Amanda, Mary, Louise, Jesse, Sarah, Isaac H. and Lizzie.

ISAAC H. WITMER, son of Jacob, was born Jan. 13, 1849, in Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county. He was reared to farm life, working for his parents until he attained his majority, since when he has followed agricultural pursuits on his own account. For five years he has been settling on the place where he has made his home since March, 1881. He was a tenant in this district. His forty-acre tract is located a mile west of Uniontown (Pillow), near the Witmer schoolhouse, and formed a part of the old Daniel Witmer homestead. Since 1886 Mr. Witmer has done business as a huckster, selling his produce in Shamokin, to which borough he makes weekly trips. He is a substantial and respected citizen of his neighborhood.

On Aug. 18, 1873, Mr. Witmer married Lucretia Lenker, daughter of Isaac Lenker, and they have had one daughter, Clara, who is now the wife of Morris Snyder, of Uniontown. Mr. Witmer and his family are Reformed members of Zion's Stone Valley Church, which he is serving as trustee. The church is the third on that site, the first house of worship there having been erected in 1775, the second in 1796 and the present edifice in 1900. In politics Mr. Witmer is a Democrat, and he has served his township as school director.

Christophel Witmer (2), son of Christophel, was born in 1762 and died in 1825. He is buried at the Stone Valley Church. He lived near Malta (Vera Cruz) in Lower Mahanoy township, owning the farm which is still in the family name, it having been acquired after his death by Elias Witmer, whose son Harvey C. Witmer now owns it. The place comprises 136 acres, and Christophel Witmer (2) probably built the present dwelling thereon. It was he who built the old 100-foot log barn, which was razed in 1855, the present barn on the property being the third. He married a Miss Reed, and they had children as follows: John; George; Michael; and daughters Sally (married Dietrich Snyder), Christiana, (married Peter Heckert), Elizabeth (married Casper Heckert), Mary (married Nicholas Bingenman), and Catharine (married Samuel Borrel).

John Witmer, son of Christophel (2), and grandfather of Hon. Charles B. Witmer, of Sunbury, was believed to be a lineal descendant of Peter Witmer, one of four brothers—Michael, Ulrich, Peter and John—who came from the Canton of Zurich, Switzerland, crossing the ocean in the ship "Hope of London," which arrived at Philadelphia in August, 1733. On Aug. 28, 1733, the



older brothers took the oath of allegiance. All four brothers settled in Lancaster county, Peter later removing to Lebanon county, where he died. The Witmers removed to Northumberland county from Lebanon county, as did also the Lenkers, to which family belonged John Witmer's wife, whose maiden name was Anna Maria Lenker. She was born in 1797, daughter of Adam Lenker, and died in 1865. John Witmer was born Aug. 2, 1792, in Lower Mahanoy township, and died Dec. 1, 1872. He was a farmer, owning and cultivating a 100-acre place, and was well known in the Reformed Church, being a prominent member of the Zion's Stone Valley Church, in which he held various offices. His children were David, Isaac L., Polly and William. The three sons died within a period of six months.

David Witmer, son of John, was born on his father's homestead. In young manhood he was a tenant farmer, but he prospered and died in comfortable circumstances, owning a 191-acre farm in Jordan township. He was a man of influence and intelligence, active in promoting the general welfare as well as successful in the management of his personal interests, served twenty-five years as justice of the peace, was supervisor, and filled other local offices. In political affiliation he was a Democrat. In religion a member of the Reformed Church, he was active in the church at Uniontown, where he belonged, serving as a deacon, elder and trustee, assisting in the erection of the present church edifice, and proving himself a valuable church worker in many capacities. He married Polly, daughter of Jacob Hoffman (who married a Weiser), and of the seven children born to them five died in infancy or early childhood, the survivors being John H. and Jacob F.

JOHN H. WITMER, son of David, was born May 8, 1851, on the farm of his maternal grandfather, Jacob Hoffman. He received his education in the subscription and free schools which flourished during his boyhood, and was reared to farming from the time he was old enough to work, assisting his parents until he reached his majority. It was in the spring of 1877 that he commenced farming in Lower Mahanoy, the township where he has since made his home. His place is a valuable tract of 107 acres located on the road from Vera Cruz (Malta) to Uniontown (Pillow), and was formerly the Peter Reitz homestead, after his day having been owned by Michael Radel, who built the present barn. Mr. Witmer owns a farm adjoining his home place, originally the David Lenker homestead and later owned by Henry Lahr, consisting of 143 acres. His sound business judgment and thrifty management have brought him prosperity, and he has shown an intelligence in conducting his affairs which has won him general respect and confidence among his neighbors. Moreover, he has been a useful man in the administration of local

public affairs, having held the offices of school director, supervisor and assessor, his services covering many years. In politics he is a Democrat. He and his family are members of the Uniontown Reformed Church, but he has not been particularly active in its work, having declined office.

On Oct. 9, 1875, Mr. Witmer was married to Catharine Hoke, daughter of Elias and Sarah (Goodman) Hoke, of Jordan township. Four children have been born to them: Joseph, unmarried, lives at home; Lizzie is the wife of John Adam Snyder, a farmer in Lower Mahanoy township; Mary Etta married Daniel T. Heckert, son of Emanuel Heckert, and they live on a farm adjoining her father's; John E., who married Susan Deppen, daughter of Samuel Deppen, is a stenographer and typewriter, and also taught school a number of years.

Isaac L. Witmer, son of John, was born Oct. 21, 1826, and died Oct. 9, 1895. He married Annie Bubb, daughter of Michael Bubb and granddaughter of Philip Bubb, who came to America from Germany when sixteen years old and settled in Mahanoy township, Northumberland county. To Mr. and Mrs. Isaac L. Witmer were born thirteen children, nine of whom grew to maturity.

CHARLES B. WITMER, son of Isaac L. and Annie (Bubb) Witmer, was born April 18, 1862, in Lower Mahanoy township, and there spent his early life on his father's farm, attending school during the winter and helping with the farm work in the summer season. In the fall of 1879 he became a student in the Uniontown select school, and the same year was licensed to teach, taking the school at Georgetown, Northumberland county. When the term ended he entered the Millersburg high school and also attended the Berksburg Teachers' normal for several weeks. He next taught in his native township, and in the spring of 1881 entered Union Seminary (now Central Pennsylvania College) at New Berlin, Pa. Meanwhile he supported himself by teaching and other work until his graduation from that institution, in 1883. The next year he became principal of the Georgetown high school. In the fall of 1884 he took the preliminary examination and began the study of law under the tutorage of the late C. G. Voris, who at that time was located at Sunbury. Alternating his studies with educational work, he was in the summer of 1886 principal of the Snyder County Teachers' Normal Institute. In February, 1887, he was admitted to the Northumberland county bar, and at once opened an office in Sunbury. In the spring of 1889 he was admitted to practice in the Supreme court of the State, and the same year he was appointed solicitor for Northumberland county. On Aug. 20, 1889, he was chosen as the Republican nominee for the office of district attorney. His next honor was as delegate to the



Constitutional convention from the Twenty-seventh Senatorial District, comprising Northumberland, Union and Snyder counties. Following he served six years as county solicitor. In 1901 he was the Republican nominee for president judge of the Northumberland county courts, but was defeated by the small majority of 68 votes after a heated contest. This remarkable campaign, however, had the effect of bringing him prominently before the people, and from that time to the present he has been the leader of his party in Northumberland county. In 1902 he was appointed Assistant Attorney in the United States Department of Justice, at Washington, D. C., assigned to the defense of the government against claims arising out of the Spanish-American war, settled by the Spanish Treaty Claims Commission. He held that position until he resigned, in 1904, to assume the duties of chief counsel for the Dairy and Food Department of the State of Pennsylvania, and in February, 1905, he was promoted to the auditor general's department, as special counsel for same. In 1906 he was appointed by President Theodore Roosevelt United States marshal for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. In 1908 he resigned that office, receiving from President Roosevelt that year his appointment as United States district attorney. On the 5th of March, 1911, he was appointed, by President W. H. Taft, United States District judge. It is a generally recognized fact that Mr. Witmer's advancement, professionally and officially, is due to his own efforts, and he is all the more honored because of this fact. He has made his way against obstacles of many kinds, and has pursued his ambitions in spite of the opposition which confronts the self-made man, only serving to stimulate him in following his ideals to their realization. The high position he now holds and which he has long enjoyed in the councils of the Republican party proves that he not only makes friends, but has the faculty of holding them, and the ability to make good in whatever position he is placed.

Mr. Witmer is prominent in the Masonic fraternity, and is also a member of the Odd Fellows, the S. P. K. and the P. O. S. of A. He has held official position in all the orders to which he belongs. His religious connection is with the First Reformed Church of Sunbury, which he has long served as a member of the official board; he also was formerly prominently identified with the Sunday school work.

On Oct. 17, 1885, Mr. Witmer married Mollie Beaver, daughter of Isaac Beaver, of Middleburg, Snyder Co., Pa., and they are the parents of three children, namely: John, who is now a college student; and Catharine and Isabella, both of whom are attending public school. Mr. Witmer is devoted to his home and family, with whom he spends much time, and he and his wife are noted for their

kindliness and hospitable disposition, enjoying the good-will of a host of friends.

FRANCIS A. WITMER, son of Isaac L. and Annie (Babb) Witmer, was born Oct. 28, 1877, in Lower Mahanoy township, where he obtained his early education. Later he attended a summer school at Elizabethtown, and the Central Pennsylvania College at New Berlin, and when seventeen he taught for part of a school term at Washington, in Lower Mahanoy township. After the death of his father, in 1895, he came to Sunbury and lived with his brother, Charles B. Witmer, meantime attending the high school, from which he was graduated in 1897. He then took a special course at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa., and in June, 1899, registered as a law student in his brother's office, studying law and teaching school, being thus engaged for two terms at the Gass schoolhouse in Upper Augusta township. On June 16, 1902, he was admitted to the bar; on May 22, 1905, to the Supreme court; and he has also been admitted to the United States Superior and Circuit courts. He is now in partnership with his brother as junior member of the firm of Witmer & Witmer and engaged in successful practice at Sunbury. Mr. Witmer is a member of the Northumberland Bar Association, of the B. P. O. Elks, Lodge No. 267, and of Friendship Hose Company. He is a member of the Reformed Church and has been active in some of its interests, having been chairman of the publicity committee of the Laymen's Missionary committee of the Eastern Classis held in 1910. Politically he is a Republican.

In September, 1907, Mr. Witmer married Lula G. Yoder, daughter of Lewis and Elizabeth (Miller) Yoder, of Hegins, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and they have two daughters, Lillian M. and Annie E. The family home is at No. 1132 East Market street.

Michael Witmer, son of Christophel (2), was born March 29, 1804, and died Jan. 28, 1842. He is buried at Stone Valley Church. He was a man of large build, weighing 240 pounds, and was strong and muscular, being, in fact, the physical champion of his district. All his life he followed farming in Lower Mahanoy township. On April 6, 1824, he married Catharine Phillips, who was born April 9, 1805, daughter of George Phillips, of Berks county, and died Sept. 30, 1889. Their children were born as follows: Anna Juliana, Feb. 23, 1825 (died young); Benneville, Sept. 28, 1826; Michael, March 18, 1828; Anna Maria, Feb. 12, 1830; Elias, Oct. 14, 1831; Sarah, Aug. 25, 1833 (died young); Edward, Jan. 3, 1836 (died young); Susanna and Catharine, twins, Feb. 3, 1838 (Catharine died young); Ephraim, April 21, 1839; Isaac, July 11, 1841 (lives in Perry county, Pa.).

Ephraim Witmer, son of Michael, was born

April 21, 1839, on the Christophel Witmer homestead in Lower Mahanoy township. He was trained to farm work from his earliest boyhood, and engaged in farming on his own account at an early age. During the early sixties he moved to Hickory Corners, in Stone Valley, and there for thirty-two years engaged in farming for his father-in-law, David Hain, afterward farming the same place for himself four years. During this period he was also largely engaged in dealing in horses for twenty-five years. He began by buying and selling horses in his home county, but later went West and bought by the carload, disposing of the animals at public sale in lower Northumberland county, where he was the first to hold a horse sale, being really the pioneer in that trade in his section. He handled as many as 225 head of horses in one year. Though now one of the oldest residents of his district he has a clear memory, and takes particular pleasure in recalling its early days. He is a man of small stature, but retains all the energy which characterized his active career. In his day he has been active in local religious affairs as well as in business, having long been a member of the Reformed congregation of Zion's Church, to which his children also belong. He has held the offices of deacon, elder and trustee, and is now serving as janitor.

Mr. Witmer married Harriet Hain, who was born May 31, 1841, daughter of David and Rebecca (Dreibelbies) Hain, the latter a daughter of Isaac Dreibelbies, who came from Berks county. Mrs. Witmer died April 8, 1899, on the David Hain farm, and was buried at Stone Valley Church. Shortly thereafter Mr. Witmer and his daughters moved onto the Zion's Church property, where they have made their home since 1900. To Mr. and Mrs. Witmer was born a large family, viz.: David H. is mentioned below; Mary married Edwin Bademan, and they are farming people in Shamokin township; Jonathan H. is mentioned below; Fietta married William Welker and they live in the borough of Shamokin; Sallie married Daniel Harris, and they live in Mandata, this county; William S. died when two years old; one son died in infancy; Ida married Charles Wiest and they live in Sunbury; Cora married Rev. George Koppenhaver and they live at Mahanoy, where he has charge of the Reformed congregation; Charles died aged fifteen years; Wilhelmina Malinda, who is unmarried and keeps house for her father, has been chorister and organist of Zion's Lutheran and Reformed Church, at Stone Valley, since 1900, and is an estimable and intelligent woman, a most useful member of church and society; Lizzie was awarded a teacher's provisional certificate in 1901, and after she had taught three years was given (in 1908) a professional certificate, her school work covering five terms in the public schools, but she is now stenographer in the office of Dr.

M. L. Emerick, of Hickory Corners, and works as an artist during the summer season; Harriet, unmarried, lives at home; Francis died aged two years.

DAVID H. WITMER, son of Ephraim, was born May 31, 1860, in Lower Mahanoy township. Like his father he was trained to farm work, and until he was of age he worked for his grandparents, making his home with his maternal grandfather, David Hain, from the time he was three years old, until Mr. Hain's death. After that he bought the property in Lower Mahanoy township, near Dalmatia, where he has since lived and worked. It was formerly the Charles Brosius homestead, and consists of forty-five acres; the original farm was much larger. Though a highly successful farmer, Mr. Witmer devoted much time in his earlier years to teaching. He received an excellent education, supplementing his public school training by study at Berksburg Academy and a select school at Georgetown (Dalmatia), at which latter place he was under the instruction of Prof. Charles B. Witmer, now a prominent lawyer of Sunbury and the leader of the Republican party in Northumberland county. In 1880 David H. Witmer received his license to teach from William Boal, then county superintendent. His first experience was gained at the McKee school in Lower Mahanoy township, where he taught in all three successive terms. Then for one term he did not teach, and again attended school, after which he was engaged as teacher for three more terms, all in Lower Mahanoy. He had ungraded schools. Mr. Witmer was much esteemed as an instructor, and met with uniform success in his school work. He has been a useful citizen of his community in other ways, having served his township as school director, auditor and treasurer, and he is a Democrat in political faith. Socially he belongs to the Patrons of Husbandry, holding membership in Grange No. 1367, at Hickory Corners. Like the members of the Witmer family generally he is a Reformed member of the Zion's Stone Valley Church.

JONATHAN H. WITMER, son of Ephraim, now a prosperous farmer of Lower Mahanoy township, was born in that township Dec. 18, 1863. He received his education in the local public schools and has always followed farm work, continuing to work for his parents until he was thirty years old, having remained at home for two years after his marriage. In the spring of 1893 he began farming near Dalmatia, remaining there one year as a tenant, and was afterward on a nearby farm for two years. His next removal was to the David Hain farm near Hickory Corners, where he farmed six years, thence moving to the Daniel Schaffer farm, in the same township, where he lived for three years. The year before he settled on his present place he and his family lived at Hickory



Corners, according to the present home in the spring of 1906. Mr. Witmer purchased this place in 1909. It was the old George Harris homestead (Mr. Harris being a pioneer from Montgomery county), and contains 179 acres located near Hickory Corners. After the death of George Harris it was owned by his son Martin Harris. The land is fertile, and near the house is a very fine spring.

Mr. Witmer has been quite prominent in the local interests of the Democratic party and has served a number of years as judge of elections. He has held the office of assessor of his township. He and his family are prominent in the work of Zion's Stone Valley Church as members of the Reformed congregation, which Mr. Witmer has served as deacon continuously since 1898; he has been a member of the church choir for the past twenty-five years.

On Nov. 21, 1889, Mr. Witmer married Lizzie Ellen Koppenhaver, daughter of John and Hannah (Moyer) Koppenhaver, and granddaughter of Jonathan and Catharine (Hepner) Koppenhaver. Four children have been born to them: Mark Nevin, who began teaching school when seventeen years old and is now a student at the West Chester State Normal; Mary Pauline; Maud Evangeline, and Lora Charlotte.

Elias Witmer, son of Michael, was born Oct. 14, 1831, on the old homestead, and died July 15, 1909. A lifelong farmer, he obtained the original Witmer homestead after the death of his father, and built thereon, in 1893, the present barn, replacing one that had been destroyed by lightning. The farm consists of 136 acres. Mr. Witmer was a Republican in politics and a Reformed member of St. Luke's Lutheran and Reformed Church at Vera Cruz, which he served many years as trustee. His family also belonged to that church. He was a public-spirited citizen and gave nearly two acres of land near Vera Cruz for park purposes, this tract being now known as Vera Cruz Hill park; it was planted with maple and other trees by the Reformed Sunday school of the place.

Mr. Witmer's first wife, Hannah Mertz, daughter of Jacob Mertz, died one year after their marriage, leaving one son, Harvey C. His second marriage was to Sarah Oxenreider, daughter of Jacob Oxenreider, and to them was born one daughter, Agnes, now the wife of William S. Engel.

HARVEY C. WITMER, son of Elias, was born June 21, 1863, on the farm where he still lives. He has always followed farming, which he commenced on his own account after attaining his majority, being a tenant on the original homestead for seven years, at the end of which period he moved to an adjoining place, the one on which he has since made his home. This place, which comprises fifty-six acres, formerly belonged to Harry Witmer, his father-in-law, and Mr. Witmer re-

modeled the dwelling, having a comfortable home and fine property. He has prospered in his agricultural work, and owns the homestead of 136 acres in addition to his fifty-six-acre farm. He is local agent for several fertilizer companies. Though he has given his work all the attention necessary to make it profitable, he has found time for active and intelligent interest in local public affairs, has been roadmaster for the past five years, and served seven years as school director. "Hap" Witmer, as he is generally called, is well known and respected in his section. He is a Republican in politics and in religion a member of the Reformed congregation at Vera Cruz, of which he was deacon eight years. He is a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M. at Dalmatia.

On March 8, 1882, Mr. Witmer married Susan B. Weaver, daughter of Harry and Anna (Bonawitz) Weaver, of Lykens Valley, Pa., and eleven children have been born to their union: Annie, who is the wife of John Lahr and has three children, Mary E., Adda A. and Cloyd A. (they live near Dalmatia); William H., who married Grace Deppen; Nora; Stella; Cloyd, who died young; Harvey; Forest, who died when young; Warren; Maud; Alice; John, and Marian.

Bennie D. Witmer, son of Michael, was born Sept. 28, 1826, in Lower Manahoy township. He was an enterprising business man, and prospered steadily in his undertakings, acquiring considerable success by his industrious and thrifty methods. For about seven years he was engaged as a huckster, after that entering the mercantile business at County Line, where he was located for a few years. He then bought what was formerly the Josiah Snyder farm at Vera Cruz, a tract of 146 acres, now divided into two farms, on one of which he lived, and both of which are now owned by his son, Ephraim D. Witmer. One part of this 146-acre farm was at one time the Jacob Witmer homestead. The land is fertile and in a high state of cultivation, equipped with good buildings, and in every way desirable and valuable property. In addition Mr. Witmer owned an adjoining place of eighty-six acres, the John Deppen homestead. He was a leading member of the Reformed denomination in his district, and was instrumental in the establishment, in 1860, of St. Luke's Lutheran and Reformed Church at Vera Cruz, serving as a member of the building committee at the time the church was erected. He was always one of the pillars of the congregation, liberal in his support of the church and its work, served as an officer many years, and with his family took an active part in furthering all its enterprises and religious work generally. In politics he was a Republican, and he served his township as school director.

Mr. Witmer married Lydia Deppen, daughter



of William Heppner. Both Mr. and Mrs. Witmer are buried in the Vera Cruz Union cemetery. They were the parents of a large family, namely: Emma J. married Joseph Hepner; Serenus, who was engaged as a public school teacher, died unmarried at the age of twenty-eight; Mary M. married Elias Kebach; Caroline died aged seven years; Ephraim D. is mentioned below; Susan died when thirty-seven years old; William D. is mentioned below; James, also a school teacher, died when thirty years old, only five days after his marriage to Lizzie Bingaman, who survives him with their son, James M. (he had been active in politics, a member of the Republican committee of his township, and had been spoken of for high public office); Joseph W. is mentioned below; Jennie L. is unmarried; one daughter died in infancy.

EPHRAIM D. WITMER, son of Benneville, was born July 29, 1862, on the farm where he still resides, situated near Vera Cruz, in the extreme southwestern part of Lower Mahanoy township. He was reared to farming and has followed that calling all his life, purchasing the homestead from the estate after his father's death. In addition he owns an adjoining farm, which was also the property of his father. Mr. Witmer has made numerous improvements in his buildings and on his property, and has done well, meeting with success in his operations, which are conducted on intelligent lines. He is a substantial and esteemed citizen of his township, which he has served in the office of school director. In politics he is a Republican.

On Nov. 28, 1887, Mr. Witmer was married to Laura E. Koppenhaver, daughter of John and Hannah (Moyer) Koppenhaver and granddaughter of Jonas and Catharine (Hepner) Koppenhaver and of Daniel Moyer, the latter of Lykens Valley. Mr. and Mrs. Witmer have had two children, William C. (who died in infancy) and Clarence E. The family are Reformed members of St. Luke's Church at Vera Cruz, and Mr. Witmer, who has a fine bass voice, was chorister of that church for twenty years, being still a member of the choir. His son is also musically inclined.

Clarence E. Witmer, son of Ephraim D., was born May 30, 1889, and has been well educated, having begun his education in the local public schools and later attended Union Seminary, at New Berlin, and Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster. He is now assisting his father with the farm work. He married Stella T. Martz, and they have one daughter, Ethel M.

WILLIAM D. WITMER, son of Benneville, born Feb. 25, 1867, in Lower Mahanoy township, received his education there in the common schools. He worked for his father until he was twenty-three years old, on the farm and in the sawmill, and then marrying settled in Dalmatia (Georgetown), where with the exception of a few months,

during which he was with his family at Sunbury, he has since had his home. Upon coming to this locality he began work for his father-in-law, Isaac Fenstermacher, upon the farm, continuing thus for twelve years. At the end of that time he began the manufacture and bottling of soft drinks, for which he found a ready sale throughout the eastern end of Northumberland county. Mr. Witmer has prospered to such an extent that he now owns his own home and place of business, his establishment being equipped with all modern machinery for the facilitation of the work, which has grown to considerable proportions. He ships his goods to various towns. Mr. Witmer has been much interested in the local public welfare, particularly the matter of public education, and was serving as school director at the time of the erection of the modern two-story, four-room building, in 1891. He has been quite active in the local affairs of the Republican party, and has served as delegate to the county convention. While living at his early home Mr. Witmer served as organist for the Reformed congregation of the Vera Cruz Church, and for some years he was a member of the choir of the Reformed congregation at Dalmatia, of which he is a member; his wife is a member of the Lutheran congregation of the same church.

In January, 1891, Mr. Witmer married Lizzie A. Fenstermacher, daughter of Isaac and Lena (Reitz) Fenstermacher, and four daughters have been born to them: Lena A., Oct. 10, 1891; Anna M., June 19, 1896; Mary H., July 31, 1901; and Elsie M., Jan. 17, 1904.

JOSEPH WITMER, son of Benneville, was born Jan. 1, 1871, on his father's homestead, and was there reared to farm life. After leaving the farm he engaged in the mercantile business at Vera Cruz as successor to W. S. Schwartz & Co., entering this line in February, 1897, on his own account. He has since continued the business successfully, and is one of the best known merchants in Lower Mahanoy township, carrying a full line of general merchandise and also dealing in country produce and poultry. Mr. Witmer has been active in politics as a staunch member of the Republican party, and has considerable influence in his locality; he has been delegate to county convention. He and his family are Reformed members of the Union Church at Vera Cruz.

On May 17, 1896, Mr. Witmer married Jennie M. Snyder, daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth (Holsaer) Snyder, of Vera Cruz, late of Jackson township, and they have had two children, K. Stanley and Frederick Edison, the latter of whom died in infancy.

Samuel Witmer was born Nov. 6, 1811, and died May 2, 1875, aged sixty-three years, five months, twenty-six days. He is buried at Zion's

Stone Valley Church. Mr. Witmer was a farmer throughout his active years, living upon and owning the farm now occupied by his son Henry S. He served as tax collector of his district. Mr. Witmer married Sarah Spots, born Jan. 11, 1811, died Sept. 12, 1869, and they had a family of four children: John, who died at the age of sixty-eight; Emanuel, deceased, who was a farmer in Lower Mahanoy township; Cornelius, who died in Missouri, where he is buried; and Henry S.

HENRY S. WITMER, son of Samuel, now a retired farmer, was born May 2, 1844, on the farm in Lower Mahanoy township, two miles south of Dalmatia, where he is still living. He has been a lifelong farmer, and made a number of improvements upon the property during his active career, building the north end of the barn, which was erected by his father, and putting up the present dwelling on the place during the eighties. The farm contains 109 acres of excellent land, well watered, there being an excellent, never-failing spring near the house. Mr. Witmer has served as township school director. He is a Republican in political matters and in religion a member of the Reformed denomination, belonging to the Reformed congregation at Zion's Stone Valley Church, his wife uniting with the Lutheran congregation at that church.

In 1869 Mr. Witmer married Phoebe Zartman, daughter of Adam Zartman, and to their union have been born seven children, three of whom died young. The survivors are: Frank G. married Martha Mertz; Addie married George Emerick; Emma married John M. Engel; Katie is unmarried.

WEIDENHAMER. The progenitor of this family in America was Johannes Weidenhamer, a native of Germany, born Nov. 14, 1726. In 1759 he married Margaret Magdalena Eblinger, and they were survived by five sons and four daughters, twenty-seven grandchildren and forty-eight great-grandchildren. Johannes Weidenhamer died Aug. 3, 1804, in his seventy-eighth year. His wife, who was born in 1729, died in April, 1812, when eighty-three years old. The original Weidenhamer homestead in this county was about three-quarters of a mile north of Moselem Springs, Berks county, Pa., on the Easton road.

John (or Johann) Adam Weidenhamer, one of the sons of Johannes, the emigrant, came with the family from Germany. He married Elizabeth Danker, and they lived in Maiden-creek township, Berks county, where he followed farming. To them were born children as follows: Jacob; Benjamin, who moved to Ohio, where he died; George, who died in Maiden-creek township, Berks county; John; Susanna, Mrs. Daniel Kauffman, whose children were Mrs. Charles Hotten-

stein, Mrs. Peter Dunkle, Mrs. Jacob Hoffman; Maria, Mrs. Daniel Althouse; Sarah, who died unmarried, and Betsy, Mrs. Williams.

Jacob Weidenhamer, grandfather of Edward Weidenhamer, and son of John Adam, was born in 1797 in Berks county. He married Susanna Dreibelbis, born Oct. 1, 1805, who died Dec. 2, 1887. She was a native of Berks county and a daughter of Daniel Dreibelbis, of Richmond township, that county. In 1837 Mr. and Mrs. Weidenhamer moved to Montour county, this State, and settled in Limestone township, where Mr. Weidenhamer bought a valuable farm of about two hundred acres. Here he followed farming until his death, which occurred in 1863, in his sixty-seventh year. To him and his wife were born children as follows: Wellington D., who lived and died at Limestone; Sarah, who lived and died at Limestone; William; Daniel, now living in Milton; John A., who died in Watsonstown; and Elizabeth E., who first married John Sheep and later Emanuel Mauser, and had two children, Edward Sheep and May Mauser.

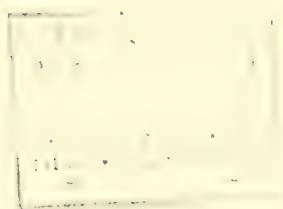
William Weidenhamer, father of Edward Weidenhamer, was born Jan. 29, 1831, in Berks county, and died July 7, 1910, near Milton, Northumberland county. He married Margaret Kutz, born Feb. 8, 1836, died Aug. 16, 1887. She was the daughter of George Kutz, born June 8, 1798, died Dec. 25, 1863, and his wife, Anna (Kilpatrick), born Jan. 9, 1803, died July 19, 1876. William Weidenhamer and his wife bought the farm, one mile east of Milton, on which they lived for over forty years. They were industrious, respected and influential citizens in that community. Mr. Weidenhamer was one of the original directors of the Pleasant Valley Creamery and Milton Fair Association and filled many other responsible positions. Eight children was born to his marriage, as follows: Clarence A. married Lou Platt, and has four children, May, Florence, Frank and Clarence; Harry married Jane Seers, and has five children, Gertrude, Lloyd, Sidney, Margaret and Alice; Thomas S. lived and died at Milton, passing away in his forty-ninth year; William married Sarah Biddle and lives in Altoona; Edward is mentioned later; Ada G. married Lloyd Cooper and lives in Altoona; Ellis C. married Clara Burton, and has two children, Norma and Burton; George S. married Ella Smith and has four children, William, Viola, Edward and George, Jr.

EDWARD WEIDENHAMER, son of William, was born Jan. 31, 1866, in Turbut township, Northumberland county, near the borough of Milton, Pa. His early education was neglected because it was necessary for him to work on his father's farm. Before he was twelve years old he drove team regularly and made a full hand hauling building stone from the farm to Milton. At the age of eighteen his father allowed him to leave



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home and earn his own living. He then worked mornings, evenings and Saturdays for his board, and walked four miles each day to attend school. He was a faithful student and his progress in his studies was rapid. During the winter of 1887 and 1888 he taught school six months in Turbut township at the maximum salary, thirty dollars a month. In April, 1888, he entered the junior class of the Central State normal school at Lock Haven, Pa., using the money he had saved to advance his education, and in June passed the examination admitting him to the senior class of that school. That fall he again taught school in Turbut township, at an increase in salary. In 1889 he entered the senior class of the Central State normal school and graduated in June, 1890, at the head of his class. He was immediately elected principal of the Fourth Ward schools of Lock Haven, Pa., and held this position until the fall of 1892, when he entered Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa. During the summer of 1893 he began to work for Ginn & Company, school book publishers, and by working for them during each vacation he earned enough money to pay his expenses the following year at college. In June, 1896, when he graduated, President George E. Reed of Dickinson College said: "Mr. Weidenhamer has, in my judgment, every qualification for any position to which he may aspire, and will be sure to give satisfaction. I know of no man whom I could more heartily recommend."

Since graduating Mr. Weidenhamer has given all his attention to the book business, in which he has been very successful, being at present general agent for Ginn & Company, with fifty-three counties in Pennsylvania under his charge. He is himself the author of a well-known textbook, "Weidenhamer's Mental Arithmetic," nearly 500,000 copies of which have already been sold throughout the United States. Mr. Weidenhamer has been a useful citizen in Milton, where he has served as president of council and in many other prominent positions. He is a member of Milton Lodge, No. 256, F. & A. M., and of Williamsport Consistory, thirty-second degree.

In February, 1901, Mr. Weidenhamer married Alice M. Hanna, daughter of W. B. Hanna, of Lock Haven, Pa. They have one daughter, Helen, born in August, 1902.

JOHN GOSS has lived on his present farm in Ralpho township since he bought the property, in 1890, and he has made a number of valuable improvements there during that time. He is a son of James Goss and grandson of William Goss.

James Goss was a shoemaker and followed that trade in Shamokin, this county, later removing to what is now Ralpho township, where he died, Dec. 30, 1854, aged forty-seven years, seven months. He is buried at the Blue Church. His

wife, Mary M. (Dunkelberger), daughter of Henry Dunkelberger, survived him, and died near Paxinos, in Ralpho township. She remarried, becoming the wife of James Van Horn. Five children were born to her union with James Goss: Benneville, Elizabeth, William, John and Reuben. By her marriage to Mr. Van Horn she had three children: Franklin P., Monroe D. and Mary.

John Goss was born Aug. 27, 1848, in Shamokin, and he received his education in the public schools near his boyhood home. When a young man he learned blacksmithing, but he followed the trade only a short time, engaging in farming. In 1890 he bought the property he now owns in Ralpho township. In 1896 he built the present dwelling on that place, where he has also erected other buildings, having brought the farm into excellent condition, both as to land and improvements. Though a busy man he has found time to serve the township as school director, and he has also been an active member of the Blue Church, in which he has been elder. Politically he is a Democrat.

Mr. Goss married Mary M. Bear, daughter of William and Susanna (Rothermel) Bear, and they have three children: Ada L. married Thomas W. Smith and has a son, Frank L.; Catherine R. is the wife of Frank Erdman, at present serving as county commissioner of Northumberland county; and Anna C. is the wife of Ammond J. Startzel.

LATSCHA. The Latscha or Latslaw family, which has many representatives among the best citizenship of Northumberland county, is descended from one Francis (John Francis) Latscha, a native of Switzerland, who came to America on the "Mortonhouse," which qualified at Philadelphia Aug. 21, 1728. On the list of passengers his name is spelled "Francis Latschow." His first settlement in Pennsylvania was near a place called Upland, in Chester county, where he remained a few years, and then went to Oley, Berks county, later settling in the Tulpehocken Valley in the latter county, where he died. He made a permanent home in Colebrookdale township. His last will and testament, made in 1781, was probated Oct. 22, 1795. He was twice married, the first time in Switzerland, and tradition says his first wife died leaving him a number of small children and no one to help in the house. Accordingly he went to Philadelphia as the parents were obliged to do at those days for merchandise or help for a woman to look after his home and children. He was met by a young woman of good repute from the Tulpehocken Valley, in Berks county, whose husband, Mr. Gable, had died on the voyage to America, leaving his wife with two small children. At Philadelphia she began a struggling life with her children, finding a place as servant in a German tavern. Mr. Latscha began

acquainted with her, persuaded her to accompany him home as housekeeper, and later they were married. Her son, Henry Gabel, was taken along with them, and early in life was taken into the Rutter household, the Rutters being the early ironmasters of Colebrookdale, and he fell heir to some of the Rutter money, also being remembered in his stepfather's will. He was a Mennonite and is buried at Boyertown; his birth occurred in 1734. Frantz Latshar and his second wife, whose maiden name was Sowers, had children also. He left a large estate, which is divided equally among his children, those mentioned in his will, as recorded in Book B, page 398, being John, Frantz, Abraham, Jacob, Mary Lantes (Landis), Henry Gabel (stepson), Rebecca Shelly (deceased, the mother of six children) and Catharine Lantz (stepdaughter), of whom Abraham lived on the Hereford township (Berks county) farm and Frantz elsewhere in the same township. We have the following account of the sons.

John Latsha lived in Colebrookdale township, where he died in 1794. He made his will in 1787 (Will Book B, page 360), dividing his estate among his brothers and sisters. He made his name with his brother Jacob, and if he was married he had no children.

Frantz Latshar (Latshar) made his will April 1, 1802, and it was probated July 1st of the same year. His wife Esther survived him and was given 100 pounds in gold. They had three sons, Frantz and Jacob receiving all the land in Hereford township, and John the homestead.

Abraham Latshar, half brother of John (mentioned just below), served several years in the Revolutionary war, holding the rank of major. Jacob Latsha, full brother of Abraham, was a lieutenant in the Revolution, in which he served a number of years. Abraham Latsha lived in the section of Colebrookdale township now included in Washington township. He died in 1814. His will, in English script, but German words, is on record in Volume I, page 114. His children were: Samuel, Johannes, Jacob, Anna, Elizabeth, Catharine, Heinrich (who lived for a time in Clayton and then went for parts unknown), Alexander and Abraham.

The founder of the branch of the family in Northumberland county with which this article is concerned, John or Johannes Latsha (Latshaw), was undoubtedly immediately connected with the Latshars referred to above, having been born in 1756 in Washington township, Berks county. According to the family he was a son of the emigrant, but that does not agree with the more complete account, and as John, the son of Frantz received his father's homestead it seems more likely he was the son of Abraham. It is said that among his father's children were also Henry, who settled in

the Revolutionary war, and Abraham, who settled in Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county (evidently the Abraham referred to above).

John Latsha, born in 1756, died in 1810, and is buried with two of his sons, Joseph and Gideon, in a private cemetery on the farm where he lived and died. If not the first settler in what is now Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, he was among the very first, as he had three acres of his land cleared for farming before the Revolutionary war. He took up a tract of 304 acres from the Commonwealth, erected the first set of buildings on the land (these in later years giving way to more modern structures), and followed farming there, his home being near Mahanoy Church, where he died. He served in the Revolutionary war, according to one account under Captain Farmer, and after his discharge had two thousand dollars coming to him. The Pennsylvania Archives, 5th Series, Volume II, page 417, record one John "Latsha" a private in Capt. Lewis Farmer's Company, Pennsylvania Rifle Regiment, 1776; Samuel Miles, colonel.

John Latsha's wife, Catharina (Daniel), was born in Tulpehooken township, Berks county, Jan. 28, 1763, and died Oct. 31, 1852, in her ninetieth year. (N. B.: These dates are given for Susanna, nee Daniel, wife of Johannes); she is buried in the graveyard at Mahanoy Church. Seven children were born to this pioneer couple: John, Johann Henry, Frederick, Daniel, Catharine, Madalena and Elizabeth. Of these, John was a farmer and lived in Washington township. His wife, Maria Catharine Shutt, bore him children as follows: John, Wendel (born March 4, 1811, died March 4, 1876; wife Susanna Gonser, born March 28, 1815, died Dec. 17, 1892), Isaac, George, Daniel, Bevy and Ketty.

Johan Friederich Latsha, son of John and Catharina (Daniel), was born Aug. 27, 1788, was a farmer, and lived and died on the farm in Washington township now owned by William M. Latsha; this was the old homestead, and at the time of his ownership it comprised 133 acres. His home was a log cabin. He died July 8, 1875, when over eighty-six years old, and his wife, Magdalena (Wagner), born March 18, 1797, died April 27, 1871, when seventy-four years old. They had children as follows: Batzy, born in 1817, died in 1848, unmarried; John died unmarried; Polly married Daniel Kiehl; Magdalena married Daniel Kiehl; Mary Ann died unmarried; Isaac married Harriet DeTurck and (second) Susan Schoffstall; Catharine died unmarried; Frederick W. is mentioned below; Adam W. married Wilhelmina Eggle. All this family lived in the region about Mahanoy Church.

FREDERICK W. LATSHA was born Jan. 7, 1837, on the Latsha homestead, and received such edu-



ited advantages as the subscription schools of his boyhood days afforded. He was reared to farming, which he followed all his life, beginning on his own account after his marriage, and in 1877 he came to the place in Washington township where he resided at the time of his death, owning a highly cultivated tract of sixty-seven acres. His death occurred May 18, 1910. Mr. Latsha, with his family, was a most active member of the Reformed congregation of St. Peter's Church, which he served officially as deacon, elder and trustee, and he and his family donated a memorial window to that church. The Latshas have erected handsome monuments on their family burial plot. Mr. Latsha was a Democrat in political connection. He was a highly esteemed member of the community, where his widow is no less respected as a woman of sterling qualities. In 1862 Mr. Latsha married Mary Reitz, daughter of Simon and Catharine (Reed) Reitz, and they had a family of six sons: Levi R., a farmer of Washington township; Edward R., a blacksmith, of Uniontown (he has a daughter, Mabel Ellen); John Charles, who operates a threshing machine; Henry Reuben, a farmer, who assisted his father until the latter's recent death; George H., a merchant; and Daniel Lewis, a blacksmith, at Mahanoy.

LEVI R. LATSHA, son of the late Frederick W. Latsha, was born July 10, 1862, and has always followed farming. He owns a valuable tract of ninety-two acres in Washington township, an old Hoffman farm, and has proved himself intelligent and thrifty in his cultivation and management of the place. He married Mary Ann Ferster, who was born March 25, 1866, and died May 29, 1905, the mother of two children: Willard Wesley, born Sept. 17, 1901; and Mary Edna Dianna, who died aged ten months, eleven days.

GEORGE H. LATSHA, senior member of the firm of George H. Latsha & Brother, was born in Washington township Jan. 22, 1881, son of the late Frederick W. Latsha. He was educated in the local public schools, which he continued to attend until he was sixteen years old, and was trained to farm work from boyhood, being only fourteen when he commenced to run a buckster wagon. For fourteen years he continued thus and also took his produce to market, gaining considerable valuable experience. On Dec. 5, 1908, he and his brother Daniel L. Latsha formed a partnership under the firm name of George H. Latsha & Brother, renting the old established store and hotel stand at Rebuick which they now conduct, one of the oldest places in the district. The brothers have been very successful. George H. Latsha, the active member of the firm, has proved his business ability in the management of the store and hotel, and has made an assured place for himself among the substantial citizens of the township. He is a Democrat, and his fellow citizens have shown

their confidence in him by electing him treasurer of Washington township, which office he is filling at present. His religious connection is with the Reformed congregation of the Hummel Church.

In 1900 Mr. Latsha married Bruella Sachoff-stall, who died Jan. 1, 1907, aged twenty-three years, ten months, sixteen days, and they had three children, Irene, David and Fred. On May 30, 1909, he married (second) Fietta Schreffler, daughter of Nathan Schreffler.

DANIEL LEWIS LATSHA, youngest son of Frederick W. Latsha, was born July 12, 1883, in Washington township, where he was reared and educated. When eighteen years old he learned his trade from his brother Edward, a blacksmith, and in 1904 engaged in business for himself at Mahanoy, in Jackson township, where he has ever since been located. He has built up a large trade in general blacksmithing and wheelwrighting, employing a wheelwright for that branch of the work. He has a half interest with his brother George H. Latsha in the firm of George H. Latsha & Brothers, owners of the store and hotel stand at Rebuick, in Washington township, conducted by George H. Latsha, and though they have not been proprietors long the business is thriving satisfactorily. On Nov. 2, 1907, Mr. Latsha married Amelia A. Tressler, daughter of Adam Tressler, of Jackson township, and they occupy their own home at Mahanoy. Mr. Latsha is a Reformed member of St. Peter's Church at Mahanoy, his wife belonging to the Lutheran congregation of that church. Politically he is a Democrat, but though interested in the welfare of the party has not been particularly active.

John Henry Latsha, second son of John and Catharina (Daniel) Latsha, was born May 15, 1785, and died June 30, 1859. He was a carpenter, and followed that trade as well as farming, living at the place in Mahanoy township occupied by the late Frederick W. Latsha, in which section he was well and favorably known. His wife, Mary Ann (Eirich), born Dec. 16, 1821, died Sept. 9, 1888, aged eighty-six years, eight months, twenty-three days. They had children as follows: Adam, Henry, Abraham, Eva, Mary Ann and Kate (wife of Henry Wear), all residents of the borough of Shamokin.

Mrs. Mary Ann (Eirich) Latsha's grandfather fought under Washington in the Revolution, and with several other soldiers was killed while crossing the Delaware river. He married Mary A. Wilson, who after his death became the wife of Abraham Musser. Jacob Eirich, son of this Revolutionary soldier, lived in York county, Pa., for a time, thence moving to Philadelphia, later to Schuylkill county, and eventually to Northumberland county, settling near Shamokin. By trade he was a weaver, later finding employment in the

mines. He served in the war of 1812. Jacob Eirich died in an old log house near Shamokin in 1861, when ninety-two years old. He married Elizabeth Haag, whose father was drowned at Columbia, Pa., while crossing the Susquehanna river. Their children were: John; Mary Ann, Mrs. Latsha; Margaret, Mrs. Enoch Cole; Elizabeth, Mrs. Isaac Latsha; Susan, Mrs. Martin; Jacob, who served in Company K (Captain Strauss), 48th Regiment, during the Civil war; Henry, who served in the same company and regiment and was killed in the mines in 1863 shortly after his return from the service; and Hester, who married Ignatius Ditman, a coal operator.

ADAM LATSHA, son of John Henry Latsha, was born in December, 1844, in Jackson township, Northumberland Co., Pa., and makes his home with his brother Abraham at Shamokin. He has been engaged about the mines for many years. For fifteen years he followed mining, and since 1882 has been a carpenter in the employ of the Shipman Coal Company. He is a highly respected citizen, and one of the well known residents of the borough. Mr. Latsha was made a Mason in 1882 in Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M., in which he still holds membership.

ABRAHAM LATSHA, son of John Henry Latsha, was born in Washington township May 27, 1854, and has long made his home at Shamokin. When a youth he commenced picking slate at the breakers, and later followed mining for many years. In 1905 he engaged in business for himself, making candies, in which line he has built up a remarkably good trade, his goods, all homemade and pure, finding popular sale in the borough. His store is at No. 943 West Arch street. Mr. Latsha has proved himself an admirable manager and a man of good executive ability, and the extensive trade he now enjoys has come as the result of honorable methods, honest dealing and a sincere effort to please his patrons, who are numerous. He is deeply interested in the family history and the early history of Mahanoy and surrounding townships, upon which he has informed himself thoroughly.

WILLIAM M. LATSHA, a farmer of Washington township, was born April 30, 1878, son of Adam W. and Wilhelmina (Fegley) Latsha and grandson of Johan Friederich and Magdalena (Wagner) Latsha. He was educated in the township schools and brought up to farming, working for his parents until 1905, in which year he purchased the old homestead, which had been in the Latsha name for three generations previously, having been owned by his great-grandfather, Johannes, by his grandfather and by his father. His great-grandfather originally took up over three hundred acres, but the 133-acre tract owned by William M. Latsha was the homestead place. Part of the balance

is now owned by Isaac Latshaw, and part of what is now the John Schreffler farm was also included in the ancestor's possessions. The late Frederick Latsha owned several fields which were also included in the land taken up by Johannes. Johan Friederich Latsha, grandfather of William M., built the house, barn and cider house now standing on the latter's farm; the weaver's shop, where all kinds of weaving could be done, and which has four rooms, was built by the pioneer Latsha. William M. Latsha owns his grandfather's clock. He is a modern farmer, progressive, using the most approved implements and methods, attends the Shamokin markets weekly, and is a substantial citizen. Like his forefathers he is a Democrat in politics, and belongs to the Reformed Church.

On Aug. 16, 1903, Mr. Latsha married Laura M. Kehres, daughter of Henry and Mary Ann (Drumheller) Kehres, and they have had three children: Goldie M.; Guy L., who died in infancy; and Raymond A.

JOHN F. LATSHA, farmer of Washington township, was born June 24, 1875, on the homestead farm in that township, attended the local schools and passed his boyhood in the usual manner of farmers' sons, remaining at home until he attained the age of twenty-four. Since the spring of 1901 he has been farming at his present place, owning what was formerly the Michael Smith farm, of ninety-five acres, advantageously located on the road between Mahanoy and Rebock. The barn was built in 1883, the buildings are all substantial, and the land is in good condition. Mr. Latsha is local agent for a fertilizer company. Politically he is a Democrat, and he has served as inspector of his district.

In 1900 Mr. Latsha married Agnes Smith, daughter of Samuel and Seville (Hetrich) Smith, and they have had five children: Beulah (deceased in infancy), Samuel, Frederick, Gertrude, and Anna (who died in infancy). Mr. Latsha and his family are members of the Reformed Church, which he served four years as deacon.

MOSES H. TROUTMAN, general merchant of Shamokin, was born July 1, 1869, in Jordan township, Northumberland county, and has been a resident of Shamokin since he left the farm upon attaining his majority. He has a well established business at No. 22 South Second street, where he has been located since 1901.

Jacob Troutman, his great-grandfather, was born in the Tulpehocken Valley in Berks county, and we give some general early history of the Troutmans of that section. The Troutman family of western Berks county had settled prior to the organization of the county, in 1752, in Tulpehocken township, where Hieronimus Troutman on Oct. 13, 1752, obtained two warrants, each for twenty-five

acres of land located in that part of Lancaster county now embraced in Lebanon county. On March 23, 1802, he and Abraham Troutman (a relative) jointly obtained a warrant for 152.80 acres of land in Northumberland county. The records show that at this time he was a taxable in Tulpehocken township, Berks county, the Pennsylvania Archives recording the following in 1768: "Peter Troutman, eighty acres of land in Tulpehocken; Philip Troutman, 100 acres; Valentine Troutman, six acres; and Michael Troutman, 217½ acres." Previously, in 1759, one John Troutman paid eleven pounds tax in Tulpehocken township. In 1779 the tax lists show: "Valentine, singleman; John, singleman and tailor, and Peter, weaver." In 1779 Michael Troutman owned 275 acres of land, six horses, six cattle, and paid seven pounds, thirteen shillings tax, showing that he was a large property owner. It is traditional, and records confirm it, that Hieronimus Troutman had these sons: Michael, born Nov. 8, 1746, died Nov. 1, 1804; Valentine, born June 17, 1752, died April 19, 1823; Johannes, born Feb. 4, 1755, died Feb. 2, 1823; Johann Philip, born Aug. 9, 1758, died Feb. 23, 1830.

Michael Troutman, the eldest of this family, made his will Aug. 3, 1804, and died about three months later. In the will he mentions his wife Susanna, who was to receive the property in Tulpehocken township on which they lived, besides other items. Ample provision was made for her. They had no issue. After leaving a bequest to Host Chapter of £100 pounds, to care for his grave, Michael Troutman divided the rest of his estate among his brothers, whom he mentioned thus: Valentine, John who had a son Michael, and Philip.

Valentine Troutman served during the Revolution in September, 1776, in Capt. Michael Furer's company, and was sent to Long Island. He married, and among his children was a daughter, Eva Elizabeth, who was born in 1785 and died unmarried in 1861.

Philip Troutman married Magdalena, a born Troutman, possibly a descendant of Abraham, who was a relative of Hieronimus. She was born Feb. 16, 1753, and died Dec. 29, 1834, aged eighty-one.

All of the above Troutmans are buried at Host church, in the long graveyard adjoining it on the southwest. Many of the gravestones are brown sandstones, and the inscriptions on them were deciphered with some difficulty by William J. Dietrich, of Reading, and Squire Frank W. Troutman, of Stouchsburg, Berks county. Immediately back of the church is an old sandstone on which appears the following inscription:

"Eva Elizabeth Troutman Sei ist gaboren den 6 Januar, im Jahr 1786, und starb am 1 Januar im Jahr 1794. Brautjahr alter 78 Jahr. Entschien und 3 tag." This possibly was the wife of the an-

cestor Hieronimus Troutman, and the mother of the sons before mentioned.

Johannes Troutman, son of the ancestor, was born in 1755 and died in 1823. He was married (first) May 13, 1787, to Maria Elizabeth Hoffman, and (second) to Sybilla Hummelberger, who was born Jan. 7, 1774, and died Nov. 29, 1858. Among his children were: Michael, born Aug. 2, 1788, died July 19, 1840; John Jacob, born May 18, 1791, died March 6, 1862; Elizabeth, born in 1796, died in 1866.

Jacob Troutman, who was born in the Tulpehocken Valley in Berks county, had children, Moses, John, Peter and Cornelius. (From the St. David's Church records and Bohner's Union cemetery, in Lower Mahanoy, we find that a Jacob Troutman, born Jan. 13, 1792, died Aug. 15, 1854; his wife Magdalena, born May 21, 1794, died Sept. 28, 1877. This is on a large marble monument in Bohner's cemetery, and from the same source we find that Cornelius, son of Jacob and Magdalena, born March 12, 1828, died June 1, 1887; his wife Esther, born Sept. 14, 1830, died Feb. 21, 1877. These records may pertain to Jacob and his children. The ones we have just given seem to be without doubt their records of birth and death. The following may pertain to the sons John and Peter. John, born June 11, 1817, died March 22, 1901; wife Sarah, born Oct. 19, 1817, died April 1, 1841. Peter, born Jan. 22, 1831, died Dec. 31, 1891.)

Moses Troutman, son of Jacob, followed farming in the Mahanoy Valley, living in Jordan township, Northumberland county, and he and his wife Elizabeth (Bohner) are buried at the Union church near Pillow. Their children were: Solomon; Gilbert, living at Millersburg; and Jacob, also a resident of Millersburg.

Solomon Troutman, son of Moses, was born Dec. 25, 1846, and died in 1894 in Schuylkill county, being buried at Leib, that county. While a resident of Jordan township he took to farming and was a well known and respected citizen of his community, looking first to Schuylkill county, where he continued to own the rest of his life. He married Sarah Esther, who died in 1894, and both were members of the Evangelical Church. They were the parents of the following children: Ellen, wife of William Masser; Moses H.; Jane, who married Louis Herring and (second) John Peard; William; Agnes, wife of Cyrus Peard; Jacob; Emma, who died aged twenty-two; Carl; Clayton, of Shamokin; Agnes, wife of John Beyler; and Harry, who lives at Frederickburg, Pennsylvania.

Moses H. Troutman attended the schools in the neighborhood of his early home and worked upon the farm until he reached the age of twenty-one, since which time he has made his home in Shamokin. His first position in the borough was with



Burd & Rogers, for whom he clerked eleven years, remaining with this well known firm until he commenced business on his own account, in 1901. He has a fine store at No. 22 South Second street, stocked with a good line of general merchandise, and has done a steadily growing business, ranking with the prosperous men in his line in the borough. He is a member of the Business Men's Association, and in that connection and other ways has shown his public spirit and loyalty to the general interest and welfare. Outside of business his particular interest is in the Evangelical Church, of which he is an earnest member; he is at present serving as member of the board of trustees, and he was long active in the Sunday school, being a teacher for twelve years. Fraternally he holds membership in the Knights of Pythias.

On Dec. 11, 1892, Mr. Troutman married Nora Wasser, daughter of Jacob and Catharine (Wagner) Wasser, of Mahantango Valley, and they have eight children, namely: Catharine, Roy, Russel, Merrile, Boulah, Leonard, Elizabeth and Leon Edward. The older children are assisting their father in the store.

**MALICK.** The Malick family, which was one of the earliest families in Northumberland county, having been settled in this region since before or about the period of the Revolution, is of German extraction. The early spelling of the name was Melick, or Mehlig, but it is now found in various forms, Malick, Malich, Mellick, etc. One Jacob Malick, with whose descendants we are concerned in this article, and five brothers came to this country from Germany, four of the brothers, among whom was Jacob, settling along the Susquehanna river in what is now Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, in the region of Sunbury. They were among the pioneers in that section, where their descendants are now very numerous, several branches of the family being well represented. There is record of three brothers, Peter, Henry and another who died soon after his marriage, leaving a widow and one daughter. This does not quite agree, however, with the Federal Census Report of 1790, which records Peter, Henry and a Widow Melich as heads of families in Northumberland county. Peter Melich had one son and six daughters; Henry had one daughter; the widow had *two* daughters. Among the taxables of Augusta township, in 1788, were David and John Melick.

According to one account, the Malicks came to Pennsylvania from New Jersey, settling in the woods in what was then Northumberland (now Columbia) county, at the present location of Light-street. At any rate, the pioneer Peter Malick lived there until the time of the Wyoming massacre. The family were panic-stricken at the re-

port that the Indians were approaching on the war-path, and the men hastily got the horses together, the women collecting clothing, etc., which they tied to a young mare. The animal took fright at its unusual burden, ran away and was shot by the Indians. Eventually, men, women and children had to make their way on foot to Fort Augusta, at Sunbury, which had been built in 1756, and there the family remained until the immediate danger was over. It appears that Jacob Malick, son of Peter Malick, Jr., obtained his land in that region through the family's escape to the fort for safety. Peter Melick, Sr., made a will, but we have not found it on record at Sunbury. Peter Melick, Jr., of Wyoming township, made his will March 6, 1789; it was probated June 5, 1789. He bequeaths to his wife Mary "Mellick," and to children: son John (double daughter Christiana shall have); son Peter (double of daughter Charity); son Mickel (double of daughter Margaret); son Henry; son David; and daughters Cristana, Charity, Margaret and Elizabeth. Some children died young.

One David Malick, born Oct. 4, 1759, died in 1834. His old family Bible is now in the possession of Mrs. William F. Keefer, of Sunbury, a distant relative of the Malicks.

The Jacob Malick above mentioned as one of the pioneers in what is now Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, passed the remainder of his life and died there. His son Peter, born in that township, was a well known man of his day and a large land owner, having about five hundred acres. He died in 1811, at the age of seventy-five years, and is buried at a church in Lower Augusta township. His wife, whose maiden name was Reeser, was a native of Northumberland county. They had children as follows: William; John R.; David; Peter; Jeremiah, who died in 1872, at the age of thirty-six years; Samuel; Daniel; Esther, born Aug. 28, 1828, who died in 1909 (she was the wife of Adam Renn and lived in Sunbury); Harriet, who married Alexander Zortman; Mary A., who married Jere. Renn, brother of Adam, and settled in Iowa.

William Malick, son of Peter, was born in the old home in Lower Augusta township. He became an early contractor and builder in his district, beginning that business when he had to do all the work, from the hewing of the timber in the woods to the very completion of the houses and barns he constructed. Many buildings in the neighborhood and in adjoining localities were of his construction. He died in 1888, and is buried at the Stone Church in Lower Augusta township. His wife, Hannah (Heilman), daughter of Daniel Heilman, bore him children as follows: Dr. Hiram died in 1889; Harriet married a Keifer and has children, Peter, Frank, Harry and Jennie; Maria is the widow of Jacob Wolf (they had a son Clement);

Simon P. is mentioned below; William married a Waid (they have Arthur and Melvin).

SIMON P. MALICK, a well known general contractor and builder, was born Aug. 1, 1848, in Lower Augusta township, son of William Malick. He received his education in the district schools, and when a young man learned the carpenter's trade under his father's instruction, remaining with him until he reached the age of eighteen years. After that he found employment in surrounding towns until he came to Sunbury in 1871, engaging in business for himself. From 1873 to 1878 he was in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, as a carpenter, and he then returned to contracting and building on his own account. Many of the buildings in Sunbury have been erected by him, and he has a mill on Tenth street where he gives employment to from forty to fifty mechanics. He is one of the most prominent citizens of Sunbury, not only as a business man but also in the conduct of public affairs, for he has served as councilman and served as chief Burgess of East Sunbury borough. He was one of the organizers and is vice president of the Sunbury Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and was also one of the organizers of the Sunbury Trust and Safe Deposit Company, of which he is still serving as a director. He is a Democrat in politics and a Lutheran in religion, belonging to Zion's Church, which he served many years as deacon and elder.

Mr. Malick married Julia Bloom, daughter of Jacob and Julia (Bartholow) Bloom, and they have had three children: Bessie married Robert Messimer and has three children, Hazel, Julia and Robert W.; Elmer V. is mentioned below; Emma, who lives with her parents, is a graduate of the Williamsport Academy, class of 1906. The family occupy a handsome residence on Catawissa avenue, Sunbury.

ELMER V. MALICK has passed practically all his life in Sunbury, where he was born April 12, 1871. He received his education there, being a member of the first class which graduated from the high school in East Sunbury, in 1889. That spring he received a license to teach public school from Prof. William Bloom, and he had his first experience in Ralpho township, this county, at the Pocahontas school. After assisting his father for some time in his planing mill and building operations, he took the civil service examination for letter carrier in Sunbury, in a class of forty-two, and was the second carrier appointed in the borough. He served in that capacity for seven years, until, in 1908, he began his present general mercantile business at No. 256 Catawissa avenue. He opened his store Feb. 17th. Mr. Malick carries a large stock and has had a profitable trade from the start. He is a man of excellent business abil-

ity and upright methods, and has succeeded in holding his patronage by honorable dealing. He owns his own home, a large and comfortable residence at No. 303 Catawissa avenue. Socially Mr. Malick belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America.

On June 19, 1900, Mr. Malick married Clara M. Messimer, daughter of J. T. Messimer, of Sunbury. They have no children.

Jacob Messimer, grandfather of Mrs. Malick, was a native of Center township, Perry Co., Pa., was a farmer by occupation, and died when his son John T. was two years old; he is buried in an old graveyard at Bloomfield. He married Margaret Marshall, who died in 1883, at the age of seventy-seven years. They had a family of five children, all deceased; Robert, Wilson, James, Maggie and John T.

John T. Messimer, son of Jacob, was born in November, 1846, and died in 1902. He was a shoemaker by trade, but for the last thirty years of his life was in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Company as gang boss. While in Perry county he served as tax collector, and he removed thence to Sunbury in 1881, passing the remainder of his life in the borough. His wife, Emma Wetzel, daughter of George Wetzel, of Perry county, died in 1905, at the age of fifty-seven years. They had children as follows: Robert, William, Mary (Mrs. Samuel Willits), Clara M. (Mrs. Elmer V. Malick), Rebecca (unmarried), Seymour, Wilson and Charles.

Henry Malick, the grandfather of Emanuel Malick, of Shamokin, came from Germany and settled in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, on a farm about two and a half miles from the Susquehanna river. He had a large tract of land, which later was divided into two farms. When the Miles Run United Brethren Church was organized, at the schoolhouse of that name, in the winter of 1835, it was through the efforts of Henry and his brother, Peter Malick. Henry Malick is buried at Malick Church, in Lower Augusta township. His children were: John W., David, Henry, Harriet (married Peter Zimmerman), Hettie (married Peter Sheaffer), Lucy (married Joseph Arnold) and Elizabeth (married John Henninger).

John W. Malick, son of Henry, was born in 1812, and died in 1860. He was a lifelong farmer, owning part of the original homestead, and also owned and conducted a sawmill. He sold this farm before his death and removed to Limestone Valley, about half a mile from the old home place, where he died. He married Susan Heim, daughter of Jonathan Heim, and they had children as follows: Samuel, deceased; Emanuel; Hiram, living at Williamstown, Dauphin county; Isaiah, liv-



ing in Shamokin, Pa.; John L., also of Shamokin; William, deceased; and Emma J., wife of John Linderman, of Shamokin.

EMANUEL MALICK, son of John W., was born May 7, 1849, and obtained his education in the schools of his native township. His early life was spent in farm work at home, and in 1864 he came to Shamokin, where he began work in the mines, following this line for about nineteen years. He then engaged in the general store business in partnership with W. H. Malick and Flora Shuman, after six years buying out the interest of his partners and taking over the business entirely on his own account. He continued it until 1900, when he engaged in the restaurant business, which he has since followed, and in connection with which he is a cigar jobber and confectioner. He has two places of business, one on Spruce street and another at Shamokin and Commerce streets, in Shamokin, and he is making a success of both establishments. Mr. Malick married Hannah Dilipain, daughter of Ezekiel Dilipain, and five children have been born to them: Katie is married to C. C. Malick and has a son Robert; Andrew died in 1909, at the age of thirty-six years, leaving two children, Leon and Chester; William died when twenty-four years old; Frederick, a graduate of Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., is now vice principal of the Dover (Del.) Academy; Flora O. is unmarried and resides at home. The family reside at No. 508 Market street.

Mr. Malick is a member of the Methodist Church, and an ardent connection in local membership in the I. O. O. F. and Encampment and also in the P. O. S. of A. He is a Republican in politics, and for a number of years took an active part in local affairs, having served many years as assessor of Coal township, six years as school director, and for six years as member of the poor board of Coal township, giving excellent satisfaction in every capacity.

GEORGE W. MALICK, a successful young business man of Herndon, is descended through the line of Henry, one of the emigrant brothers named as progenitors of this family.

John Malick, great-grandfather of George W., lived in the Mahantango Valley, and is buried in that section. His son Henry, who was a miller in Mahantango Valley, is buried at St. Peter's Church, in Jackson township, Northumberland county. Among his sons were John and George Henry, besides others who died young and are buried at Himmel's Church, near Rebuck.

George Henry Malick, father of George W., was a miller in his early life, later becoming a drover and butcher. While engaged in that line he lived at Lake Hill, but he afterward became engaged in farming at Herndon, owning 125 acres. He died

Aug. 31, 1908, at the age of sixty-nine years, and is buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Shamokin. His death, which occurred at the Miners' hospital, was caused by gangrene of the foot, brought on by cutting a troublesome corn. Mr. Malick was a well known man of his day, having held several township offices, and was originally a Democrat, later a Republican, in politics. He married Caroline Heppler, daughter of Joseph Heppler, of Hepler, Pa. They had a family of six children: Jane married George L. Snyder; Lizzie married Lewis Heim; Kate (deceased) married John Lyon and (second) Daniel Schleif; Carrie married E. C. Fouil; Francis died at the age of seven years, of diphtheria, at Girardville; George W. is mentioned below.

George W. Malick was born May 19, 1880, at Herndon, and was seven years old when his parents moved thence to Shamokin, where he received the greater part of his education. When old enough he took up dentistry with U. S. G. Moore, of Shamokin, but after two years he gave up the idea of following that profession and entered the employ of I. W. Forry & Son, hosiery manufacturers. He was with them for three years, after which he was employed by Rosser & Co., hosiery manufacturers, until that firm discontinued business. He then opened a mill for Madeira & Wanner, at Lyon Station, Pa., continuing there for one year, when the establishment was moved to Port Trevorton. Mr. Lyon embarked in the business on his own account at Lyon in November, 1902, and was there for two years, late in 1904 removing to Herndon, where he has since been located. He has a two-story building 58 by 28 feet in dimensions, where he runs twenty-five machines, giving employment to thirty-five people, and he also operates a mill across the Susquehanna river, at Port Trevorton, where twenty machines are operated, giving employment to twenty-five people. Mr. Malick is sole proprietor of both establishments, the one at Port Trevorton, however, being under the management of Henry Morrow. A ready market is found for the product, which has an excellent reputation among dealers.

In 1899 Mr. Malick married Priscilla Rhoades, daughter of Henry and Lila (Levan) Rhoades, of Shamokin, and they have had two children, Irwin George Henry and Lila Priscilla. Mr. Malick and his family are members of the Reformed Church. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, holding membership in Lafayette Lodge, No. 194, F. & A. M., at Selin's Grove, Pa., and to the Modern Woodmen of America, belonging to the lodge at Herndon. He is a Republican in politics, and is serving at present as member of the Herndon school board.

John Malick, brother of George Henry and uncle of George W., was the historian of the family. He was educated for the medical profession, but never



engaged in practice. In early life he was interested in the milling business, but discontinued it and took up farming at Lake Hill, where he made his home. He sold musical instruments and dealt in various other commodities. He was married twice, and was the father of one child. Mr. Malick died in 1894 and is buried at Lake Hill. The day of his death he walked twelve miles. He had foretold the event, and called neighbors to his assistance, giving them instructions about his funeral and burial.

JOSEPH P. KNAPP, outside superintendent of mines for the Mount Carmel and Shamokin collieries, with residence at No. 31 North Shamokin street, Shamokin, is one of the best known men in the Pennsylvania coal fields, as well as one of the most widely experienced. He was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, May 11, 1846, son of Gregory Knapp.

Gregory Knapp, the father, came from Germany to America in 1849 and located at Minersville, Schuylkill county, where he remained two years, and in 1851 he moved to Trevorton, following his trade of carpenter. He died at Trevorton in October, 1873, aged fifty-five years. His wife, Mary B. Peters, bore him fourteen children, of whom five grew to maturity, namely: Joseph P., John T., Mary, Gregory and Frank.

Joseph P. Knapp accompanied his father to America in 1849, and as a boy worked as a slate picker at the old Trevorton colliery. In 1861 his parents moved to Ashland, and there he continued the same work for two years, after which he took up steam engineering. While there the Civil war broke out, and his loyalty to his adopted country showed in his enlistment March 18, 1864, in Company A, 7th Pennsylvania Cavalry, for three years. This company was recruited in Schuylkill county, and was sent to the South, in the Army of the Cumberland, playing a brave part in the battle at Selma, Ala., April 2, 1865. After serving eighteen months he was honorably discharged, the war closing. Mr. Knapp returned to his home in Trevorton, and for two years was employed as an engineer at the powder mill. From October, 1865, to April 2, 1866, he was engaged at powder-making, but on the latter date the mill was blown up and he was badly injured and was under the physician's care for several months. This mill, owned by Kline & Horn, was at Fisher's Mill, below Shamokin. After recovering his strength Mr. Knapp worked at mining for some nine months, and then again took up powder-making, collecting it for two and a half years. He then spent six months in Sunbury in the employ of Ira T. Clement, at the end of that time returning to Trevorton to engage in mining at the bottom of the No. 1 slope. For some time he fired the boilers, and then became engineer. In August,

1874, he left Trevorton and went to Locust Dale to run the bull pumps at the Keystone colliery, a position he held for three and a half years. In 1878 he was appointed outside foreman of the North Ashland colliery, and served in that position for four and a half years, after which he engaged in the bottling business at Ashland for a very short time. When he sold out his bottling business it was to become boss at the Knickerbocker colliery, near Shenandoah, Pa., of which he took charge in February, 1882, and continued in that position until Dec. 1, 1903, when he was made outside superintendent of the Mount Carmel and Shamokin collieries, consisting of seven breakers.

On Nov. 24, 1874, Mr. Knapp was married to Susan Veith, daughter of former mine superintendent John Veith, a native of Bavaria. Seven of the thirteen children born of this union are living, namely: Charles L., Minnie M., Catherine B., J. Frederick, Leo W., Alphonso J. and Gregory A. Mr. Knapp is a member of St. Edward's Roman Catholic Church, and has reared his family in the faith of the Church of Rome. His only fraternal connection is with Lincoln Post, No. 140, Grand Army of the Republic.

OTTO. The Otto family has had many creditable representatives in Northumberland county since its establishment here early in the nineteenth century by Conrad Otto, the great-grandfather of Abraham L. Otto and Edward J. Otto, brothers, the former now postmaster at Herndon, the latter station agent and merchant at Otto, named after this family. John B. Otto, who is now living retired at Trevorton, Northumberland county, after a busy and successful life, is a grandson of Conrad Otto.

Conrad Otto, born about 1766, came to Northumberland county from Berks county and was an early settler in what is now Jackson township. He was one of the early schoolmasters in that locality, and also worked as a laborer. It is said that during the early part of his residence in this county he lived at Trevorton, but he passed the greater part of his long life in the vicinity of Mahanoy and died in Jackson township at an advanced age. His wife, Barbara (Seiler), born March 24, 1769, died Jan. 29, 1857. They are buried at Mahanoy church (St. Peter's). Their children were: John; Adam; Elizabeth, who died in Jackson township; and Bevy, who became Mrs. Peter and had one daughter, Betty, who married a man named McDaniel (Bevy and her daughter died in Illinois). The Federal Census report of 1790 records Henry and George Otto as residents of Northumberland county and heads of families, Henry having four sons under sixteen, and George having one daughter.

John C. Otto, born Jan. 22, 1779, died Nov. 1, 1854, and is buried at St. Peter's church at Maha-

noy, was undoubtedly a brother of Conrad Otto, mentioned above.

John Otto, son of Conrad, was the grandfather of Abraham L. and Edward J. Otto. He was born May 7, 1804, in Berks county, and came to this county with his father at an early age. He was a cobbler by trade, but later farmed in Jackson township, where he owned a tract of land, and he was engaged as a workman on the construction of the Schuylkill canal. He lived retired at Herndon for nearly twenty years before his death, which occurred there Aug. 3, 1886. John Otto was twice married, his first wife being Rebecca Groh, who was born Oct. 28, 1810, and died Dec. 20, 1845. They had children as follows: Washington is mentioned below; Caroline, who is now over seventy years old, married Gabriel Adams and lives at Mandata, Pa.; Harriet, now living at Hickory Corners, Northumberland county, married Josiah Schaffer; Abbie (deceased) married H. S. Byerly; William C. is deceased. Mr. Otto's second marriage was to Lydia Leader, who was born Nov. 23, 1807, and died March 12, 1889. They had: Rebecca married Isaiah Snyder, of Millersburg, Pa.; Samuel died at Verdon, Neb., April 18, 1904.

Washington Otto, son of John, was born May 4, 1833, in Cameron township, Northumberland county, and died June 24, 1897, at Mahanoy; he is buried there, at St. Peter's church. He was engaged as a plasterer and stonemason in his earlier manhood, later following farming, having a valuable tract of 140 acres. He also established the coal, bark and lumber business at Otto station (named in his honor), on the Herndon branch of the Philadelphia & Reading road, building up an extensive and profitable trade, to which his son Edward J. has since succeeded. He was serving as trustee of St. Peter's Church at the time of his death.

On Aug. 2, 1860, Mr. Otto married Harriet Bower, and to them were born twelve children, of whom we have the following record: (1) William H. H., born Oct. 31, 1863, died March 31, 1902. He settled at Shamokin, this county, where he became a prominent merchant in the wholesale grocery and confectionery line. (2) Abraham L. is mentioned below. (3) Agnes is unmarried. (4) George L., who died Jan. 1, 1908, aged forty years, was long an invalid. (5) Mary married E. S. Hibush, a farmer, and they live near Otto station. (6) Lydia married D. P. Russell, of Otto, who is engineer at the pumping station there. (7) John C., born in 1874, died Nov. 3, 1899, and was buried on his twenty-fifth birthday. (8) Edward J. is mentioned below. (9) Cora married George S. Wilson, who is in the employ of the Standard Oil Company, and they live at Barto, Pennsylvania.

ABRAHAM L. OTTO, son of Washington, was born April 22, 1865, in Jackson township, Northumber-

land county. He received his early education in the public schools, later attending Union Seminary, at New Berlin, Pa., and in 1887 began teaching, being thus engaged for three terms in Jackson township. He was reared to farming, but has not followed that occupation since he began life on his own account. In 1891 he settled at Herndon, in Jackson township, where he engaged in the lumber and sawmill business, following that line for eleven years. He did a good business, giving employment to twelve men, and he is still interested in same, having been a director of the Shamokin Lumber & Manufacturing Company since 1905, and being also a stockholder in the W. P. Zartman Lumber Company. He is interested in the Auburn Shale Brick Company of Schuylkill county, and in these various relations keeps well in touch with commercial affairs. In 1897 he was appointed postmaster at Herndon by President McKinley, and has filled that office continuously since. It is an office of the fourth class. He is one of the best known men in his section, a substantial citizen in a business way and respected by all who have had dealings with him, in any of the relations of life.

In 1891 Mr. Otto married Mary Brower, daughter of John Brower, Sr., of Herndon, and a member of an old family formerly of Chester county, this State, whence Nathan Brower came to Northumberland county, settling in Jackson township; he was a miller and farmer by occupation. Mr. and Mrs. Otto have no children. They are members of the Reformed Church, which he has served as deacon. Politically he is a member of the Republican party.

EDWARD J. OTTO was born Feb. 11, 1877, and was educated in the public schools. His father trained him to business life, it being his wish that his sons Edward and John should succeed him in his mercantile enterprises. John died at the age of twenty-five, as previously recorded, and the management of the business fell upon the shoulders of the younger brother, Edward, who continues to carry on the various lines established by his father, comprising the trade in coal, bark and railroad ties. The various other branches of his business he has added himself as opportunity offered or demand warranted, and he now has an excellent patronage in the original lines and also in grain and allied commodities. He handles from 150 to 200 carloads annually of the various products he carries, his place being the business center for a wide territory. His lumber is shipped largely into the coal regions, for use at the mines. In addition to other things he handles farm implements. He keeps three men employed regularly to assist him in looking after the numerous details of his various interests. He has been station agent at Otto for some time, having succeeded his

brother Abraham L. (who was the first agent at the station) in that position. Mr. Otto owns his father's old homestead farm of 140 acres, located at Otto (in Jackson township), and he cultivates this land. In the spring of 1904, because of failing health, he gave up the farm work, selling his large farm stock, but having regained his health he resumed the management and operation of the place in the spring of 1909. He erected his beautiful residence at Otto in 1903. There are few citizens of the locality busier than he, but he has nevertheless found time to serve his fellow citizens in local office, having been tax collector from 1906 to 1909, and in the spring of the latter year he was elected roadmaster of Jackson township.

On April 16, 1903, Mr. Otto married Sallie Shipman, daughter of Selesia and Lydia (Dunkelberger) Shipman, farming people of Lower Augusta township, this county, and they have had one son, named John William in memory of his two deceased uncles. Mr. Otto and his family are members of St. Peter's Reformed Church at Mahanoy, and socially he unites with Lafayette Lodge, No. 194, of Selinsgrove, Pa. He is a Republican in political matters.

Adam Otto, son of Conrad, was born March 1, 1808, in Jackson township, and followed farming throughout his active years. Moving out to Wayne county, Ohio, he engaged in agricultural pursuits there for about twenty years, prospering in all he undertook. Returning to his native township, he was killed by a train at Herndon, Feb. 27, 1861. His wife, Susan (Burkert), also met a tragic death, being fatally burned in Cameron township, this county, when her son John was but three months old. They were the parents of three children: George, who went West when a young man and served three years in the army west of the Mississippi, in the heavy artillery; Sarah, who married Josiah Henry, of Sunbury, Pa.; and John B.

JOHN B. OTTO was born Aug. 26, 1837, in Little Mahanoy township, this county, and was reared by his uncle, Jonathan Dunkelberger, who lived in that township, remaining with him until he reached the age of twenty years. He attended school in that neighborhood, and learned the brick business. On Sept. 2, 1861, he enlisted in Company C, 47th Regiment, P. V. I., and during his long service, which covered over four years, took part in the following battles of the Civil war: Fort Finnegan, St. John's Bluffs, Pocotaligo, S. C., Sabine Cross Roads, Pleasant Hill, Can Run, Mansura, La., Berryville, Va., Opequan Creek, Fisher's Hill and Cedar Creek, Va. He received an honorable discharge Jan. 11, 1866, having made a creditable record for faithful service, and he has many interesting reminiscences of the army days.

After the war Mr. Otto returned to his uncle, with whom he remained three years longer, engaged in sawing lumber. He then began lumbering on his own account in Cameron township, where he was engaged until 1896, the year of his removal to Trevorton. Mr. Otto is one of the well known and esteemed citizens of his section. He engaged in the mercantile business at this point for several years before his retirement, and as a business man has always maintained a high reputation for integrity and straightforward dealing. Since becoming a resident of Zerbe township he has served as supervisor and tax collector for a period of five years. He is a Republican in politics, and socially belongs to Post No. 119, G. A. R., at Shamokin. Mr. Otto is very fond of hunting and fishing, in which recreations he indulges as frequently as opportunity offers.

In 1869 Mr. Otto married Charlotte Sweinert, daughter of George Sweinert, of Little Mahanoy township. She died Aug. 23, 1908, and is buried in the Lutheran cemetery at Little Mahanoy. No children were born to this marriage. Mr. Otto makes his home at Coal and Eighth streets, Trevorton.

The Otto family in Berks county is descended from Dr. Bodo Otto, who was the most distinguished physician and surgeon at Reading, Berks county, from 1773 to 1787. He was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1709, and was thoroughly educated as a physician. He emigrated to this country on account of political dissensions and revolution, landing at the port of Philadelphia Nov. 10, 1755. After practicing his profession at Philadelphia until 1773 he removed to Reading, and the spirit of revolution beginning to assert itself in the community he distinguished himself by his patriotic devotion to the cause of freedom. He was conspicuously engaged as surgeon general during the whole period of the Revolution, from 1776 to 1783. He died at Reading. His last will and testament, made Feb. 22, 1780, was probated July 26, 1787, and is on record in Will Book B, page 207. He made ample provision for his wife Margaret, bequeathing her the pewter, brass and copper utensils. He was thrice married, and had five children, three sons and two daughters, those named in the will being Frederick Christoph, John Augustus, Dr. Bodo (deceased) and Maria Elizabeth Marx (en). Of these, Frederick died in 1827, and his German will is on record at the Berks county courthouse in Will Book 6, page 121. The executors were Daniel Merkel and Samuel Kindt.

Dr. John Augustus Otto, son of Dr. Bodo Otto, was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1751, and accompanied his parents to Pennsylvania when they emigrated in 1755. He was thoroughly educated in the schools of Philadelphia and read medicine



under his father. He settled in Reading in 1773 and carried on an active and lucrative practice until his decease in 1834. He was prominently engaged in the Revolution as a surgeon, and filled various public positions with distinction. His last will, made in 1833, was probated Jan. 1, 1835. His wife Catharine (Hitner) (daughter of George Hitner, of Marble Hall, in Philadelphia—now Montgomery—county), whom he married in 1776, was amply provided for in the will, which is on record in Will Book 1, page 244. He speaks of these children: Margaret, who married Benjamin Whitman; Mary, who married Gabriel Hiestler, a prominent local and State official; Elizabeth, who married Hon. Henry M. Richards, of Reading, and had a son Washington; Sarah, who married Jonathan D. Hiestler, attorney of Reading; John Bodo, who married Esther Green Witman; and Daniel Hitner, who married Sarah Whitman. A granddaughter, Catharine Elizabeth Otto Wood, was a legatee; it appears her mother, Maria, who married Joseph Wood, was deceased. Of this family, John Bodo Otto died in 1858; his will is on record in Will Book 49, page 189, and his son, John A. Otto and others were executors.

SILAS B. PARK, a substantial farmer and land owner of West Chillisquaque township, was born there Oct. 1, 1864, son of James Park. The founder of the family in this county, James Park, came from New Jersey and settled near what is now the borough of Northumberland. His son John settled in Chillisquaque township and purchased a farm. He married Annie Stillson, and they reared children as follows: Sarah, who married William Painter; Elsie; James; Mary, who married James Park, of New York State; J. S.; and Hezekiah, who married a Miss Van Devender.

James Park, son of John, was born in 1825, married Araminta Brees, and died in 1908. Four children were born to this couple: John Minard, Amy (deceased), Ira (deceased) and Silas B.

John Minard Park, son of James, was born Dec. 15, 1855, married Clara Huntingdon Noss, and has the following children: Isabella C., born Feb. 12, 1882, who married Daniel Smith and has one son, John M.; James T., born Oct. 7, 1883; David J., born July 20, 1885; Amy J., born Oct. 21, 1887; Elsie M., born Dec. 10, 1889; William L., born Aug. 6, 1893; Olive M., born Jan. 15, 1895; and Mary R., born Feb. 24, 1900.

Silas B. Park attended the public schools of his native locality and later was a student at Bucknell Academy, from which he was graduated. In 1894 he bought part of the old homestead farm in West Chillisquaque township, in 1904 purchasing another part and in 1909 a third, the latter portion comprising 100 acres. He resides on the adjoining tract of fifty acres, which is good farming land and well cultivated. Mr. Park is thrifty in

the management of his own work and an excellent citizen in his relation to the community, supporting all progressive movements and taking particular interest in the question of free education. He is a member of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Park married Estella E. Zarr, daughter of Lloyd T. Zarr, of Columbia county, Pa., and they have had two children, Harold E. and Lloyd T.

JOSIAH RHOADS, who has been superintendent at the Greenough colliery, at Locust Gap, for the past ten years, has been a miner all his life, having begun work at the mines in the humblest capacity and worked his way forward to responsible position. He is a native of Shamokin, born Jan. 20, 1861, and is a son of Henry Rhoads. His grandfather lived in Columbia county, Pa., and died there. One of his sons, Jacob, was killed in the Civil war.

Henry Rhoads was born Jan. 30, 1821, in Columbia county, and came to Shamokin among the early residents of the borough. He was a carpenter, and followed his trade throughout his active years in this section, building breakers and later doing house carpentry. He died at Shamokin March 28, 1891, and is buried in the Shamokin cemetery. Mr. Rhoads married Annie Adams, member of an old family of Ralpho township, this county, born Nov. 24, 1824, died March 15, 1893. Nine children were born to them: Frank, who lives in Shamokin; Isaiah, deceased; William, deceased; Louisa, deceased; Henry, a resident of Shamokin; Theodore, of Shamokin; Josiah; Daniel, deceased; and Amos, whose home is in Missouri.

Josiah Rhoads attended the public schools for a few years, but he was only a boy of ten when he commenced picking slate at the Buck Ridge colliery, continuing at that work for four years. He then commenced mining at the Henry Clay colliery, where he was employed about five years, after which he learned the carpenter's trade, at which he was engaged, about the breakers, for seven years. His next work was as boss at the Union colliery, and after ten years there he came to the Greenough, in May, 1900, as superintendent. This colliery, located at Marion Heights, is one of the best known in the coal region, about 550 men and boys finding employment there. Mr. Rhoads's reputation for faithful and intelligent work is well deserved, and he has the thorough respect of his employers and of the many workers in his charge.

On May 21, 1887, Mr. Rhoads married Mary Luke, daughter of Thomas and Jane (Harris) Luke, of Shamokin, and they have had five children: Adam Stanley, Josiah H., Ruth E., Claude A., and a son that died in infancy.

In politics Mr. Rhoads is independent, voting for the candidate he prefers, regardless of party affiliation. He is a member of the Reformed

Church, and socially holds membership in the I. O. O. F. and Encampment and the B. P. O. Elks.

THOMAS L. BRENNAN, proprietor of the "Kellagher Hotel" at Locust Gap, in Mount Carmel township, has but recently settled at that place, and until he took charge of the hotel was engaged in mining. He is a native of Schuylkill county, Pa., born April 14, 1871, at Pottsville, and is of Irish descent, his father, John Brennan, having been born in Ireland.

John Brennan came to the United States when a young man, and settled at Pottsville, Pa. He was a shoemaker, and followed his trade there until his death, which occurred in 1873. He married Catherine Colby, who survived him many years, dying in 1899, and they are buried at Pottsville. They had a large family, namely: Patrick, Annie, Elizabeth, Michael, William, James, Catherine, Mary, Margaret, John and Thomas L.

Thomas L. Brennan attended the public schools of Pottsville and began work at the mines when only a boy, picking slate. Later he became a regular miner, and on coming to Locust Gap, in February, 1908, was employed at tunnel work for a year at the Locust Spring colliery. On Feb. 23, 1909, he took charge of the "Kellagher Hotel," a well known and old established hotel stand in this region, which he has since successfully managed. He has an obliging disposition which wins and holds custom, and bids fair to continue the popularity the hotel has always enjoyed.

On Feb. 23, 1909, Mr. Brennan married Mrs. Margaret (Brown) Kellagher, widow of Michael Kellagher. They have no children.

MICHAEL KELLAGHER was born Nov. 21, 1857, at Forestville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., son of Patrick and Jane (Lynch) Kellagher, natives of Counties Fermanagh and Cavan, Ireland, respectively, who came to America in 1840. They settled in Schuylkill county, where the father began work in the mines, following that occupation throughout his active years. In the late sixties he removed to Locust Gap, where he made a permanent home and died. He and his wife had a family of twelve children, two of whom died young, the others being as follows: Michael, Mary (Mrs. John McHugh), William, Jane, Robert, John, Anna, Kate, Susan and Elizabeth.

Michael Kellagher received his education in the public schools. He was only nine when he began work at a coal breaker, and continued work at the mines until he reached the age of twenty-one, when he established himself as proprietor of the "Locust Summit Hotel" at Locust Gap. He was successfully engaged as a hotel keeper there until his death, which occurred Aug. 19, 1902. Mr.

Kellagher was not only a good business man, but one of the best known citizens in public life in his end of Northumberland county, and a man highly respected by all who came in contact with him. He was a Democrat in politics, served as school director of Mount Carmel township, and in 1881 was elected county commissioner, in which office he served two successive terms.

On April 14, 1887, Mr. Kellagher married Margaret Brown, daughter of Simon and Mary (Casey) Brown, of Danville, Pa., and to them were born five children, namely: Jennie, who was a public school teacher before her marriage to Raymond Everett; Florence, who is engaged as a teacher in Mount Carmel township; Margaret; William, and Helen. Mr. Kellagher was a Catholic in religious faith.

JACOB IRVIN McCOLLUM, of Shamokin, has for the past few years been interested in the livery business there in partnership with E. H. Martz, under the firm name of Martz & McCollum. For a number of years before he became engaged in that line he was employed at the collieries. Mr. McCollum is a native of Union county, Pa., born June 27, 1862, near Winfield, son of Ephraim S. McCollum and grandson of George McCollum.

The McCollum family is of Scottish origin, its founder in this country coming from Scotland at an early date. Peter McCollum, the great-grandfather of Jacob I. McCollum, lived at New Holland, Lancaster Co., Pa., at which place his son George McCollum was born. In his early life he followed agricultural pursuits, later learning the trade of millwright in his native county. He followed it at different times, but not exclusively. Moving to Northumberland county with his wife and eldest son, he located in Point township, where he was employed at farm work by Squire Gale. He then went to Union county, where he lived for many years, and was there employed at his trade by Squire Shannon, repairing mills. His closing years were spent in retirement at the home of his son Ephraim S., in Trevorton, Northumberland county, where he died. He is buried there. His wife, Julia (Irvin), a native of Lancaster county, died in Union county. They had children as follows: Uriah died in Union county; Samuel died in Union county; Mary married Jacob Meiner and died at Danville, Pa.; William died at Danville, Pa.; Jane married Edward Clark; Ephraim S. is mentioned below; Julia married Charles Mills; George died in Union county; Alexander is living in the borough of Shamokin.

Ephraim S. McCollum, son of George, was born Nov. 17, 1838, in Buffalo Valley, Union Co., Pa., and attended the local schools until he reached the age of twelve years. For the next five years he was employed at the iron ore mines, after which



He was engaged at the ironworks at Union Furnace, Union county, for some time. There he enlisted, in 1864, for service in the Union army during the Civil war, joining Company M, 13th Pennsylvania Cavalry, for one year. After the war he came to Northumberland county, being first at Shamokin, and followed work at the mines until his retirement, being employed in both the rock and coal mines. Since 1909 he has not done any more work. He lived at Trevorton several years, and now resides in Shamokin.

Mr. McCollum married Sarah Alvord, a native of Schuylkill county, Pa., daughter of George Alvord, of Williams Valley, that county. She died June 29, 1881, at Trevorton, Northumberland county, the mother of three children: Jacob L.; Jane, who married John A. Weaver, of Shamokin; and Frederick, living at Burnside.

Jacob I. McCollum, son of Ephraim S., received his education in the public schools of Trevorton. He began work at the North Franklin colliery, No. 10, where he continued to be employed for about ten years, at the end of which time he came to Shamokin and went to work at the Henry Clay colliery, where he remained one year and three months. From there he changed to the Burnside colliery, where he was employed continuously for the long period of twenty-two years. On Dec. 6, 1909, Mr. McCollum returned to Shamokin and formed his present association with his son-in-law, E. H. Martz, engaging in the livery business under the firm name of Martz & McCollum. They have established a large and paying business, and have a reputation for reliability which attracts and holds their patrons.

Mr. McCollum has become well known in various connections. He has been active in the local interests of the Republican party, and for three years served as register assessor of the South Coal District. Socially he holds membership in Shamokin Lodge, I. O. O. F., Shamokin Lodge, B. P. O. E., the K. G. E., the Red Men and the Conclave, S. P. K. He belongs to the Evangelical church. For some time he was a member of the old Trevorton band.

On July 24, 1883, Mr. McCollum married Mary Hupp, daughter of Dr. Samuel and Sarah (France) Hupp, and they have had a large family, to-wit: Sarah, Mary, wife of E. H. Martz; John W.; Hettie A.; Frederick L.; Ivanhoe; George C.; Samuel L.; Ralph W.; Theodore R., and Mary J.

**SPOTTS.** There are two branches of the Spotts family in Lower Mahanoy township, both descended from Sebastian Spat, the ancestor of a numerous family, who was born on the ship while his goods were en route to America, Feb. 25, 1730. They were natives of Wurtemberg, Germany. After landing at Philadelphia they pro-

ceeded to Berks county, Pa., where they made a permanent home, and where Sebastian Spat passed his youth and early married life. All his children were born there. He brought his family to Northumberland county in an early day, settling in that part of Mahanoy township now known as Lower Mahanoy, where he died March 26, 1802. He was a large land owner, his property being located in the Stone Valley, which region was wild when he located there. The Indians were his neighbors. Among his children were Johannes, Adam and Matthias. The last named lived in the vicinity of Selinsgrove, Snyder Co., Pa., where he is buried, and the Spotts family of that region are his descendants. He was a blacksmith by trade.

Johannes Spatz (as he spelled the name), son of Sebastian, was born May 24, 1762, in Berks county (probably in Bern township), and died Nov. 24, 1856, when over ninety-four years old. His tombstone is in the old part of the graveyard of Stone Valley church. He married Anna Maria Keiser (1765-1834), also a native of Berks county, and they came to Northumberland county soon after their marriage, carrying all their belongings in a bundle. This was about 1784. Taking up land in Stone Valley now embraced in the farm of John H. Spotts, a descendant, they erected a log hut near the fine spring which still makes that tract famous in the vicinity, it being one of the strongest and purest in the State. The land has remained in the family name continuously since a period of over 126 years. The country was in its primitive state at the time of their settlement here. Wolves and bears often visited their clearing, and bears several times killed pigs in the pen; once they baked out the kettles in which "Mother" Spatz cooked the mush. Johannes Spatz was a man of medium size, but healthy, robust and industrious, and he was a proficient blacksmith, following the trade for forty years, and only abandoning it eventually because of a disabled arm. He made hinges, locks, etc., and found his mechanical skill very useful in the new country. In those days the pioneers in this locality had to take their grain to Reading to be ground, and they had to buy all their market goods at the same point, where what little produce they had to sell or exchange was also disposed of. In going down the steep hills they were obliged to improvise brakes for their wagons, which they did by chopping down trees which cut off all their branches; they fastened by chains to the back of the wagon. Among the possessions of Johannes Spatz and his wife which have come down as treasured heirloons to the present generation are a walnut screen made by one John Schmidt and now owned by Henry Spotts, grandson of Johannes, Miss Fietta Spotts, of Dalmatia, has a picture that is said to be of her great-grandfather.



dishes that are unusually beautiful and highly valued. This pioneer couple were German Reformed members of the Stone Valley Church, which he served as elder many years. He was well informed concerning the Scriptures, and during his later years spent much time in their perusal. His family consisted of two sons and four daughters: Elizabeth (Betz), Mrs. Kemp; Catharine, Mrs. Johannes Brosius; Mrs. Adam Herb; Mrs. Philip Spayd; Johannes, born Sept. 15, 1786, who died Feb. 3, 1810, from the effects of his efforts in a jumping match, in which the boys and young men of his district participated one Sunday; and Jacob.

Jacob Spotts, son of Johannes, was born June 14, 1788, in what is now Lower Mahanoy township, and died on his farm there June 16, 1852. He owned the farm which was formerly his father's, and on the ownership of which Jacob was succeeded by his son Jacob, the latter's son Uriah next obtaining possession of it, and John H. Spotts, the present owner, being Uriah's son. Jacob Spotts, Sr., built the present barn on the place and part of the house. He was a blacksmith by trade, and skillful in turning out various products, making nails, iron spoons, etc. His granddaughter, Fietta Spotts, has a frying pan that he made with a hammer. He was a man of fairly good education, all in German. He took an active part in church work, belonging to Zion's Church of Stone Valley, which he served as trustee and elder. His wife, Sarah Maria (Emerich), born April 28, 1789, daughter of John Michael Emerich, died Dec. 14, 1872 or 1873. Ten children were born to this couple: Jacob; Adam, who died when twenty years old; John; Elizabeth, who married John Seiler; George; Philip; Catharine, who married Isaac Schaffer; Michael; Henry; and William, who died in youth.

HENRY SPOTTS, son of Jacob, was born June 12, 1831, on the homestead farm in Lower Mahanoy township, and has passed all but seven years of his life in this section. He was reared to farm life, and when eighteen years old commenced to learn the trade of saddler from a man named Kemp, who came from Berks county. He followed his trade in various localities. Moving out to Ohio, he lived there for seven years, in New Paltzburg, Wayne county, where he received his trade, conducted a hotel, and for two years engaged in butchering. For eleven years Mr. Spotts was engaged in hotel-keeping at McKees Half Falls, where he also lived for five years more, and he also conducted a hotel at Shamokin Dam, where he lived for two years. When seventy-five years old he made a profitable business which his daughter Fietta owns and prizes greatly. He has always been regarded as a reliable and valuable citizen, in every community with which he has been identified, and he has been a member of the following churches: the German Reformed Church at Stone Valley, the Lutheran Church at Shamokin, and the Methodist Church at Shamokin.

supervisor, while in Ohio, he has never taken any active part in public life. In politics he is a Democrat. He belongs to the Reformed congregation at Stone Valley Church.

In 1856 Mr. Spotts married Emma Jane Bingaman, who became the mother of four children, two sons and two daughters, namely: Fietta; Sarah Elizabeth, wife of Peter H. Daubert; John O., of Port Trevorton, Pa.; and William C., of Shamokin Dam, Pa. For his second wife Mr. Spotts married Anna M. Bubb, by whom he has three sons: George Clarence is engaged in farming the land of his sister in Lower Mahanoy township; Leon lives in Mahanoy City (he was a soldier in the Philippines during the Spanish-American war); Philip, who is a railroader, lives at Sunbury, this county.

Miss Fietta Spotts owns a farm of seventy-four acres in Lower Mahanoy township, which her brother is farming. She made her home in Dalmatia, where she had a nice residence, comfortable and well equipped, until her recent removal to Harrisburg, Pa. She is a member of the Reformed congregation of the Dalmatia Union Church, and for a number of years was active in the Sunday school work of that organization.

Adam Spotts, another son of Sebastian Spat, the pioneer, was born in Berks county, Pa., and lived there until after his marriage. About 1806 he came to what is now Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, settling on the farm along the Mahantago creek now owned by John H. Witmer. He was a blacksmith by trade, as were two of his brothers, one settling near Northumberland, and the other two, Johannes and Adam, in Mahanoy (now Lower Mahanoy) township. Adam Spotts is buried at the Stone Valley Church, in Lower Mahanoy township. His wife, Barbara (Fritz), was from Lititz, Lancaster Co., Pa. Their children were as follows: Elizabeth married John Spayd; Mary Magdalena married Daniel Radel; Sally married Samuel Witmer; Lydia married Nicholas Bohner; Joseph married Sarah Shutt; Michael married Catharine Bohner; John married Lydia Hepner.

John Spotts, son of Adam, was a farmer in Lower Mahanoy township, owning the place which now belongs to Henry Kiefer. He was nicknamed "Mort." Mr. Spotts made the old kind of wood-carrying sleds, and was noted for his skill and reliability as a craftsman. He married Lydia Hepner, and his children were: Samuel, Isaac, Elias, Joel, Frank, Benjamin, Eliza and Sophia.

Joseph Spotts, son of Adam, was known as "Loam" Spotts. He was a well-known merchant at Lake Mead, in Lower Mahanoy. He married Sally Spatt, and they had six children: William, Catherine, Polly, Harriet and John.

Michael Spotts, son of Adam, was the progen-

itor of the line in which we are at present interested. Like his brothers, he had a nickname, being well known as "Pinky" Spotts. He was an expert miller, and followed his trade for many years, living at different mills. Born in Lower Mahanoy township, he ended his days in the same vicinity, dying at Pillow (Clumtown) Feb. 17, 1901, aged eighty-three years, four months; he is buried at that place. His wife, Catharine (Bohner), daughter of Henry Bohner, died May 10, 1897, aged seventy-six years, two months, twenty-one days. The following children were born to this union: Henry; John; Aaron; Mary (Polly), Mrs. Henry Searer; Adam; Sarah, Mrs. Fred Wiest; Andrew; Louisa, Mrs. Emanuel Michael; Benneville; Ellen, Mrs. Leon Martz; Michael.

Aaron Spotts, son of Michael, was born Feb. 6, 1844, on the farm in Lower Mahanoy township now owned by Pierce Boyer, and he was reared in that township. During his early life he followed farming, to which he had been trained from early boyhood, and for a number of years he was a tenant farmer. He served as a soldier in Company D, 16th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil war, having enlisted for three years, and had served eighteen months of his term when the war closed. In 1872 he purchased twenty-five acres of land, part of the Samuel Miller farm, and there he has since resided, cultivating his land and engaging in other work. He built his house in 1873 and his barn in 1887. For some years Mr. Spotts followed carpentering, and for five years he was in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, working on bridges. He has been quite active in the public affairs of the community, served two terms as constable, and is at present one of the road commissioners. Politically he is a Republican.

On Oct. 3, 1867, Mr. Spotts married Sarah Jane Schaffer, who was born in 1847, daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Reed) Schaffer, and died Feb. 22, 1889. She is buried at Zion's Stone Valley Church. Six children were born to this union, two of whom, one son and one daughter, died young, the others being: Harry E.; Lizzie, Mrs. Elmer I. Radel; Eva J., Mrs. Jere W. Lenker; and Rex, George W., a Reformed minister now living at Tremont, Pa., who married Pauline Schoek. Mr. Spotts and his family are members of the Reformed congregation of the Stone Valley Church, and he has served as deacon.

HARRY E. SPOTTS, son of Aaron, was born Oct. 6, 1872, in Lower Mahanoy township, where he is now engaged in farming. He worked for his parents until he became of age, meanwhile receiving a good practical education in the local public schools and a thorough training to farm work. In the spring of 1893 he began farming as a tenant in his native township, renting land until

the spring of 1910, when he purchased the old Samuel Hepner homestead there. This property consists of thirty acres, lying on the road between Hickory Corners and Pillow. Mr. Spotts is particularly interested in poultry raising. He has various other business affairs to occupy his time and attention, being associated closely in business matters with Dr. M. L. Emerick, for whom he is private secretary, also looking after the Doctor's financial interests to a large extent. Mr. Spotts has property in Washington, D. C., which he owns individually, and besides has large holdings in the Federal Realty Company and in the Keystone Realty Company, both of Washington, D. C. His real estate transactions have reached considerable proportions, and he has handled them ably and intelligently, proving himself a man of ability in his different undertakings.

On Sept. 1, 1892, Mr. Spotts married Mary E. Radel, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Lenker) Radel, and to them have been born thirteen children, six of whom are deceased, the survivors being: Cordelia May, Mary Jane, Lottie Fay, Edna M., Harry A., Stella and Marlan. Mr. Spotts and his family are members of the Stone Valley Church, belonging to the Reformed congregation. Politically he is a Republican, and he has taken considerable interest in the welfare of his party in his locality; he has served as register assessor.

FREDERICK R. DORNSIFE, merchant and proprietor of the "Hotel Dornsife," at Dornsife, this county, was born in Little Mahanoy township Jan. 15, 1814, son of Samuel H. and Harriet (Raker) Dornsife. The family has long been established in that section, Daniel Dornsife, grandfather of Frederick R. Dornsife, having lived there on the farm later owned by his son Samuel and now in the possession of Henry Reed, son-in-law of Samuel H. Dornsife.

Daniel Dornsife was born Oct. 27, 1792, and died Aug. 2, 1859, aged sixty-six years, nine months, six days. He and his wife Anna (Herb) are buried at the Little Mahanoy Church, of which they were Lutheran members. By occupation he was a tanner. He served as a soldier in the war of 1812. The children of Daniel and Anna (Herb) Dornsife were: Susan married Conrad Raker; Anna married Daniel Raker; Lydia H., born Oct. 29, 1837, died unmarried Aug. 25, 1863; Rebecca married John Raker; Isaac lived in Mahanoy City; Harry (Henry) lived in Kansas City; Samuel H. is mentioned below; Dr. Daniel lived at Nanticoke, Pennsylvania.

Henry Dornsife, brother of Daniel (above), was born June 9, 1794, and died Sept. 3, 1867; his wife, Mary Elizabeth (Fasold), born Dec. 18, 1799, died Aug. 13, 1873. They were farming people and lived in Little Mahanoy township.

Their children were: John, William, Elias, Levi, Henry, Jonathan (died young), Mary (Polly), Elizabeth, Catharine and Susanna.

These brothers Daniel and Henry Dornsife were the sons of one of the Hessian soldiers brought over to fight in the King's army during the Revolution. Like many of his countrymen he remained in America, settling on the west side of the Susquehanna river, where he died at a comparatively early age; he is buried there. He married Elizabeth Kahwel, who was born March 20, 1761, and died Sept. 3, 1827, in Little Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, whither she and her two sons Daniel and Henry moved after her husband's death. Here she married (second) John Dunkelberger (1745-1818), and they are buried in a private burial-ground on the old John Dunkelberger homestead. Her sons Daniel and Henry (locally known as "Henner") Dornsife are buried at Little Mahanoy Church; they were nicknamed "die Grumbera Hesse."

Samuel H. Dornsife, son of Daniel Dornsife, was born May 20, 1825, in Little Mahanoy township, where he lived and died, passing away April 4, 1889. His birth and death took place on the farm now owned by his son-in-law, Henry Reed, in the western part of Little Mahanoy, though the tract was larger in his day, and he not only followed farming but blacksmithing and tanning, having a small tannery in which he made leather for his own use. He also hewed millstones, and was an all-around mechanic, quite famous in the locality for his skill. His wife Harriet, daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth (Hoffman) Raker, of Little Mahanoy township, died March 19, 1902, aged sixty-five years, eight months, eighteen days, the mother of a large family, namely: Anna, wife of Henry Reed; Daniel, of Shamokin; Katie, wife of Jacob Lenker; Samuel R., who died Jan. 22, 1901, aged thirty-one years, eight months, fifteen days; Frederick R.; Susan, who died Sept. 23, 1890, aged seventeen years, eight months, twenty-eight days; Henry; Reilly; a son that died in infancy; Mary, wife of Anthony Dice; David, and Felix.

Frederick R. Dornsife received his education in the public schools of the home locality, was reared to farm life, and when eighteen began to learn the trade of painter and paper hanger. He continued to follow that occupation until 1900, in which year he became proprietor of the "Never sink Hotel" at Trevorton, Pa., conducting that establishment for three years. On June 5, 1904, Mr. Dornsife came to Dornsife, where he has since been successfully engaged in business, conducting the store and hotel, of which latter he is owner as well as proprietor. Since 1907 he has also been postmaster. Besides a full line of general merchandise, for which he has an extensive local trade, Mr. Dornsife deals in coal, salt, railroad ties, bark

and lumber, giving employment to two men and doing considerable of the work himself. He has become prosperous through his industry and good management, and is a creditable representative of a family always honored in this district. The village of Dornsife, a settlement of about one hundred people, was named for Henry Dornsife (uncle of Frederick R. Dornsife), who was a miller and had a gristmill near by, on the Mahanoy creek, in successful operation. Dornsife is a station on the Herndon branch of the Philadelphia & Reading road.

In September, 190-, Mr. Dornsife married Cassie, daughter of the late Daniel M. Zartman and his wife Lena (Peifer), of Dornsife. Three children have been born to this union: Goldie May, Robert Raynold and Lena Catharine.

Mr. Dornsife is a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge at Trevorton and of Lodge No. 355, B. P. O. Elks, of Shamokin. He is independent in politics and has taken considerable interest in local affairs, having held various public offices. At present he is serving as tax collector of Little Mahanoy township.

**ROSS.** The Rosses of Lower Augusta and Rockefeller townships in Northumberland county belong to the historic family of Scottish origin founded in this country about 1756 by four brothers, George, William, John and Joseph Ross, natives of Scotland, all of whom served with distinction in the Revolution, making long and meritorious records as supporters of the cause of freedom. They were personally acquainted with General Washington. Betsy Ross, the Philadelphia damsel who made the first American flag, adopted by Congress at Washington's suggestion, was of this family, a daughter of one George Ross, who settled at Philadelphia and was a soldier in the Revolution.

The Pennsylvania Archives, Vol. I, page 385, show that George Ross was the owner of a ship known as the brig "Mary," fifty tons, registered Nov. 23, 1762. On Jan. 11, 1776, George Ross was appointed adjutant of Col. Arthur St. Clair's 2d Pennsylvania Battalion, which was in service from January, 1776, to January, 1777. He resigned this commission July 1, 1776, and was promoted to lieutenant of marines with the rank of ensign. On July 4, 1776, delegates from the Associated Battalions held a convention at Lancaster, Pa., when two brigadier generals were elected, and George Ross, who was president of the convention (D. Cramer was secretary), received nine votes. There were eight candidates for the positions, Daniel Roberdeau and James Ewing being the two successful contestants. One of the resolutions adopted at this convention reads:

Resolved That Col. George Ross, Lieut. Col. Daniel Cramer and Capt. Shoop Delaney be a com-



mittee to review and correct the minutes of the proceedings of this day, and they are hereby desired to publish them in the several newspapers of the Colony, and that they be signed by the President.  
D. Clymer, George Ross,

Secretary. President.  
Lancaster, July 4, 1777.

In the summer of 1776 George Ross was commissioned a colonel of a company from Lancaster county. He also served the aforesaid county as deputy quartermaster general. In the summer of 1776 he issued a regimental order to which he signed his name "George Ross, Colonel." On page 15, Vol. VII. of the 5th Series of Pennsylvania Archives, is an account of moneys expended by Michael Dieffenderfer for the support of the wives and children of militiamen belonging to Capt. George Musser's company in Col. George Ross's battalion of Lancaster county.

George Ross, Jr., son of George Ross, above, in 1776 was a lieutenant of the 11th Pennsylvania Regiment, Continental Line, and on Sept. 30, 1776, was promoted to the captaincy of a company of Col. Richard Humpton's regiment, known as the "Old Eleventh." On June 11, 1777, Colonel Humpton, while in camp at Mount Pleasant, N. J., makes a report of his eight companies: Captain Ross had eighteen men in camp, thirteen at Philadelphia, one a prisoner of war, two claimed, seven deserted; total, thirty-two men.

John Ross, another of the four brothers mentioned, settled in Lancaster county, Pa., from which territory he served in the Revolution, making an excellent and honorable record.

Joseph Ross, another of the four brothers, and his son, Joseph Ross, Jr., both served with credit in the Revolution. After the Revolution he settled in New York State, where his descendants still reside. Some of his grandsons became drovers, and in the course of their journeyings as such met and talked with the descendants of William Ross, the other brother of the four, who then lived in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland Co., Pennsylvania.

William Ross, to whom the Northumberland county family traces back, in a list of miscellaneous officers is given as a captain of a company in the Revolution (Pennsylvania Archives, 5th Series, Vol. IV, page 205). The same authority mentions him as a private in the Continental Line earlier in the war. In July, 1777, he was a private of the 5th Battalion, and in September, 1777, he was a private of the 4th Battalion, to which he had been transferred. From Aug. 1 to Sept. 3, 1781, he was a private in Capt. Samuel Holliday's company. Later in the same year, for twenty-six days, he was on the pay roll as a private of Capt. William Huston's company. Late in 1781 he was enlisted as a private of the first class in Col. Alexander Brown's regiment. In the Pennsylvania Archives, 5th Series, Vol. VII, page 3, he was re-

corded as a lieutenant, Oct. 25, 1777. He served nine years and eleven months.

There was a James Ross who lived in Lancaster county and was related to the four brothers, but the relationship is uncertain. He, too, made a most creditable Revolutionary record.

William Ross first settled in Lancaster county, after coming to Sunbury, where he took up a large tract of land. At the time of the Whiskey Insurrection, in 1794, he was again in the service for some months, and is said to have been killed at that time. He had an only son, William.

William Ross, only son of William, was a mere child at the time of his father's death, and he was brought up at Lancaster, where he learned the trade of hatter. Returning to Sunbury, he was married there to Betsy Michum, whose people came from the vicinity of Muncy, Pa. After several years, in 1807, he settled on a tract of land in what is now Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, now owned by John Haupt. But he lived there only a short time, in 1808 moving to the locality where his grandson William Ross lived until his recent death, this homestead having now been in the Ross name for over one hundred years. When the pioneer William Ross located thereon only three-quarters of an acre had been cleared—a deer patch made by the early hunters to help them catch the animals easily. Salt was spread on the ground for the deer to lick, and it was a comparatively easy matter to shoot them once they were in the clearing. The Daniel Levi warrant or survey for this tract, which calls for 349 acres, bears the date 1793. It was purchased by Augustus T., William and James Ross, sons of William Ross, Jr., who had also a son John and two daughters, Betsy and Polly, and all this family lived and died there except Augustus T., who died in Lower Sullivan Co., Pa., where he is buried. William Ross, Jr., followed hating while living in Lower Augusta township. He died in middle life, and he and his wife are buried in the River cemetery at Fisher's Ferry, but there is no tombstone to mark the spot.

William Ross, one of the four sons of William Ross, Jr., was born Oct. 6, 1806, at Sunbury, and was in his infancy when his parents removed to Lower Augusta township, where he passed all his life. He lived on the same ground later owned by his son William, having a tract of 122 acres, mostly woodland, and in 1850 he built a stone house which was torn down by his son William in 1891. In 1850-51 he also built a barn, which his son William rebuilt in 1896. When he built the present large brick house, in 1875, he made the bricks himself, he and a neighbor, Aaron Wilkin-son, who also put up a brick house, making the bricks together in 1874 and putting up their houses the following year. Mr. Ross was a typical pioneer woodsman, and he was handy with many tools

but particularly skillful as a woodworker. There were no sawmills in the vicinity in his early life, so he shaved shingles by hand, made handles for pickaxes, hammers, etc., and was an all-around useful man at mechanical labor. He helped to build the first Shamokin dam at Sunbury, and helped to clear much land in this vicinity. His death occurred April 13, 1885, and he is buried at the Mountain Presbyterian Church. His wife Sarah (Renn), born in March, 1818, died in June, 1879, aged sixty-one years, three months, twenty-six days. Her parents, Philip and Rachel Renn, had children as follows: Henry, who located in Decatur county, Ind.; John, who located in Lower Augusta township; Betsy, Mrs. John Cornell; Sarah, Mrs. Ross; and Tiny, Mrs. John Fleming. To William and Sarah (Renn) Ross were born the following children: Amos, who was born on the forty-fourth anniversary of his father's birth; died March 26, 1884, aged thirty-three years, five months, twenty days; William is mentioned below; Sarah Elizabeth, died unmarried Jan. 20, 1880, aged twenty-three years, seven months, twenty-one days; Jane died unmarried just three weeks after her sister, on Jan. 20, 1880.

WILLIAM ROSS, son of William and Sarah (Renn) Ross, was born May 24, 1853, in Lower Augusta township, where he passed all his life. His educational advantages were rather limited, but what he lacked in that kind of training he made up for in practical experience. In early life he learned his father's trade, making shingles and handles by hand, giving his attention chiefly to the production of handles of all kinds. He also helped to clear three different tracts of land, so that he knew considerable, by personal experience, of the work of developing land for cultivation. His last work of this kind was the clearing of five acres of timber, in the fall of 1909, of the 130-acre tract which he owned on the top of Mahanoy mountain, where he built a house for his son William W. Ross. He gave to each of his sons, George E. and William W., thirty acres of this 130-acre tract. For a number of years he followed lumbering, but he was most extensively interested in agriculture, at the time of his death owning about four hundred acres of land, including the homestead in Lower Augusta township. He owned the first tract of land cleared and settled in this section of the county, still known as the "Rev. Risen tract." Rev. Mr. Risen was a Methodist minister and probably the first settler in his part of Northumberland county, the house he occupied standing near a good spring. He planted locust trees. The Tulpehocken road, the first road leading to Sunbury from Reading and Berks county, and from New York State, was later laid out through this land. Conrad Weiser and the Indians passed this way in their journeyings. When the New Jersey pioneers who settled in this section were ready to

plant they obtained their first seed wheat from Rev. Mr. Risen. Though an active man Mr. Ross devoted all his time to his own affairs, always refusing official honors. In politics he was a Republican, in religion a Presbyterian, and he helped to build the Mountain Presbyterian Church. He died at his home at Augustaville Nov. 14, 1910, and was buried at that place. He was not only prominent as a well-to-do farmer of his home section, but was also well known in Sunbury, and was universally respected, his death being regarded as a loss to the whole community.

On March 16, 1880, Mr. Ross married Hannan J. Strasser, daughter of Henry Strasser, and to them were born six children: George E.; William W., who married Ruth Schwenk; Clara E., who married Ernest Metz and died not long afterward; Sarah G.; Laura A., and M. Ella.

The Ross family has a wooden chest bearing the date 1776 which was made in Germany and was brought to America by a Derr, who settled in Little Mahanoy township, this county.

John Ross, previously mentioned as one of the sons of William Ross, Jr., was born in Lower Augusta township, and followed farming and laboring work generally, making pick handles to clear out his income. He owned a large tract of land on the northern slope of the Mahanoy mountain. He is buried at the Mountain Presbyterian Church, where his wife, Mary Elizabeth (Smith), also rests. They had children as follows: Emanuel; Augustus, who is deceased; Alexander, John and Frank, all of whom live at Shamokin; and Emma J., who married Ed. Bademan, of Sunbury, and died about a year afterward.

EMANUEL ROSS was born July 28, 1847, in Lower Augusta township, where he was reared and received his education. Until eighteen years of age he continued to work on the farm, and then for a period of twelve years followed railroading, during this time making his home in the borough of Shamokin; he has since made his home in Rockefeller township, and from 1887 to the present time has occupied his present farm there. It consists of 103 acres, and was formerly the homestead of Sebastian Zimmerman, who erected the barn in 1892. Mr. Ross has owned the property since 1894, having been a tenant during the first few years of his residence there. He is a progressive farmer, and one of the substantial citizens of his neighborhood, a valuable and respected member of the community and a worthy representative of an honored old family.

In November, 1870, Mr. Ross married Sarah Bixler, daughter of Joseph and Maria (Wolfgang) Bixler, of Shamokin, and they have had the following named children: Charles E., who married Eva Eister, lives in Rockefeller township; Emma died at the age of twenty years, unmarried; H.



vey W., who married Emma Yeager, lives in Sunbury; William J. is a carpenter by trade; Alexander and Jackson live at home; Stella A. died when four years old. Mr. Ross and his family attend the Methodist Church. In his political views he is a Democrat.

James Ross, son of William Ross, Jr., was born in Lower Augusta township, and died in that section about 1857, aged fifty-two years. He is buried at the Mountain Presbyterian Church. He was a farmer and huckster, selling his produce at Pottsville and Minersville, and was a skillful woodworker, making grain cradles, handles for miners' tools, etc. He had a third interest in a 200-acre tract in Lower Augusta township, and lived on his part. This tract is now owned by Henry Eister and adjoins the farm of Wellington Ross, son of James Ross. An enterprising and intelligent man, he occupied an honorable place among his fellow citizens. Mr. Ross married Harriet Coldren, daughter of Solomon Coldren, of Lower Augusta township, whose wife's name was Minnie. Six children were born to this union: Edward died in 1901 in Ohio and is buried there, in Ottawa county; David A. lives near Herndon, in Jackson township, this county; Marion, who died when thirty-nine years old, was a charcoal burner in Lower Augusta township; Nelson was a farmer for some time in the State of Ohio and died in Tennessee; Wellington is mentioned below; Mary Jane lives in Northumberland county (she is a deaf mute). For her second husband Mrs. Ross married William Shipman, who died in Snyderstown borough. Seven children were born to this union, namely: William H., Elliot A., Jefferson, Malinda, Emma, and two that died in infancy. Mrs. Shipman died in July, 1902, aged seventy-five years, and is buried at the Mountain Presbyterian Church.

WELLINGTON ROSS, son of James Ross, was born May 1, 1854, on his father's farm in Lower Augusta township, and there received his education in the public schools. He was reared to farming, and in his early manhood learned powder-making from A. S. Speece, in Little Mahanoy township, which he followed there for four years. In the spring of 1889 he began farming on the tract he still occupies in Lower Augusta township, his property consisting of seventy-three acres lying along the north side of Mahanoy mountain. Mr. Ross erected the dwelling he occupies in 1881, and the barn was built by the previous owner, John Fuller; the original owner of this place was one Isaac Rogers, a member of this section, after whom Levi Barrett owned it, Mr. Fuller succeeding him. The situation is admirable, the view of the surrounding country from this location being particularly fine, and the property is valuable for its productive qualities, Mr. Ross raising considerable grain and

truck and making a specialty of fruit, growing various kinds, in abundance; he has two acres of raspberries. He takes his truck to the Shamokin markets, where it finds a ready sale.

In 1878 Mr. Ross married Sarah Eister, daughter of Isaiah and Lovina (Reitz) Eister, and to this marriage were born four children: Laura, wife of Charles Burrell (they live in Shamokin); Henry, who died young; Mary, married to John Raker (they live at Philadelphia); and Elmer, who died young. Mrs. Ross died Jan. 31, 1888, aged twenty-nine years, two months, five days, and is buried at the Mountain Presbyterian Church. In 1890 Mr. Ross married (second) Annie Reader, daughter of Robert R. Reader, and they have had seven children: Lewis (who died young), Herman, Bertha, Elsie, Walter, Erma and Rosa. Mr. Ross and his family are members of the Mountain Presbyterian Church.

JACOB W. STROHECKER, a prominent farmer of the southern portion of Jordan township, was born Nov. 5, 1850, on the farm where he now lives, son of William and Sallie (Wiest) Strohecker.

John and Elizabeth (Williams) Strohecker, his grandparents, were natives of Berks county, Pa., where the Strohecker family has been established from an early date. Coming to this region, John Strohecker died when a comparatively young man, in the Mahantango Valley, and is buried at Howertons Union Church, of which he was a Reformed member. He is described as a tall man, with dark hair and brown eyes. His widow married a Williamsport man, by whom she had five children, and she is buried at Williamsport. By her marriage to John Strohecker she had two children: William and John, the latter, who was a mason, settling in the Lykens Valley and reared a family still living in that section.

Daniel Strohecker, the great-grandfather of Jacob W. Strohecker, died prior to June 19, 1826, the date papers of administration were filed, Jacob Seifinger being administrator of his estate. The record is found in Will Book 2, page 517, at the Northumberland county courthouse.

William Strohecker, son of John, was born Jan. 7, 1811, in Upper Mahantango township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and farmed practically all his life in Jordan township, Northumberland county, part of his farm being now owned by his son Jacob W. Strohecker, the rest by William L. Troutman. He made frequent trips to Reading, at which place the farmers of the section did most of their marketing then, and he also drove a huckster team to Pottsville. He was a popular man among his neighbors, served two years as supervisor of Jordan township, and in politics was identified with the Democratic party. His death occurred July 21, 1889, and he is buried at St. David's Church, Hebe, where his wife also rests. Mr. Strohecker



married Sallie Wiest, who was born Feb. 21, 1816, daughter of John Wiest, and they were the parents of sixteen children, namely: John (deceased), George (deceased), Harry, William (born in 1836, died in 1845), Sallie, Samuel (deceased), Louisa (deceased), Joel, Tobias (deceased), Daniel, Jacob W., Moses, James, Polly (deceased), David and Hanna.

Jacob W. Strohecker received his education in the pay schools which were conducted in the home neighborhood during his boyhood, and was reared to farm life, working for his parents, as was customary, until he became of age. In 1872 he began farming on the homestead on his own account, having purchased sixty acres of his father's property, and in 1885 he purchased another tract, of 100 acres. He farmed all this himself until his recent retirement, in the spring of 1909, since which time he has made his home at Hebe, where he owns his nice residence and a small piece of ground. In the spring of 1910 he purchased a tract of fifteen acres near that place, and he is one of the substantial residents of the region, where he is much respected for his industrious career and usefulness as a citizen. He was successful and prosperous during his active years as the result of hard work, and he gained the reputation of being an excellent manager. For a number of years he has been quite influential in the local councils of the Democratic party and he has held various public offices, having given able service on the school board, of which he was a member for fifteen years, twelve years consecutively, and he was supervisor for five consecutive years. He has also been active in church work as a member of the Reformed congregation of St. David's Church, at Hebe, to which his family also belong; he has held all the church offices, having been deacon, trustee at the time the present church was remodeled, and elder, which office he still holds.

On Jan. 7, 1870, Mr. Strohecker married Elizabeth Wiest, daughter of John and Lucy (Beissel) Wiest, of Jordan township, and they have three children: John, who is now a lumberman in Cowlitz county, Wash., is married and has two children; Cassie married Frank Hoffman and they are farming people, living on the Strohecker farm in Jordan township, where they have been located since the spring of 1909 (they have had fourteen children, five of whom are deceased); Mary married Harry Boyer, an engineer, and they reside in Oregon (they have had one daughter, who died in infancy).

**KLINGER.** The oldest resident in his section is David S. Klinger, of Klingerstown, who has lived at that place for sixty years and in the neighborhood all his life. Henry C. Klinger, a well known young citizen of Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, is a member of the same

family, which has been established in this region for many years.

The Klinger family is of German origin, and its first representative in this country, Johan Philip Klinger, was born July 11, 1723, in Germany. He and his wife came to America and settled in Reading, Berks Co., Pa., where she died, without issue. Going back to Germany, he remarried there, and on his return to America again made his home at Reading, where all his children, four sons and one daughter born to the second union, were born. Moving thence to what is now Hubley township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., he took up one thousand acres of land in the neighborhood about Klinger's Church, and there lived and farmed until his death, which occurred Sept. 30, 1811, when he was over eighty-eight years old. He donated the land upon which the first Klinger's Church was built, and it was so named in his honor. The children born to him and his wife Anna were: George, John Philip, Alexander, Peter and Elizabeth. The daughter married Conrad Weiser, son of Frederick Weiser and grandson of Conrad Weiser, the noted Indian interpreter. Philip, George and Alexander Klinger are mentioned in the marriage certificate of Conrad Weiser, Jr., Nov. 12, 1775. George Klinger, Esq., drew up an agreement in regard to the estate of Conrad Weiser, deceased, Mahanoy township. Of the four sons of Johan Philip Klinger, the emigrant, we have the following account.

George Klinger was married twice, the maiden name of one of his wives being Brosius. He had children by both marriages, viz.: Philip, Alexander, John, Peter, Barbara (Mrs. Zerbe) and Mrs. George Klock.

John Philip Klinger lived on a farm now owned by Emanuel Deibert, and later moved across the Susquehanna river to the location in Snyder county where he died. His wife's maiden name was Snyder, and they had children. (At Klinger's Church is buried Philip, "son of Johann Philip and Anna Klinger," born March 11, 1792, died March 30, 1854.)

Alexander Klinger, born at Reading Feb. 17, 1767, died April 6, 1839, and is buried at Klinger's Church. He married Magdalena Haag, who was born in 1779 and died in 1846, and to them were born two sons and three daughters: Alexander, George, Catharine, Eve and Anna Maria.

Peter Klinger, born Nov. 3, 1773, died Aug. 10, 1858, and is buried at Klinger's Church. He married Catharine Steinbruch, who was born May 3, 1774, and died Sept. 21, 1845, and the following children were born to this union: Peter, Johannes, Jacob, George, Daniel, Alexander, John Adam, Philip, Eve (married Samuel Wiest), Hannah (married Michael Dietz) and Mrs. John Reisinger.

Alexander Klinger, son of Alexander and grand

son of the emigrant ancestor, married Elizabeth Schwalm, daughter of John Schwalm, the Hessian soldier, and they were farming people all their lives. To them were born three sons and one daughter: Amy, John, Samuel and David S.

DAVID S. KLINGER, son of Alexander and Elizabeth (Schwalm) Klinger, was born May 15, 1827. He learned the trade of millwright, and has had a busy and successful career, all of which has been passed in his native locality. In 1851 he settled in Klingerstown, where he has since resided, and he has a comfortable home and many other things which go to make life pleasant. He has accumulated considerable property, having a 150-acre farm in Mahantango township, Schuylkill county, a ten-acre tract in Klingerstown, and a tract of sixteen acres two miles from Klingerstown, in Mahantango township. Though long past the age of eighty Mr. Klinger has an active mind and a clear memory, and the family history used in this article was all contributed by him. He and all his family are of the Reformed faith, Mr. Klinger being a Reformed member of the Union Church at Klingerstown. His father was a Lutheran.

In 1851 Mr. Klinger married Barbara Wiest, daughter of John and Catharine (Merkel) Wiest, and eleven children have been born to them: Preston, Francis, Ottis, Calvin, Alexander, Amelia, Barbara, Catharine, Christian, and two who died young. The family is highly respected, being numbered among the progressive members of the community.

The Klinger name has been perpetuated in the town and postoffice bearing the name Klingerstown, so called in honor of John Klinger, as well as in the Klinger Church and Klingerstown Church, and Klingerstown Gap, which is in the Mahantango mountains; the town and gap are at the corner of Schuylkill, Dauphin and Northumberland counties, on the Schuylkill county side.

George Klinger, great-grandfather of Henry C. Klinger, of Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, was a grandson of Johan Philip Klinger, the emigrant ancestor of this family. According to the above record, the emigrant's sons Alexander and Peter each had a son named George. He owned a farm and followed farming near Gratz, in Dauphin county, and he is buried at Klinger's Church. In religion he was a Lutheran. (There are two George Klingers buried at Klinger's Church: George P., born Jan. 7, 1798, died Sept. 6, 1880; wife Elizabeth, born Feb. 20, 1805, died Sept. 12, 1885. George, born March 17, 1795, died Sept. 18, 1866; wife Eve, born Jan. 20, 1798, died Aug. 26, 1863.) To George Klinger and his wife were born children as follows: Daniel, who lived at Seven Points, Pa.; William, a farmer in the Lykens Valley, in Dauphin county, who died at Gratz; Elias; and Mary, wife of John Shade.

Elias Klinger, son of George, was a farmer in the Lykens Valley, near Gratz, where he is buried. He died in 1855, when yet a young man. In religion he was a Lutheran. His widow, Sarah (Kissinger), remarried, becoming the wife of Elias Bush. To her marriage with Mr. Klinger were born five children, three sons and two daughters: Caroline, who married Joel Daniel; John, who died aged seventeen years; Frank, of Gratz; Emanuel; and Catharine, who married Ulrich Trautman.

Emanuel Klinger, son of Elias, was born May 25, 1818, and was reared to farming. His father died when he was only eight years old, and he worked for his mother until he was over twenty-one. After his marriage, which occurred in 1870, he began farming at Hebe on the farm now owned by William Bohner, remaining there for two years. He then lived two years in Lower Mahanoy township on the farm he now occupies, thence moving to Elias Boyer's farm for a year and later to Abraham Boyer's place. After several removals he located on the Jacob Hilbush farm, near Mahanoy, in Jackson township, where he lived and farmed for eleven years, in 1890 returning to the farm in Lower Mahanoy. This farm has since been his home. It consists of one hundred acres, located about two miles northeast of Hickory Corners, and Mr. Klinger purchased it from Benjamin Boyer. He and his family are members of Zion's Church of Stone Valley, and in political matters he is identified with the Democratic party.

Mr. Klinger married Elizabeth Bohner, daughter of John and Hettie (Troutman) Bohner, of Jordan township, and they have had a large family: Monroe, who was drowned in infancy; Hattie, who married David Bardner; Elias, of Jordan township; John, of Sunbury, Pa.; Penrose, of Lower Mahanoy; Charles, of Herndon, Pa.; Jacob, of Urban, Pa.; Henry C.; and Lizzie, who is unmarried and living at home.

HENRY C. KLINGER, son of Emanuel, was born Jan. 1, 1885, in Jackson township. He received his education in the public schools in the vicinity of home, and for five terms attended a summer normal school conducted at Herndon. He was licensed to teach in the public schools of Northumberland county, by Prof. I. A. DeWitt, then county superintendent, and began teaching in the fall of 1904, in Lower Mahanoy township, where he taught one term. For the next two terms he was engaged in Jackson township, returning at the end of that time to Lower Mahanoy, where he has taught for the past three terms. In 1907 he was granted a teacher's professional certificate. He enjoys the reputation of being a successful instructor and disciplinarian and is well thought of in the localities where he is known. In 1907 Mr. Klinger was elected assessor of his township, and reelected at the end of his term, being still the



incumbent of the office—the youngest assessor his township has ever had. Politically he is a Democrat, and has been active in the interests of his party in this locality for a number of years, doing effective work in the local organization. He is considered one of the enterprising young men of his section, and holds the respect of all who know him.

**JOHN H. GEIST**, a retired citizen of Sunbury, was born Jan. 5, 1838, at Northumberland, Northumberland county, and is a member of an old Pennsylvania family first settled in Berks county, being a great-grandson of Conrad Geist, who came from Germany about 1760 and located in that county. There is also a large family of Geists in Montgomery county, Pa., descended from one Christopher Geist, and there were others in Chester county. In 1790 there lived in Lancaster county the families of George and Jacob Geist, and in the same year the families of John and Matthew Geist lived in Montgomery county. In 1790 Conrad Geist, of the borough of Reading, had three sons over sixteen years old; two daughters; and wife. The same year there is record of George Geist, of Longswamp township, Berks county, with one son under sixteen years of age, one daughter, and wife; and of Valentine Geist, of Longswamp township, with one son under sixteen, two daughters, and wife.

John Geist (son of Conrad, who came from Germany about 1760) was the grandfather of John H. Geist, of Sunbury. He and his wife, Elizabeth (Koch), were both from Berks county, and lived in that section of Northumberland county now embraced in Snyder county, where he followed farming. He spoke German. The date of his wife's death is not known, but his occurred in the year 1812. Among their children were: Daniel, who was a farmer in Montour county, Pa.; Henry, who located in the West; Conrad, who died in Dauphin county, Pa.; John; and Peggy, who married a Mr. Dentler and lived in Chillisquaque township, this county.

John Geist, son of John and Elizabeth (Koch) Geist, was born Sept. 29, 1801, and in early life learned the trade of tanner with a Mr. Ziegler, in Sunbury. He engaged in the business on his own account at Northumberland until the old State canal was built, when he sold out, the canal passing through the property. He then bought a hotel in the borough of Northumberland and conducted it for some years, after which he bought a boat and team and engaged in boating for a few years. Selling out, he became a lock tender at Chapman, Snyder county, during the Civil war period, tending the locks there for a number of years. He was toll tender at the North Branch, at Northumberland borough, for eleven years. He died on North Second street, Sunbury, Jan. 8,

1880, and is buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery. On Dec. 12, 1824, at Millersburg, Dauphin county, he married Susanna Frederick, who was born Nov. 25, 1805, and died Feb. 5, 1894. She was a member of an old Pennsylvania family, and her parents were living in Philadelphia when the British entered that city, being obliged to take refuge in their cellar until the danger was over. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. John Geist: William F., born Sept. 28, 1825, died at Pottsville, Pa., in 1910; Margaret E., born Jan. 6, 1828, married John Clark; Frederick, born in 1833, died in infancy; Amelia, born Feb. 28, 1835, married H. H. Hetzel and they live in Williamsport, Pa.; John H. is mentioned below; Catharine, born June 1, 1840, married Henry Clement and died Aug. 18, 1899; Michael F., born Oct. 22, 1842, died in infancy; Caroline, born Sept. 26, 1846, died May 9, 1851.

John H. Geist received his education in the common schools. He learned the trade of blacksmith, and in 1866 entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railway Company as a tool dresser, being in the same employ, in that capacity, for about thirty years, until he was retired and pensioned at the age of sixty-five. He is a member of the Veterans Association of the Pennsylvania Company and wears a veteran's button. Mr. Geist is an honorable and respected citizen and enjoys the good will of all who know him.

During the Civil war Mr. Geist was in the Union service eleven months, having enlisted at Northumberland in the band of the 5th Regiment, was one of the emergency men of the 20th Regiment, a member of the 13th Pennsylvania Militia, and also in the construction corps in Sherman's army. He is a member of Bruner Post, G. A. R., and an honorary member of the Odd Fellows at Sunbury. In religious connection Mr. Geist is a Methodist, and he served several terms as steward of the church during his more active years.

In February, 1867, Mr. Geist married Anna Elizabeth Kline, who was born Dec. 23, 1844, daughter of Dewitt Kline, and died Oct. 25, 1891, the mother of three children, namely: (1) Clinton D., conducts a papering and painting business in Sunbury. He married Florence Niece and has a son, Homer J. (2) Laura, who was an invalid, died unmarried. (3) Harry C. lives in Sunbury, where he is engaged as agent for the Prudential Insurance Company. He married Bessie Stuart and has children, Mildred, Harold and Edna.

**IRVIN K. WETZEL**, proprietor of the "Man-sion House" at Shamokin, one of the best located hotels in that borough, has been in business at that stand since January, 1906. He has been a hotel-keeper in Shamokin and Mount Carmel since 1894, and is well known to the traveling public.

Mr. Wetzel was born May 16, 1868, in Eldred



township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where the family has been located for some generations. His grandfather, Peter Wetzel, followed farming in that township and died there. His farm is still in the family. His wife's maiden name was Snyder, and their children were as follows: Peter, Daniel, Charles, Elias (living at the old homestead in Schuylkill county), Polly (married Benjamin Herring), Sarah (married Cornelius Herring), Lydia (married Elias Morgan) and Mrs. Ephraim Neiswelter.

Daniel Wetzel, father of Irvin K., was born in 1835 at the homestead in Eldred township, and died there in 1876, at the age of forty-one years. He was well known in his neighborhood, where he followed the blacksmith's trade all his active life. In religion he was a member of the Evangelical Church, in the work of which he took an active part, and he was a Republican in political opinion. A good man, industrious, thrifty and honorable, he was highly respected. He married Catharine Kehler, daughter of John Kehler and granddaughter of Johnston and Catharine (Knarr) Kehler, farming people of Schuylkill county. Mrs. Wetzel survived her husband many years, dying July 7, 1908, at the age of sixty-nine. Their children were as follows: Catharine, who lives at Ashland, Pa., is the wife of William Matern and has had children, Vertie (deceased), Ira, Herbert, Elizabeth, Maud, and William (deceased); Helen, who lives at Shamokin, is the wife of Simon F. Dunkelberger and has children, Walter, Estella, Joseph, Mabel and Golden; Minerva married William Snyder and lives at Allentown (they have had a large family, George, Howard, Beatrice, Eugene, Lucile, Turcie, and three who died young); Elsworth, a plasterer by trade, who died when twenty-eight years old, married Ida Costerter and they had two children, Katie and Eva; Irvin K. is mentioned below; Harriet was married Feb. 22, 1886, to Jefferson C. Daniel, who was born in Eldred township, Schuylkill county, and they reside at Shamokin (they have two children, Lamor and Daniel); Susanna, twin of Harriet, lives in Camden, N. J., the wife of George Rudolph, and they have had four children, Raymond, Edna, Clayton, and Matilda (deceased); Oscar K., born Sept. 30, 1873, is a well known merchant at Market and Arch streets, Shamokin (he married Carrie May Foulk and they have one son, George Albert, who is at school); Elizabeth died in infancy; May married Lester Wetzel, of Shamokin, and they have had three children, Franklin, Catharine L. and Myron (deceased).

Irvin K. Wetzel received his education in the common schools of the home neighborhood. Being so young when his father died he went to live in Schuylkill county with his maternal uncle, Franklin Kehler, by whom he was reared, re-

maining there until he attained the age of eighteen. Having learned the trade of butcher he followed it for six years, and then for five years conducted a general store which he had purchased. In 1894 he entered the hotel business, to which he has since devoted his attention. On Aug. 14th of that year he began keeping hotel on North Second street, in Shamokin, continuing at that location for two years and three months, at the end of which time he went to Mount Carmel and took charge of the "Locust Mountain Hotel," three years later purchasing that property, which he still owns, and which he himself conducted for eight years in all. In January, 1906, he came to Shamokin and leased the "Mansion House," one of the oldest hotels in the city, purchasing it Nov. 7, 1909, in partnership with Augustus Kehler. A few months later Mr. Wetzel bought out Mr. Kehler. This house, located at Market, Lincoln and Arch streets, near the Soldiers' monument, occupies one of the best and most convenient sites in the city, and the accommodations it offers attract a good class of patrons. There are fifty rooms, and the place is well equipped with the comforts and conveniences which go to make a desirable stopping place for travelers. In addition to this profitable stand Mr. Wetzel owns the well known "Maysville Hotel," about three miles from Shamokin, which he bought in May, 1909. He also engages quite extensively in dealing in horses, and in both lines of business he bears a high reputation among his customers and associates, his success having been won by straightforward methods and unimpeachable transactions.

On Nov. 20, 1886, Mr. Wetzel married Ida M. Snyder, daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Wetzel) Snyder and like himself a native of Eldred township, Schuylkill county. They have had children as follows: Beulah (who is married to Ray Schoener and has two children, Ruth and Irvin), Walter (who is studying at Dental College in Philadelphia), Robert (who died young), Lottie, Edith, Clayton, and Palmer (who died young).

Mr. Wetzel is a member of the Evangelical Church and fraternally of the F. O. E., the Red Men, the P. O. S. of A. and the I. O. O. F.; he also belongs to the Independent Fire Company of Shamokin. In politics he is a Republican.

JOHN H. DEPPEN, who is a resident of Jordan township and well known in his section of Northumberland county, is a carpenter by trade and has also engaged in farming, and he is widely known in his connection with the official life of the county. He was born Jan. 9, 1865, at Hebe, and is a son of Henry W. Deppen, who was born in Jordan township and passed all his life there, dying at the home of his son Charles, at Hebe, Oct. 20, 1902, aged sixty-eight years, one month, two days. He followed his trade, that of

carpenter, in his own and surrounding neighborhoods, and was employed as such for over twenty years by the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company. He owned a forty-acre farm in Jordan township, and cultivated it for some years, meantime also continuing his trade. He held a number of local offices, serving as school director and assistant assessor, and he held the offices of elder and deacon in the Lutheran congregation of St. David's Church at Hebe, to which he and his wife belonged. They were faithful members of that church and deeply interested in its welfare. Mr. Deppen was a Republican in politics. He married Amanda Lettich (Lettig), whose parents were residents of near Elizabethville, in Washington township, Dauphin Co., Pa., and she died several years before Mr. Deppen, on Aug. 19, 1896, aged forty-nine years, eight months, one day. Mr. and Mrs. Deppen are buried side by side at St. David's Church. They were the parents of the following children: Elizabeth, deceased, wife of William Kopenhaver; William Thomas, who died in infancy; Sarah, who married Charles Ludwig; John H.; Emma, wife of Henry Schwaln; Samuel, of Elizabethville, Pa.; Salarah, married to Wilson Knorr; Charles, of Hebe; Daniel, of Hebe; Arthur, who died aged eleven years; and Harvey, who died in childhood.

John H. Deppen received his education in the public schools of Jordan township and when sixteen years old began to learn the carpenter's trade. He followed it for about three years, and for another three years was an employee of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, later commencing to farm in Jordan township, near Hebe, where he was thus engaged for a period of fifteen years. Mr. Deppen has had numerous public responsibilities, having served the township efficiently as school director, auditor and election officer, and he was appointed postmaster at Hebe during the Harrison administration, under Postmaster General Wanamaker. He continued to hold the position twelve years, resigning when he received the appointment of turnkey at the Northumberland county prison. He gave highly satisfactory service in that capacity under George Hancock for three years. In 1900 he was census enumerator of Jordan township, and was again appointed in 1910. For many years he has been one of the active workers of the Republican party in the lower end of the county, was committeeman of the party in his township for twelve successive years, has been delegate to a number of county conventions and in 1907 served as delegate to the State convention, when John O. Sheetz was nominated for the office of State treasurer, to which he was elected.

In 1884 Mr. Deppen married Catharine Troutman, daughter of Simon and Sarah (Shadel) Troutman, and they have one son, Allen S., who

is a carpenter and lives with his parents at Hebe. Mr. Deppen and his family are members of the Lutheran Church at Hebe, and he has been one of its most useful workers, having held the offices of deacon and elder and at present serving as trustee. He is one of the most influential and respected residents of his township.

CHARLES SHIFFER, of Sunbury, dealer in patent medicines, toilet articles, etc., was born Dec. 8, 1847, at Effort, Monroe Co., Pa., son of Abraham and grandson of Conrad Shiffer. The name was originally spelled Schiffer.

Conrad Shiffer lived at Brodheadsville, Monroe county, where he engaged in farming, and he is buried at Pleasant Valley Church in that county. He and his wife had a large family, among their children being: George, Conrad, Charles, Jacob, Abraham, John and Sally Ann (who married John Kresge and lived at Brodheadsville).

Abraham Shiffer was born May 18, 1823, and died May 5, 1892, just before the close of his sixty-ninth year. He lived at Brodheadsville, Monroe county, and was a man well known in his vicinity, having taught school for many years, and later engaged as a huckster, butcher and farmer, owning a farm, upon which he made his home. He was a member of the Reformed Church and is buried at Brodheadsville. His wife, Julian Searfos (daughter of William Searfos), was born in 1829 and died in February, 1891. They had one son, Charles.

Charles Shiffer received his education in the public schools in the home neighborhood. He was trained to farm work, which he followed during his earlier years, and was later employed in the lumber industry for sixteen years, on the Lehigh river in Luzerne (now Lackawanna) county, taking different contracts and at times employing his own help. He assisted the Drum Brothers in the mercantile establishment, and also worked in their clothes-pin factory, being in their employ about four years, after which he returned to farming for a year. He was next located at Freeland, Luzerne county, where he followed the carpenter's trade about eight years, the last four years of that period in the employ of Eckley B. Cox, coal operator. In September, 1893, he went to Jamison City, Columbia Co., Pa., where he and the Drum Brothers (previously mentioned) purchased the company store at that place from the Union Tanning Company. Mr. Shiffer was engaged there for two and a half years, thence removing to Williamsport, Pa., where he was located for two years, conducting a grocery store. In February, 1899, he came to Sunbury, where he has since been established in his present line of business at No. 18 North Third street, between the Pennsylvania depot and Market Square. Mr. Shiffer carries a large and com-



plete line of patent medicines, toilet articles, soaps, and allied commodities, for which he has found a ready market in the borough. He has enjoyed an excellent trade from the beginning, and has steadily enlarged his circle of patrons, being an accommodating and enterprising business man, who knows how to anticipate the wants of his customers and keep his stock in advance of the demand as well as equal to it.

In 1871 Mr. Shiffer married Savanna Williams, daughter of Jacob and Hannah (Workheiser) Williams, who then lived at Gouldsboro, Luzerne (now Lackawanna) county. They have had two children: Hubert F., now engaged as engineer at the Union Tannery, in Jamison City, Columbia county, married Esther Sutliff and has one child, La Rue; Raymond, manager for the Western Union Telegraph Company at Sunbury, married Alice Orner, and has children Eleanor and Eugene. Mr. Shiffer and his family are members of the Methodist Church at Sunbury.

WALT. The Walt or Wald family is well known along the Susquehanna in the southwestern portion of Northumberland county, several of its members residing at Herndon and Dalmatia. Solomon Z. Walt, a thrifty business man and farmer of Lower Mahanoy township, William A. Walt, a resident of Herndon, who has been track foreman of the Herndon branch of the Philadelphia & Reading road for a number of years, and Joshua Wald, who is now living retired at Dalmatia, are all of the same stock, descendants of Solomon Walt or Wald.

Solomon Walt (or Wald) was a native of Montgomery county, Pa., where he owned a fine farm and engaged in agricultural pursuits. Late in life, in about 1839, he removed to this section with his family, settling at Uniontown, which is across the river in Dauphin county. There he died, at a ripe old age, and there he is buried. He led a retired life after coming to Uniontown (also called Pillow), and for some years before his death was blind. He was a man of medium size. His wife, Catharine (Underkoffler), also lived to an advanced age, and we have the following record of their family: Willoughby and David, both of whom lived at Dalmatia, are more fully mentioned below; Henry, who was a boatbuilder and carpenter, lived at Liverpool, Perry Co., Pa., where he died when comparatively a young man and where he is buried (his wife, Rebecca Borrell, bore him three children, Jonathan, Jane, who is married and lives at Saint George's Lock, Del., and Rebecca, who died young); Catharine (Kate) married Abraham Ziegler, of Herndon; Susanna died unmarried; Caroline lives in Montgomery county; Sallie married Adam Gottshall and they lived at Pillow, Dauphin county; Betzy married Abraham Herman; Lovina married Henry Frey

(after a short residence in Northumberland county they returned to Montgomery county).

Willoughby Walt, son of Solomon, was born near Schwenkville, in Frederick township, Montgomery county, and came to Northumberland county about 1839-40. He died at Dalmatia when eighty-two years old, and is buried at the Stone Valley Church. His wife, Helena (Ziegler), of Montgomery county, was also about eighty-two at the time of her death. Eleven children were born to them, as follows: Catharine married Joel Engle; Abraham died young; Polly (Mary) married Reuben Aucker; Alfred died young; Willoughby C. is mentioned below; Benneville died in the Civil war; Peter lived at Dalmatia, Pa.; Solomon Z. is mentioned below; three died young.

Willoughby C. Walt, son of Willoughby, is a native of Dalmatia (Georgetown), Northumberland county, born April 17, 1841. In his earlier childhood he followed farm work, and in June, 1869, beginning work on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad as a section hand. In 1877 he became section foreman on the Herndon branch, a position he held for over twenty years, during which time he came to be regarded as one of the capable employees of the company. Since 1900 he has been retired from active work of a laborious nature. He has served four years as supervisor of Herndon, and has been a useful citizen. During the Civil war he was a private in Company A, 208th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, with which he took part in the engagement at Fort Steadman, in 1865, and at the taking of Fort Mahone, April 2, 1865. He made a creditable record in the army for faithful and honorable service. In politics he is a Republican.

In 1866 Mr. Walt married Amanda Sultzbach, daughter of Jacob, of Dauphin county, and they have had five children: Mary married C. W. Umboltz and they live in Philadelphia; William Augustus is mentioned below; Katie married Charles Bogar, of Herndon; Henry was drowned in 1871, when eighteen months old; Reuben was killed while playing baseball in Herndon, in 1906. Mr. Walt and his family are members of the Reformed Church.

WILLIAM AUGUSTUS WALT, son of Willoughby C. Walt, and his father's successor as track foreman on the Philadelphia & Reading road, was born at Herndon Aug. 31, 1871, and there received his education in the common schools. He began working for the railroad company when twenty-one years old, and on April 19, 1900, was made track foreman of the Herndon branch, in which position he has since served. He has two men working under his supervision. His section extends from Herndon to Latsha. Mr. Walt has taken considerable interest in local politics and public affairs, having served as school director of the borough of Herndon and as election officer.



Politically he is identified with the Republican party.

In 1895 Mr. Walt married Sarah Bordner, daughter of Samuel and Rebecca (Heckel) Bordner, formerly of Dalmatia, this county. They have had four children, Katie A., Gertrude A., M. Arline and Mary M. Mr. Walt and his family belong to the Reformed congregation of the Herndon Union Church.

SOLOMON Z. WALT, son of Willoughby Walt, was born April 1, 1818, in Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county. In his youth he was trained to farm work, but when a young man he took up the miller's trade, completing his apprenticeship when twenty-two years old. He had learned the business at Uniontown (Pillow) and Lewisburg, Pa., and worked at it on his own account one year, operating the Mandata mill, in Jordan township. For a number of years he followed wheelwrighting in connection with farming, beginning agricultural pursuits in association with his father, but in the spring of 1875 starting out for himself, on the thirty-three-acre tract in Lower Mahanoy township where he now lives. It is one mile southwest of Dalmatia, in the independent school district. Mr. Walt has an attractive home and a valuable piece of property. He has a man to look after the farm work, he himself conducting a wheelwright establishment, which is well patronized by his neighbors. He is an excellent mechanic, not alone in that line, but able to perform the work of various trades, and he does a thriving business, his services being in constant demand.

In 1871 Mr. Walt married Polly Zartman, daughter of Adam and Susan (Forney) Zartman, and they have an only daughter, Lena Susan, now the wife of Charles S. Deppen. Mr. Deppen was born March 24, 1844, son of William and Susan (Shaffer) Deppen, grandson of William Deppen and great-grandson of Christian Deppen. He is engaged as a traveling salesman, and is an intelligent and substantial citizen of his community, one who enjoys excellent standing. Mr. and Mrs. Deppen have had two children, Ivy Thelma and Stena Reba.

Mr. Walt and his family are Lutherans in religion, and worship at Zion's Church in Stone Valley. Politically he is a Democrat, and he has served as clerk of his township.

David Wald, son of Solomon, was born in Montgomery county, Pa., and when a young man learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed while living in his native county. About three years after his second marriage he moved to Northumberland county, settling at Georgetown (now Dalmatia), where he continued to work at his trade. For thirty years he was engaged as a carpenter in the boat yards at Mahantango, Liv-

erpool and Northumberland, and for thirteen years he and Augustus Arnold rented a boat yard and repaired boats. During this time Mr. Wald and his family lived at Mahantango, Juniata county. He then retired to Georgetown, where he died and is buried. His first wife, whose maiden name was Neiman, was from Montgomery county, and they had a son Augustus, who died at Herndon and is buried at Georgetown. His second wife, Rebecca (Fegley), was from his own neighborhood in Montgomery county, and to them were born three sons and two daughters, as follows: William, Joshua, David, Elmira (married James M. Wiest) and Elizabeth (married George Bingaman). The family were Lutheran members of the Georgetown Church, and they are buried at that church.

JOSHUA WALD, son of David, was born Aug. 18, 1846, in Lower Mahanoy township. He received his education in the pay schools in vogue during his boyhood, first attending school in his native township and later in Juniata county. When only eight years old he began driving a mule on the towpath of the Susquehanna canal, and after a few years commenced boating, which he followed for seventeen seasons all told, two years before his service in the Civil war, and fifteen years after. He was only a youth when he enlisted at Harrisburg in Company K, 83d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for a year's service, but he was mustered out at the end of eight months, by reason of the war closing. Among his active engagements were the action at Hatcher's Run and the operations before Petersburg, besides a number of skirmishes. Resuming civil life, he continued boating until 1878, in which year he engaged in the livery business at Georgetown. After about five years in that line he went into the lumber business, in 1884, near Sunbury, contracting for logs and ties and peeling bark, and he was thus engaged for two years, in 1887 commencing farming. That year he purchased a seventy-five-acre farm at Hickory Corners, in Lower Mahanoy township, which place he cultivated for nine years. This farm was formerly the property of William Schaffer and is now owned by Elmer L. Radel. In 1897 Mr. Wald settled in Georgetown (Dalmatia), where he owns a fine residence and has since lived in practical retirement, though he occasionally engages in coal digging in the Susquehanna. He is a respected citizen and is trusted by his fellow citizens, but he has never cared to undertake the duties of public office. Politically he is a Republican.

In 1875 Mr. Wald married Alveretta Heckert, daughter of William and Lydia J. (Favinger) Heckert, who had three children, Alveretta, Polly (unmarried) and Henry (unmarried, who lives at Millville, Pa.). Jacob Heckert, grandfather

of Mrs. Wald, was a farmer in Lower Mahanoy township. His children were Catharine (Mrs. George Doney), Jacob, William and Jessie. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Wald: Jennie Lucretia, who died when fourteen months old; and Edward M., who died when three months old.

GEORGE H. KEEFER, general contractor at Mount Carmel, has been in business there since 1895. He was born in 1812 in Milwaukee, Wis., son of Philip W. Keefer, grandson of George Keefer, and great-grandson of pioneers who came to Northumberland county from Berks county, this State.

The great-grandfather, a native of Oley township, Berks county, came to Northumberland county when a young man, bringing his wife and two children, and settled in Shamokin township. He prospered, and engaged in agricultural pursuits there the remainder of his life. He had a family of eight children, four sons and four daughters, namely: Daniel, George, John, Peter, Catharine, Mollie, Elizabeth and Hannah.

George Keefer was born in 1796 in Oley township, Berks county, and was eight years old when the family settled in Shamokin township, where he grew to manhood. After his marriage he moved to Lower Augusta township, near Lantz's Church, where he was successfully engaged in farming and milling until 1864. He then disposed of the mill, but continued to farm until his death, which occurred in this county Oct. 16, 1879. He was a stanch Democrat, prominent in the political affairs of his section and influential in the councils of his party, and was chosen to several township offices. He was also prominent in the religious life of the community as a faithful member of Lantz's German Reformed Church, which he helped to build and which he served as trustee and elder for many years. He was twice married, and by his first wife, whose maiden name was Lantz, had five children: Samuel L., born March 28, 1828; Peter, born March 3, 1838; Margaret; Hannah, and Mary M. By his second marriage, to Elizabeth Weiser, there were six children: Catharine, George W., Philip W., John S., Jennie and Lucy A.

Philip W. Keefer, son of George, was born Nov. 22, 1846, and married Annie A. Kemp.

George H. Keefer, son of Philip W. Keefer, came to Sunbury, Northumberland county, with his father when five years old, and attended school there. He learned the carpenter's trade under his father, and architecture under his uncle, George W. Keefer, and in 1890 engaged in business on his own account in Sunbury, where he built the Armory and the Northumberland National Bank building. In October, 1895, he settled in Mount Carmel, during the early part of

his residence here carrying on the wholesale and retail lumber business. His first building contracts were for the residences of William Kiefer, Judge Lincoln S. Walter, and P. A. Vought; as his patronage widened and his business increased he was intrusted with more and more important work, the Masonic temple, the Donohue building and the George Lamskey building being all of his construction. He has also had many contracts outside of his own community, having built the waterworks at Columbia, S. C.; the filter plant at Oklahoma; the waterworks at Winfield, Kans.; the silk mills at Marion, Ohio, and at Lewistown and Sunbury, Pa., for the Susquehanna Silk Company; the converting works at Sunbury, for the same concern; and a silk mill for the Schwartz-enback Huber Company, Juniata, Pa. A mere list of his contracts is sufficient evidence of his standing, and the many substantial structures of his construction testify to the value and solidity of his work, as well as to his intelligent ideas on modern building and convenience in arrangement of space. He has held the respect and good will of his various patrons to an unusual extent. Mr. Keefer is president of the Mount Carmel Coal & Coke Company of West Virginia. He is well known in his connection with the State National Guard, and during the Spanish-American war enlisted in Company E, 12th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, serving nine months. Socially he belongs to the Elks, Lodge No. 356, of Mount Carmel.

On June 16, 1896, Mr. Keefer married Maude Foye, daughter of Landis and Harriet (Wolf) Foye. They have no children.

JOHN H. MAILEY, postmaster at Northumberland, Northumberland county, was born Feb. 6, 1861, at West Fairview, Cumberland Co., Pa., son of William Mailey and grandson of Peter Mailey. The latter was a resident of Harrisburg, Pa., where he died at the advanced age of eighty-five years. Among his children were John, Eli, William and Annie.

William Mailey, father of John H. Mailey, was born in 1830, and died in October, 1867, in Harrisburg. He learned the trade of iron worker, which he followed all his life. His wife, Elizabeth (Heffley), daughter of Leonard Heffley, still survives him, and makes her home in Harrisburg. They were the parents of the following children: Abner, Amos, David, John H., Emory and George B.

John H. Mailey attended the public schools of Duncannon, Perry Co., Pa., where he was reared, having gone there in 1867, the year of his father's death. He learned the nailing business, which he continued to follow until his removal to the borough of Northumberland in 1890, after which he was employed by Taggart & Howell for one year.



For the next sixteen years he was in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Company, beginning as brakeman and advancing until, when he left the road, he had become extra conductor. In 1907 he was appointed postmaster at Northumberland, and he has since devoted all his time to the duties of that position, in which his services are proving most satisfactory. He was re-appointed Feb. 23, 1911. The office is at present of the second class. Mr. Mailey is an esteemed and well known citizen of the borough, where he has taken considerable part in politics, as he did also at his previous location, Duncannon. He was elected chief burgess of Duncannon in 1889. Since his removal to Northumberland county he has served twelve years as borough committeeman of the Republican party. When the Northumberland Gas Company was organized, in 1911, Mr. Mailey became one of the original directors, and is serving as general manager.

On June 26, 1884, Mr. Mailey married Matilda C. Eshelman, daughter of Jacob Eshelman, of Duncannon, and they have had four children: Eva, wife of M. P. Tierney, an attorney at law of Northumberland borough; Nora; William, who married Ruth Burns, of Sunbury; and Charles. Mr. Mailey and his family hold membership in the Methodist Church.

**B. FRANKLIN HECKERT**, attorney at law of Sunbury, Northumberland county, associated in practice with George B. Reimensnyder, was born in that borough Aug. 1, 1816. He is a member of an old Northumberland county family, being a descendant of Michael Heckert, who emigrated from Germany some time during the latter part of the eighteenth century and settled in Lower Mahanoy township in the early days. He owned a considerable body of land, some of which is still in the possession of his posterity, who are still numerous in this county and also well represented in the Western States. Michael Heckert's sons were Francis, Yost, Peter and John; and he had a daughter, Elizabeth, who married Jacob Miller and moved to Armstrong Valley, in Dauphin county, Pa. The sons Francis and Yost went West. There may have been other children.

Peter Heckert, one of the sons of Michael who remained in the home neighborhood, lived in Lower Mahanoy township, having taken up farm lands there. He died at Sunbury. He served in the war of 1812, was honorably discharged, and received two tracts of bounty land for his services in the war. He married Hannah Witmer, and their children were: George; Michael; Peter, who settled and lived in Northumberland county and had two sons, Jacob (who is a marble cutter in Millersburg, Pa.) and Willis (who is a railroader, living in Georgetown—Dalmatia,

Pa.); Elias, who settled in Northumberland county, and had ten children, all living, Henry A. (residing in Kansas City, Mo.), Emma E. (Mrs. L. J. Shroyer, formerly of Shamokin, now of Dauphin county), Riley W. (farmer in Northumberland county), John W. (a merchant in Hegins, Schuylkill Co., Pa.), Mary A. (Mrs. John K. Maurer, of Schuylkill county, Pa.), Sarah J. (Mrs. Jacob Maurer, of the same county), Joseph L. (a baker in Girardville, Pa.), Lydia A. (Mrs. John W. Bahner, residing near Stonington, Northumberland county), Lizzie A. (Mrs. Elmer A. Bohner, of Northumberland county) and Eli P. (the principal of schools at Schuylkill Haven, Pa.); Isaac; Benjamin; Joseph, who resided in Perry county and who became a soldier in the Civil war, during which he was shot while relieving a picket, who did not recognize him; Riley; Elizabeth, Mrs. Isaac Lenker; Polly, Mrs. Harry Weaver, who has a son George, living in Shamokin, Pa.; Sallie; Catharine, Mrs. Jacob Wentzel, who resided in the State of Indiana; Christina, Mrs. Aaron Conrad, who resided in Perry county (Mr. Conrad was a soldier in the Civil war and died of typhoid after a forced march to Gettysburg in 1863, after his enlistment had expired); Hannah, Mrs. John Christ; and two others, who died in youth. Of this family, Elias, now (1911) eighty-four years of age, and Hannah (Mrs. John Christ) are the only ones living, and both reside in Northumberland county.

Benjamin Heckert, the twelfth in order of birth, was born Aug. 11, 1835, in Butler county, Pa., and grew to manhood in Lower Mahanoy township, where he received his education in the local schools. He learned the trade of cabinet-maker there and at Sunbury, to which place he came when a young man, and where he was for eight years in the employ of Sebastian Haupt. In 1862 he engaged in the furniture and undertaking business at Northumberland, where he remained until his removal to Sunbury, in 1871. There he was in business for many years as a funeral director and furniture dealer, having the largest establishment of the kind in the borough in his day and employing a number of clerks. His progressive and enterprising methods kept him at the head of the trade throughout his active career. He retired some years before his death, which occurred July 6, 1906.

In 1859 Mr. Heckert married Sarah Jane Durst, who was born May 5, 1838, daughter of Andrew and Nancy (Mahanoy) Durst, of Sunbury, and died Sept. 13, 1903. Mr. and Mrs. Heckert were members of the Lutheran Church, and fraternally he held membership in the I. O. O. F. lodge at Sunbury. He was independent in politics. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Heckert: William N. died in infancy; Rev. Charles G. graduated from Wittenberg College,



Springfield, Ohio, became president of that institution and a clergyman of the Lutheran Church: Emma D. married William G. Savidge, of Sunbury; Jennie M. married Sharon Stevens, of Harrisburg; B. Franklin was a twin of Harry N., who was drowned in the Susquehanna river when fourteen years old.

B. Franklin Heckert received his early literary education in Sunbury, graduating from the high school there in 1893. He then took a course at Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1897, after which he had a year's study at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa. He read law with George B. Reimensnyder, the foremost attorney of Northumberland county, was admitted to the bar of this county in 1900, and to practice in the Superior and Supreme courts in 1902. Since his admission to the bar he has been associated in practice with his preceptor, Mr. Reimensnyder, who makes a specialty of the civil branch of the law. His personal and professional standing and associations are most propitious.

Mr. Heckert is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, of Sunbury and prominent in the Masonic fraternity, holding membership in Lodge No. 22, F. and A. M., of Sunbury, of which he was worshipful master in 1909; in Northumberland Royal Arch Chapter, No. 144; in Mount Hermon Commandery, No. 85, K. T., of Sunbury; in Williamsport Consistory; and in Irem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Wilkes-Barre. He also belongs to the Americus and Temple Clubs of Sunbury.

JOHN GLOWA is connected with several of the most important business enterprises of Shamokin, Northumberland county, where he has been well known in commercial circles for a number of years, though he did not establish a permanent home in that city until 1906. He is a self-made man, one whose excellent judgment and well directed executive ability have made him successful in his various undertakings.

Mr. Glowa was born June 24, 1863, in Galicia, Austria, in which country his father, Mathew Glowa, followed farming. He died there. John Glowa attended school in his native country, where he grew to manhood, coming to this country in 1882. He landed at New York City Nov. 18th, and made his first location at Danville, Pa., where he found employment in the rolling mill, working there three months. He was next employed on the construction of the railroad from Snydertown to Sunbury, Pa., and after following this work a short time entered the employ of the Excelsior Coal Company, at Excelsior, Northumberland county, continuing with them for a period of seven years. In 1889 he located in Shamokin, where he remained for the next three years, after which he

opened a general store in Excelsior, keeping a miscellaneous stock, anything, in fact, that there was any call for. It was this liberal policy of catering to the wants of his customers that made his business so successful, and he continued it until 1906, when he moved his residence to Shamokin. Here he has since lived, at No. 321 North, Shamokin street. He still has mercantile interests, being president of the Russian Mercantile Company, of Shamokin, in which line his long experience has fitted him for valuable executive service. Mr. Glowa was one of the original directors of the Market Street National Bank, of Shamokin, and is still serving in that capacity; he is also a stockholder in the Shamokin and Coal Township Light and Power Company, in the Hoven Mercantile Company of New York City and in the Connell Powder Company of Scranton. He is a very popular citizen of Shamokin, and stands well among his own countrymen there, being president of the Ruthenian Catholic Church, of which he was one of the founders. In his native land he was a member of the choir in his church until he left for America.

Mr. Glowa's first marriage was to Catherine Chlebowsky, who died May 9, 1907, and is buried at Shamokin; she was a native of Austria. His present wife was Ella Emck. Five children were born to the first union: Mary, Michael, Mathew, Walter and Antiona.

SNYDER, David L. and Harry E. Snyder, brothers, residents, respectively, of Ralpho and Shamokin townships, the former postmaster at Cable, are sons of David H. Snyder and grandsons of Joseph Snyder, the pioneer hotel-keeper in the borough of Shamokin.

John Snyder, the first of this family in America, came from Germany and settled at Trenton, N. J. Coming to Northumberland county, Pa., he was one of the early residents of Rush township, where he died. He married Ellen Witlock, and their children were: Joseph; Jacob, who died at Frackville, Schuylkill Co., Pa.; Reuben, who died at Snufftown, Northumberland county; and Sallie, Mrs. Teats.

Joseph Snyder, son of John, was born at Trenton, N. J., Oct. 10, 1796, and grew to manhood at his native place, receiving an ordinary schooling. He married Annie Heller, a native also of New Jersey, born Sept. 18, 1794, and in 1818 came to Pennsylvania, settling in Rush township, Northumberland county, where he began farming. Some time later he opened a hotel at Snufftown, in Shamokin township, and thence in 1835 went to Shamokin, intending to engage in the hotel business. But the outlook was not encouraging, and he returned to his old location for a short time. In 1836 he again went to Shamokin, where he began keeping hotel in a building which subsequently

formed part of the old "Vanderbilt Hotel," on the present site of the "Hotel Graemar." He continued the business with great success for several years, and then accepted the position of resident land agent, to the duties of which he devoted his time for many years. Toward the latter part of his life he purchased a farm in Ralpho township (the property later owned by his son John B.) and remained there two years, at the end of which time he returned to Shamokin. He died there Feb. 1, 1867. Mr. Snyder was a Democrat and filled various local offices, being the first constable of Shamokin, tax collector, etc. He was active in Church work, having been one of the organizers of the First Presbyterian Church of Shamokin and largely instrumental in the erection of its edifice in 1840. A good citizen, reliable and straightforward in all his dealings with his fellowmen, he was highly respected wherever known. His widow, who died Aug. 6, 1881, in her eighty-seventh year, was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They were the parents of the following children: Amelia married Joseph Enoch and (second) Jonathan Farnsworth; Harmon died in Shamokin; Rachel became the wife of Alem Sechler; Eleanor, now the only living member of her generation, is unmarried and resides in Shamokin; David H. is mentioned below; John Boyd was born April 3, 1836, the first white child born within the limits of what is now Shamokin borough.

John Boyd Snyder, son of Joseph, learned the trade of plasterer, which he followed in connection with farming. On Jan. 1, 1857, he married Mary M. Mowery, who was born Dec. 9, 1836, daughter of Daniel Mowery, of Shamokin, and died May 1, 1911. The following children were born to them: Charles, who died when six years old; Anna (deceased), who married Matthias Neely; George McClellan, who married Priscilla Swoyer; John H., now clerk of the "Hotel Graemar"; Edwin A., who died young; Elizabeth; Florence Rebecca, who married John Tyler; Emma; and Joseph W., who married Gertrude Yost. The father, John Boyd Snyder, died in Shamokin in February, 1903. He was a Democrat in politics and fraternally a member of Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M.

David H. Snyder, son of Joseph, was born in November, 1834, at Rushtown, Northumberland county, and when a boy learned the trade of saddler, which he followed throughout his active years. Before his marriage he taught school for three terms in Little Mahanoy township, this county. He was located at Catawissa, Shamokin and, eventually, at Cabel, in Ralpho township, this county, also following farming to some extent, on a small tract which he owned. During the Civil war he was in the Union service for nine months, and returned home in poor health, never entirely recovering his strength after his army experience.

A Democrat in political opinion, he took considerable interest in politics and public affairs; was a member of the Methodist Church, and fraternally belonged to the I. O. O. F. He died Nov. 9, 1878, aged forty-four years, and is buried in Oak Grove cemetery, in Ralpho township.

On Dec. 25, 1856, Mr. Snyder married Mary J. Campbell, daughter of Nicholas and Hannah (Yocum) Campbell, and granddaughter of Obediah Campbell. She now makes her home at Cabel, in Ralpho township. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder had the following children: Amy A. married S. F. Boughner and lived in Ralpho township (she died in July, 1901); Rosella married William O. Hoffman and they are living at Selinsgrove, Pa.; Joseph N. married Elizabeth Frederick and their home is in Shamokin township; Clark W., of Milton, Pa., married Annie Rice and (second) Kate —; David L. is mentioned below; Minnie married W. L. Eisele and is living at Williamsport; Harry E. is mentioned below; Calvin N., who was a telegraph operator, died at the age of twenty-six years.

DAVID L. SNYDER was born Oct. 25, 1867, in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, and obtained his education in the public schools. He learned the saddler's trade with his brother Joseph, at Cabel, remaining with him about ten years, until he commenced business for himself. His patronage is extensive and drawn from a wide territory. Mr. Snyder also manufactures harness, and since 1904 has been engaged in the sale of farm implements. He is a most enterprising man, and is interested in the timber business, supplying the mines. In 1909 he bought the old Snyder homestead at Cabel, in Ralpho township, a tract of seventy-six acres—good land and valuable timber. The farmhouse on the property was at one time known as the "Red Tavern," a hotel having been maintained there many years ago, and it is one of the landmarks of this section. On June 1, 1902, Mr. Snyder was appointed postmaster at Cabel, where his brother Joseph and his mother have also officiated, in the same capacity. He is a progressive citizen, thoroughly identified with local interests, and is a member of the P. O. S. of A., the Modern Woodmen of America, and the Independent Fire Company. In politics he is a Democrat.

On June 1, 1896, Mr. Snyder married Estella Moody, daughter of Allen Moody. She died one year afterward, at the early age of twenty, the mother of a daughter, Estella. Mr. Snyder's second marriage, which took place in June, 1898, was to Annie M. Moyer, daughter of Jonathan Moyer, of Berrysburg, Dauphin Co., Pa., and she died Sept. 26, 1909, leaving the following children: Charles, Elsie, Leon, Annie and Chester. Mr. Snyder has since married (third) Gertrude Chamberlin, widow of Edw. Chamberlin, and a daugh-



ter of Luther Seber. The family are Methodists in religious connection.

HARRY E. SNYDER was born May 12, 1872, in Ralpho township, Northumberland county, was reared upon the farm and received his education in the public schools of the home locality. For two years he was engaged in the milk business at Weigh Scales, his next location being at Seven Points, in Rockefeller township, where he carried on a mercantile business for one year. In 1906 he bought the old Amandus Miller homestead in Shamokin township, consisting of seventy-four acres, where he devoted himself to farming until his removal to Shamokin, in April, 1911; he resides at No. 623 West Pine Street. He is a young man of energetic disposition, intelligent in his work and enterprising in his methods, and his farm showed the effect of good management. He had good buildings and kept his property in excellent condition.

In 1901 Mr. Snyder married Lulu V. Miller, daughter of Amandus Miller, late of Shamokin township, and they have four children: Ernest M., R. Merrill, Mary H. and Rosella F. Mr. Snyder is a member of the Oak Grove Methodist Church in Ralpho township, and socially belongs to the P. O. S. of A. In political matters he votes independently.

JARID C. IRWIN, a venerable citizen of Sunbury, has had a long and useful life, one of unusual activity, and few residents of the borough are any better known in the community. For many years he was identified with its public affairs, having served several years in the borough council, as member of the school board for the remarkable period of twenty-one years, during which time he was never absent from a meeting of the board, and was chairman of the building committee who superintended the erection of the present high school building, as justice of the peace, and from 1892 to 1897 as postmaster of the borough.

Mr. Irwin is a son of Martin Irwin, who came to Sunbury early in 1830 from Chester county, Pa., where he was born April 1, 1804. He followed shoemaking throughout his working years, and was an industrious and intelligent man, one who had the respect and confidence of all who knew him. For some years he served as court crier, and in 1848 he was elected to the office of register and recorder of Northumberland county, which he was filling at the time of his death, June 13, 1849, in Sunbury. He was a Democrat, and quite active in politics. Mr. Irwin married Rachel Irwin, who was born in 1808 in Lancaster county, Pa., daughter of James Irwin, a native of Chester county, where he is buried; he lived to the age of ninety-three. James Irwin had the following sons: George, James, Samuel, Joseph, Jarid and Fenius. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs.

Martin Irwin: Jarid C., born March 13, 1830; James P., born in 1832; Mary, born in 1834, who married Charles D. Wharton; S. Elizabeth, born in 1836, who married Dr. Daniel Shindel; Isabella, born in 1838, who married Joseph Bright; Amelia Alice, born in 1842, who married John Olson; R. Marian, born in 1843, who died young; Jane P., born in 1846, who married Edward Israel; and Samuel P., born in 1849, who married Miss Val Elexander, and died in 1908. The parents of this family are buried at Sunbury, in the lower (Fourth street) cemetery. They were Episcopalians in religious connection and active in church life. After the father's death the mother married (second) Frederick Lazarus, whom she also survived, her death occurring in 1895.

Jarid C. Irwin was born March 13, 1830, in Sunbury, where he grew to manhood, and there he has always made his home. He learned shoemaking with his father, with whom he worked from an early age, beginning the trade in the days when custom work was the rule; when the work was all done by hand; and when shoes were made on straight lasts, not rights and lefts as at present, and worn on either foot, being changed about daily to keep heels and soles from becoming crooked. Mr. Irwin followed this business throughout his active years, and prospered. It is his public career, however, that has brought him into special prominence, his services having covered many years, during which he filled various offices with ability, showing conscientious devotion to the duties intrusted to him. He was a member of the borough council for two terms. For twenty-one years he served on the school board, for a longer period than any other one man in Sunbury, and in all that time never missed a meeting of the board, was secretary of that body for twelve years, treasurer four years, and president for a time, and always known as one of the most effective workers in the borough in the cause of public education. On April 14, 1890, he was appointed justice of the peace by Governor Beaver, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of A. N. Brice. At the close of his appointive term, first Monday in May, 1891, he was elected for five years, but in 1892 resigned his office, having been in the meantime appointed postmaster, when Hon. John Wanamaker was postmaster general. He held that office until 1897.

Mr. Irwin has always been a staunch Republican, and he served in the Union army during the Civil war under three enlistments. In 1861 he became a private of Company F, 11th Pennsylvania Regiment, with which he served three months, in Maryland and Virginia, taking part in the first fight at Falling Waters, Va.; his second term of service was as a private in the 45th Pennsylvania Regiment, with which he remained a little over a year, during that time taking part in the battles





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of James Island (S. C.), Antietam and South Mountain; later he served a year as a private of Company C, 15th Pennsylvania Regiment. He is a leading member of William A. Brunner Post, No. 335, G. A. R., of Sunbury, which he helped to organize, being one of the charter members, and is a past commander. For the past fourteen years Mr. Irwin has acted for the county commissioners in the matter of looking after indigent Civil war veterans, seeing that decent burial is provided for such as die without sufficient means and that headstones are erected to mark their graves properly. For many years he was a member of the Knights of Pythias. In religion, like his parents, he is an Episcopalian.

Mr. Irwin can look back over a most interesting period of Sunbury's development, and he has embodied his memories in a book of *Reminiscences*, which he completed and published in 1910, when past the age of eighty. The edition of three hundred copies was intended chiefly for distribution among his friends, but it is a substantial and valuable addition to the history of the borough and of Northumberland county, though the author himself claimed no such distinction for it. The work was a labor of love, accomplished in his leisure hours, and the accuracy of his recollections, together with the care and thought which he bestowed upon this collection of "fugitive facts" concerning the early days in which all are interested, not only evidence the remarkable clearness and vigor of mind which this octogenarian has retained, but show a true gift for the grasping of those things most characteristic of the times he depicts and a faculty for presenting them which entitles the book to more than local recognition. The cold facts of history stand in little danger of being lost in these days of daily records, and the increasing appreciation of the value of statistics. It is the doings and incidents typical of the early days of the borough which may too readily slip into oblivion unless rescued in time by the hand of one who has the necessary knowledge and opportunity to record them. The book contains so many entertaining recitals of life and conditions in the early days of the borough that it might furnish "local color" for many other works, incidents of all kinds being set forth in most attractive and readable form, and with a regard for facts that enhances the worth of the volume appreciably. The people who have known and loved Sunbury feel a personal sense of gratitude toward him for the occurrences he has perpetuated in this work. The customs and practices of Sunbury people sixty and more years ago he recounts from his personal experiences and recollections. Beginning with a brief reference to the founding of the borough, a little before his time, he gives two quotations from an old newspaper, which present in sharp contrast with the present the days when Sunbury

had no communication with the outside world except by means of the turnpike and canal. One notes the return, April 3, 1835, of the canal boat "Augusta" from Philadelphia; the other the arrival of two cars of coal from Shamokin in 1836, the year the railroad between Sunbury and Shamokin was completed. At this time there were eight hotels or taverns, as they were then called, in the town, some of them on sites still occupied by hotels. In 1842 the population was only 1,108, and at that time there was not a house in sight north of Race street, or south of Spruce, or east of what is now known as Spring Run. In 1848 the entire tax levy of the borough amounted to \$1,294.63. The public schools were opened in 1834, and the school tax for the first year was \$554.938; the first building especially erected for school purposes in Sunbury was opened in December, 1837.

Of interesting facts concerning the changes in the physical features of the town there are many, some scarcely comprehensible to the present generation. The present site of the Reading railroad depot was an old basin which was a favorite resort of skaters in the winter season; Shamokin creek was once a "fisherman's paradise"; the part of town extending from the upper basin to beyond the Philadelphia & Erie shops was practically a swamp, covered with a dense wild growth of shrubs, bushes and vines; and allusion is made to the old picnic ground, "which was a dense growth of trees, south of the eastern extension of Walnut street, and east of Spring run, extending along Shamokin creek, quite up to the old town mill." In these days a boy could not earn more than twenty-five cents a day, a levy, or twelve and a half cents, being the average, and fifty cents daily was the regular price paid for a man's labor. There was little opportunity for girls to make money.

To the social pleasures of the day and humorous happenings, many of which have become historic, Mr. Irwin devotes considerable space. He tells of the annual training days, when the militia met at Sunbury for drill; of the fights and festivities which marked these occasions; the hucksters busily engaged in the sale of the ginger cakes, root beer and other refreshments in popular demand; and the dancing, usually at the "Black Horse Hotel," the "Ferry House" and the "Cross Keys." One of the most amusing incidents related was the expedition made by the Sunbury Grays to oust a negro family squatted on an island in the river. One day, the drum corps being short of a fife, a celebrated whistler in the town agreed to furnish the music for the parade, and kept his word. The horse races so keenly enjoyed in the early days, the feud between the Sunbury and Northumberland boys, and numerous other things recalled with



rest of most of the older inhabitants, have been set down with a pen moved by the spirit of the times, and the volume has been received with delight. A number of illustrations accompany the text.

On Feb. 15, 1851, Mr. Irwin married in Danville, Pa., Ann S. Kiehl, who was born in 1833, daughter of George W. Kiehl, of Sunbury, at one time sheriff of Northumberland county. She died March 9, 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Irwin had four children, namely: Marian, who died young; Georgia Anna, who married Sharon Stephen, of Harrisburg, where she died, leaving two children, Fred H. and Bessie; William, who died young, and Martin, who died young.

REV. A. H. BLEISTEIN has been pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic Church at Trevorton, Northumberland county, since 1902, and the church and its work have prospered steadily under his wise and efficient administration. He was born March 6, 1874, at Lebanon, Pa., where his father, John Bleistein, a native of Germany, settled upon coming to this country. The father was a businessman, and employed as such during most of his active years. He died at Lebanon May 29, 1874. His widow, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Host, is now living with her son, Father Bleistein, at Trevorton. She is a native of Wittenberg, Germany. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. John Bleistein, namely: Frank, who died young; Joseph, a resident of Lebanon; Carl, who died young; John; William, of Lebanon; Charles, living at Chester, Pa.; Philip, a resident of Lebanon; Mary, deceased; and A. H.

A. H. Bleistein received his early education in the parochial schools at Lebanon, and in Vincent College, located at Latrobe, Westmoreland Co., Pa. In 1892 he entered Mount Saint Mary's College, at Emmitsburg, Md., from which institution he was graduated in 1897. For the next two years he pursued the theological course there, and for one year was a student at St. Charles Seminary (the Philadelphia Theological Seminary of St. Charles Borromeo), at Overbrook, Pa., after which he began his work as assistant to Father Christ, of St. Joseph's Church, at Lancaster, Pa. His next location was at New Freedom, York Co., Pa., where he remained for one year, from June, 1901, to June, 1902, at which time he was transferred to Trevorton. Here he has since had charge of St. Patrick's Church. He has been very successful throughout his pastorate, and the affairs of the congregation are in a thriving condition.

St. Patrick's Church was founded soon after the opening of the coal mines at Trevorton. A large proportion of the Irish and German miners were members of the Catholic Church, and Rev. Michael Sheridan, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, at Dan-

ville, was requested to pay them a visit. He celebrated the first mass at the house of a Mr. Compton, and the first baptism and marriage recorded in the church records by Father Sheridan are dated Oct. 1, 1854. It is very probable he commenced visiting the town about that time. In 1857 he was succeeded by Rev. George Gosten-schnigg, pastor at Milton, who organized the congregation and at once commenced collecting money for the erection of a church edifice. Father George, as he was familiarly known, continued his collections over the county until May, 1859, when the contract was let for the church building, a white sandstone structure 35 by 65 feet in dimensions, still in use. The edifice was completed in May, 1860, and was dedicated on the 20th of that month by Bishop Neumann, of Philadelphia, and placed under the patronage of St. Patrick. A large assemblage was present at the services, but the pastor who had worked so hard to accomplish all this had not lived to see the ceremony. While making preparations for the event Father Gosten-schnigg became overheated, and he died at Milton May 2, 1860, and was buried in St. Joseph's parochial lot at that place. His successor, Rev. M. Muhlberger, served until 1861, when Rev. Emil Steiner became pastor. In 1862 he was succeeded by Rev. Edward Murray, and in November, 1863, Rev. J. J. Koch, pastor of St. Joseph's Church at Milton, was transferred to this charge. In 1866 Father Koch was appointed first resident pastor of St. Edward's Church at Shamokin, but also continued to minister to St. Patrick's until 1878, during which time he enlarged the church building, had the interior frescoed, paid off the debts, and placed the affairs of the congregation on a sound financial basis. For four years after Father Koch's pastorate Rev. August Schluefer, formerly of Lancaster, was in charge at Trevorton, he being followed by Rev. Henry Relt, the first resident pastor. Father Relt built a two-story parochial residence in 1882. In 1889 Rev. Francis L. Breckel was placed over this charge, while he continued to serve until the fall of 1900, when Father George Seubert came hither from St. Anthony's church in Lancaster, Pa. In the spring of 1901 the present church site was purchased, and preparations made to build. The first services in the new structure were held in the basement Christmas Day, 1901. Father Seubert continued in charge until the present pastor, Rev. A. H. Bleistein, was transferred hither in June, 1902. Many changes have taken place in the membership of the church, which decreased for a time as the suspension of the coal business caused many families to move from the vicinity. The congregation now numbers about one hundred families, principally German, and there is a flourishing Sunday school.

**JOHN T. CROMPTON**, of Mount Carmel, has been identified with the industrial interests of that place since he came there in 1906 to take charge of the hosiery mills, the leading manufacturing establishment of the place. For three years before he was sent to Mount Carmel he was at Shamokin in the employ of the same concern.

Mr. Crompton is a native of Philadelphia, Pa., born in 1861. His father, John T. Crompton, was born in England, whence he came to America in 1847 in a sailing vessel. The voyage took six months. He settled in Philadelphia, where he found employment with a cousin of the same name in the manufacture of paper boxes, continuing to follow this work until his death, which occurred in 1873. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Gould, died only a few months before him. They were the parents of four children, namely: Georgiana, who died young; John T.; Georgiana, who lives in Gloucester, N. J.; and William, of Philadelphia.

John T. Crompton received his education in the schools of his native city. He began work early, in a stocking mill, but after a short period of employment there went to the State of Delaware, where he was engaged at farm work four years. In 1881 he located in New Jersey, where he also followed farm work, and he was engaged in farming for fifteen years on his own account before he commenced commercial life. He embarked in the commission business in Philadelphia, at No. 305 Front street, where he continued for three years. He has since been employed with the W. F. Tauble (Inc.) Hosiery Mills. His first work for this concern was in New Jersey, in the dye house, and in 1903 he was sent to Shamokin, Pa., to take the position of assistant superintendent. On Sept. 13, 1906, he came to Mount Carmel to take charge of the mill at that point, where two hundred and fifty hands are steadily employed. The mill is the leading industrial establishment in Mount Carmel, and as such occupies an important place in determining the local welfare. Mr. Crompton, in his capacity of superintendent, has shown himself to be a man of ability and resource, and possessed of excellent judgment, and he is a respected citizen of his community.

On June 3, 1886, Mr. Crompton married Mary Lovell, and they have three children, John, Ida and George. The family reside at No. 305 West Third street. Mr. Crompton is a member of the Knights of Malta commandery at Mount Carmel, and while in New Jersey he joined the I. O. M., Jr. O. U. A. M. and P. O. S. of A.

**HERBERT J. STANNERT**, a leading business man of the borough of Northumberland, and the only lumber merchant at that point, is carrying on the business established by his father and occupies an important position in the commercial life of

his section. He gives employment to a large number of men, having a variety of interests which keep him busy and attract capital to the town.

The Stannert family has been settled in Northumberland county from the time of his grandfather, Jonathan Stannert, back of whose time we have little definite record. The name Stannert is of French origin, but as many English have French names, through the thousands of Normans who went over to England with the Conqueror, it cannot be stated of what nationality the early members of the family in America were. At the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes over one hundred thousand Huguenots fled to England and hundreds of their sons came to Pennsylvania as English. Again, William, Prince of Orange, had a whole brigade of Huguenots with his army at the battle of the Boyne (1690) in Ireland, most of whom stayed in Ireland after the victory, and many of them, or their sons, came to Pennsylvania with the Scotch-Irish. For this information we are indebted to the Rev. Dr. A. Stapleton, who thinks these Stannerts may have come to Pennsylvania from New Jersey—probably the second or third generation in this country, there being many such families in Pennsylvania. General Stannert, of the Civil war, was from New Jersey.

Jonathan Stannert, great-grandfather of Herbert J. Stannert, lived at Conshohocken, Pa., where he was a successful business man, a butcher and merchant, and also had a farm. He had a number of children, who settled in the lower counties of Pennsylvania, and among them was a son Jonathan, who was born in Conshohocken.

Jonathan Stannert, son of Jonathan, came to Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, in 1829 or 1830, and there passed the rest of his active years, engaged in farming, at Sodom. Originally he owned a large tract of land. Some years before his death he retired to Lewisburg, Pa., where he died and is buried. In religious faith he was a Presbyterian. His wife, Sarah (Sedginger), who hailed from Conshohocken, died two years before him. They were the parents of the following children: Samuel, Massey, Dorothy, William, Harriet, Hannah, John H., and two who died young.

John H. Stannert, son of Jonathan, was born June 10, 1833, in Chillisquaque township, and attended the eight-cornered schoolhouse still standing in the central part of Chillisquaque township. Until eighteen he was employed at farm work, and then learned the trade of blacksmith, which he followed until he entered the Union service during the Civil war. In 1862 he enlisted in Company D, 150th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, with which he served one year, becoming second sergeant of his company. He was discharged from Turness Lane Hospital the second day of the battle of Gettysburg, July 2, 1863, but reentered the service and was superintendent of commissary un-

til Lee's surrender. After the war he was engaged in boating grain for a time, and later carried on the coal business at Lewisburg, Pa., in 1881 coming to the borough of Northumberland, where he has since made his home. He dredged sand from the west branch of the Susquehanna for twenty years, until his retirement, in 1905, when he turned the business over to his son, who has since continued the original line and added other branches, now having a large establishment. Mr. Stannert has long been one of the most respected residents of Northumberland, and aside from business has become particularly well known for his active association with religious work. He is an earnest member of the Methodist Church, has served as class leader, exhorter and trustee, and has endeavored to lead an exemplary Christian life. He has been one of the pillars of his church for many years.

In 1854 Mr. Stannert married Mary Paul, daughter of Sampson Paul, of Lewisburg, and they have had eleven children: Ella (deceased), Thomas, Wilson P., Lawrence, Mary, Clara, Harry, William (deceased), Herbert J., a daughter that died in infancy, and Nelson.

Herbert J. Stannert was born Nov. 12, 1871, and received his early education in the public schools of Lewisburg, later attending the Northumberland high school and Williamsport Business College, from which he was graduated in 1894. From that time he assisted his father, who was engaged principally in the sand business, succeeding him in 1905. Mr. Stannert not only deals in lumber, brick, slate and sand, but also handles all kinds of mill work. His business has reached large proportions, forty men being now given employment in the conduct of its various branches. Mr. Stannert being one of the busiest and most successful men in the borough. He has taken contracts of all kinds, having put up a number of buildings, including several dwellings, in Northumberland, does all kinds of cement work, and is daily increasing the extent and importance of his interests. He came to enter the lumber business, now his principal line, through contracting. Mr. Stannert has given his influence and aid to the promotion of various enterprises of importance to the general welfare of his locality. His standing in the community has been gained by able administration of his numerous undertakings, and his integrity and honorable methods are recognized by all who have been associated with him. His connection with the public affairs of the borough has been continuous from his young manhood, he having been a member since 1895 of the borough council, of which body he was president for some years. He is a leading member of the Republican party in his section, has been Republican borough chairman since 1909, and was prominently mentioned for the senatorial job of his district until he himself

discouraged the movement in his favor. Fraternally he holds membership in Eureka Lodge, No. 494, F. & A. M., and Lodge No. 196, I. O. O. F., both of Northumberland; and in Chapter No. 174, R. A. M., of Sunbury.

On Dec. 25, 1895, Mr. Stannert married Ida U. Steffen, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Dangler) Steffen, of Snyder county, Pa., and they have one daughter, Mary Margaret.

GEORGE M. HOWELL, general merchant, is a resident of the borough of Northumberland, Northumberland county, where he has his principal establishment. He began the business in partnership with his father, Charles M. Howell, as junior member of the firm of C. M. Howell & Son, and still does business under that name.

The Howell family is of English origin and has been settled in America from early Colonial times, the first ancestor on this side of the Atlantic having been Edward Howell, who was born in England, baptized July 22, 1580, came to America about 1639-40 and first settled at Lynn, Mass. Later he moved to Long Island, settling at Southampton, where he died. George M. Howell is directly descended from him.

Charles Muirheid Howell, father of George M. Howell, was born July 17, 1851, at Van Camp, Columbia Co., Pa., and in 1889 settled with his family at Northumberland, Pa., where he became one of the foremost men of his day. He was a leading business man of that place, and in his later years took his son George M. Howell into partnership, under the firm name of C. M. Howell & Son. He died at Northumberland July 4, 1907. Mr. Howell married Frances E. McCollum, who survives him and continues to make her home at Northumberland, and to them were born children as follows: Maude, wife of W. L. Gutelius, of Washington, D. C.; Edna, wife of Herbert W. Cummings, of Sunbury, Pa., ex-district attorney of Northumberland county; George M.; Charles M., a graduate of Bucknell University, now a civil engineer; and Edward L., a student at Bucknell University.

George M. Howell was born Dec. 19, 1876, at Eckley, Luzerne Co., Pa., and began his education in the schools of Fayette county, this State, whither his parents moved in 1881. He also attended Bucknell University and State College, meantime moving with the family to the borough of Northumberland. His school days over, he entered into business life as his father's partner, under the firm name C. M. Howell & Son. Since the death of his father he has continued the business under the same name, and he still has his main office at Northumberland, where he has the leading general store in the place. He conducts two branch stores, one at Ononda, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and the other at Fern Glen (Gowen post of-



liect. Luzerne Co., Pa., all under his personal management. Mr. Howell has been a highly successful business man, applying the most modern methods to the operation of his stores, all of which are run on a profitable basis. He is a well known citizen of Northumberland, and identified with the Masonic fraternity, holding membership in Eureka Lodge, No. 404, F. & A. M.; Bloomsburg Lodge of Perfection, fourteenth degree; and Bloomsburg Consistory, thirty-second degree. He is a member of the Phi Gamma Delta college fraternity.

On March 15, 1902, Mr. Howell married Jennie L. Eckert, daughter of H. T. Eckert, of Sunbury, and they have had one son, George M., Jr., born Aug. 4, 1904. The family are Presbyterians in religious association.

J. IRVIN STEEL, JR., of Shamokin, editor and publisher of the *Shamokin Daily Herald*, is a newspaper man "by inheritance," his father and brothers having all been successful publishers. His father, J. Irvin Steel, Sr., a native of Huntingdon, Pa., died May 29, 1904, at Ashland, Schuylkill county, where he resided for forty years. He started the *Ashland Advocate*, later known as the *Evening Telegram*, and also owned the *Shamokin Dispatch*. His wife, Mary (Gwinn), died in Ashland twenty years ago. They had sons Charles E. Steel, of Minersville, Pa., cashier of the Union National Bank; W. A. Steel, newspaper man in Seattle, Wash.; and Cordova, Alaska; J. Irvin Steel, of the *Shamokin Herald*; Stewart Steel, of Ashland, printer; and Harry G. Steel, of Cordova, Alaska, a newspaper man.

J. Irvin Steel, Jr., was born in 1865 at Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he was educated. Coming to Shamokin eighteen years ago, he was associated during the first year of his residence in the borough with his father, who owned the *Daily Dispatch*. One year later he joined his brothers, Harry G. and Charles E. Steel, as one of the proprietors of the *Daily Herald*, a newspaper originally established in 1862 and published continuously since. It has been issued daily since 1888. About eight years ago Mr. Steel bought out his brothers' interests, becoming sole proprietor, and still continues as such. His only child, William A. Steel, is city editor of the *Herald*. The business is located at No. 712 North Rock street, and a profitable printing business has been established, book, legal, general job and commercial work of all kinds being turned out. On Jan. 17, 1911, Mr. Steel was appointed transcribing clerk of the Pennsylvania Senate. He is a member of Lodge No. 355, B. P. O. Elks. Politically he is a Republican, and is considered a high authority in the local political field, prominent in the councils of his party in Northumberland county.

JAMES B. ENT, a farmer of Ralpho township, Northumberland county, was born at the place

he now resides Dec. 16, 1859, and has followed general farming and trucking all his life. He was the first tax collector elected in his township, and has the reputation of being a reliable, intelligent man, a valuable citizen of the district in which he makes his home.

Peter Ent, great-grandfather of James B. Ent, was a native of Jersey, born Jan. 11, 1749, and died Feb. 28, 1829, aged eighty years, one month, seventeen days. He served as a flag bearer in the Revolutionary war. His wife, Sarah (Kent), born Feb. 11, 1755, died May 14, 1821, aged sixty-six years, three months, three days. Their daughter Susanna, who married William Brewer, was born May 16, 1784, and died Nov. 21, 1854, aged seventy years, six months, five days.

Charles Ent, grandfather of James B. Ent, lived and died in Columbia county, Pa., where he followed farming, owning two large farms there, in Rearing Creek Valley. He was born June 25, 1788, and died Jan. 1, 1849. He married Elizabeth Mears, and his children, all now deceased, were: Peter, John, Jackson, Daniel, Charles, Thomas, George, Samuel, Sarah, Angeline, Caroline and Mary.

Samuel Ent, son of Charles Ent, was born Feb. 13, 1813, in Columbia county, and died Nov. 9, 1869. In his earlier manhood he followed cabinet-making and the undertaking business and later engaged at the carpenter's trade, many of the old structures around Elysburg having been built by him. In 1865 he erected the old Elysburg Academy building, now known as Odd Fellows Hall. He was a prominent member of the Democratic party, and served as commissioner of Northumberland county in 1858-59-60-61. A member of the I. O. O. F., he originally belonged to Mount Tabor Lodge, at Shamokin, which he served as noble grand, and when Elysburg Lodge was organized he became a charter member. In various ways he was considered one of the leading men of his district.

On March 30, 1836, Mr. Ent married Lucy Clayton, daughter of William Clayton. She was born Dec. 17, 1811, and died March 31, 1883, and she and her husband are buried at St. Jacob's (Reed's) church in Ralpho township. They had children as follows: Elizabeth married Luther Hoover, and died in 1869, aged thirty-one years; Ellen S., born in 1840, died in 1863; William Clayton, born in 1843, died in 1869 (he served during the Civil war in Company F, 104th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Reserves); Louisa married Freeman Haas; Adeline is living with her brother James B.; Charles W., born Feb. 19, 1850, died Nov. 2, 1869; George B., born April 19, 1853, died March 7, 1873; Dora married Simon G. Kase; James is residing on the old home place.

James B. Ent attended the local public schools and Elysburg Academy, and throughout his active life has been engaged in agricultural pursuits. He

now owns his father's farm, a tract of seventy acres near Elysburg, and takes his produce to the Shamokin markets, where he finds a ready sale for his crops. Mr. Ent has prospered by dint of persevering industry and devotion to his work. He is a man of solid worth, possessing the courage of his convictions, and votes the Prohibition ticket, and has served upon the local election board. He was the first tax collector of Ralpho township. In religion he is identified with the M. E. Church, being one of its active members, and socially he belongs to the I. O. O. F. and P. O. S. of A.

On Nov. 2, 1881, Mr. Ent married Ida Grim, daughter of Amos and Elizabeth (Gilbert) Grim, of Dauphin county, Pa., and they have had three children: Bertha, married to S. Kimber Fairinger (they reside at Tamaqua, Pa.); Harry, who died in infancy; and Lucy.

WEBSTER HERB YODER, who now cat in Mount Carmel, has been established in his present line of business in that borough for several years and has made a success of his venture, being one of the most progressive going business men of the community, one whose enterprise and perseverance deserve the reward of prosperity. He is a public-spirited citizen, ready to enter into projects affecting the general welfare as well as his own prosperity. Mr. Yoder is a native of Schuylkill county, born Dec. 24, 1877, in Eldred township, son of Lewis K. Yoder, grandson of Peter and great-grandson of Anthony Yoder.

The first of the Yoder (sometimes spelled Yoder and Yotter in the German) name in America were Yost and Hans (or Hance), brothers, who sought refuge in England from the religious persecutions suffered in their native Switzerland. They brought little with them to America besides their Bible. Upon their arrival in the New World they passed on into the wilderness beyond Oley Hills, and finally settled on the Manatawint. Yost Yoder was one of the most active of the early frontiersmen of Pennsylvania. His chief occupations were hunting and trapping, which he always combined with farming, or rather with the "clearing and cultivation of a plantation." It is certain that he and his brother were located in Pennsylvania before 1714. Nine children were born to Yost Yoder, and of seven of these the record is as follows: (1) Johannes Yoder, often called Yost, was born in 1718. After 1752 he removed to Reading, where he died April 7, 1812, and his remains were interred on his father's land at Yottersville (Yodersville), named after his family, now Pleasantville, in Oley township, Berks county. The following inscription marks his grave: "Hier Rhuert Johann-es Yoder. Erwurde geboren 1718. Verelichte sich mit Catharina Lyster (Leshner) 1744 und erzeugte 4 söhne und 5 tochter. Starb den 7th April, 1812, nach seiner 66 Jahr in der

alte geot hatte war alt warden 94 Jahr und 14 tagen." In 1744 he married Catharine Lyster (Leshner), and her tombstone records "b. 1730, d. 1812, having lived married 66 years and aged 82 years." (2) Jacob Yoder removed to the western side of the Schuylkill. On Nov. 6, 1757, at the age of twenty-five years, he enlisted in the Provincial service of Pennsylvania, and was a saddler three years in Capt. John Nicholas Weatherholt's company. He was stationed in Heidelberg township, Northampton county, in March and April, 1758 (Pa. Arch., 2d Ser., Vol. II). He served in the American Revolution as a private in Peter Nagle's company, and later in Capt. Charles Gobin's company, 6th Battalion, Berks county, Pa. He was in a detachment of the 6th Battalion to guard the Schuylkill from the Hessians camp at Red Bank in Philadelphia. He married Maria Krum. (3) Samuel Yoder settled on a "plantation" near Lobachsville, about one and one half miles from Pleasantville, where he received land from his father. He had children: John, Jacob, Samuel and Catharine. (4) Mary Yoder married Daniel Bertout, and Catharine Yoder married Jean Reppert, and Elizabeth Yoder was the wife of Mathias Rhode and they had children: Jacob, John, Joseph, Abraham, Catharine, Maria and Esther. (5) Esther Yoder married a man named Cunius.

The wolves in Oley wrought great injury among the sheep and hogs of the settlers. It was customary to use traps and thus track them. Many stories are told of Yost Yoder's efforts at their extermination. He sometimes disposed of five in a single night. He was a man of remarkable strength and powers of endurance, and possessed unusual courage. He made customary hunting trips over the hills into the Blue Mountains with his trusty rifle and faithful dog. On his trail at different stages of his journey he had places of deposit for supplies in hollow trees.

The Yoder Bible, dated 1530, was printed during the lifetime of Martin Luther. It was held continuously by the family until as late as 1860, and is now the property of Mary B. Yoder, daughter of David, son of Daniel. It is well preserved, though unfortunately the lid and date are torn away. This priceless treasure of their faith from the Fatherland was "a lamp unto their feet" in their flight to America. The Yoders of Berks extended into New York and the West. In the list of representatives in the Fifty-fifth United States Congress was S. S. Yoder, of Lima, Ohio.

Hans (or Hance) Yoder, the emigrant brother of Yost, was the builder and owner of what is now known as Griesemer's mills (burned in 1847, and rebuilt the same year). This property in the early days was the homestead of the Yoders of Oley. The survey of the plantation under proprietary warrant to Hance Yoder was returned March 25, 1714. At that time Oley township was



the lair of Indians, and of wolves, bear and other wild game. The wives of the German settlers also bore their part in the subjugation of the wilderness. One day while at work, extending their clearing in the forest, they having shut their children in the cabin as a protection from the beasts which roamed over their land, they were suddenly aroused by the report of a rifle in the direction of their cabin. As it was not unusual for predatory bands of bloodthirsty Iroquois from the north to roam over the country they hastened in the direction of the shot to see their cabin surrounded by a party of drunken savages, who having been refused admittance by the terrified children within retaliated by firing through the closed door. Mr. Yoder at once made an attack with a singletree, and soon put them to flight with threats of revenge. Returning with increased numbers they derived satisfaction, but Mr. Yoder's coolness won him friends among them who forced the others to desist. Hans (Hance) Yoder was the father of four sons: Hans (?), Samuel, Peter and Daniel. The last named, born in 1748, died Aug. 21, 1779, aged thirty-one years, eight months, and was buried in the cemetery at Pleasantville.

Anthony Yoder, great-grandfather of Webster H. Yoder, lived in the Mahantango Valley in Schuylkill county, where he followed farming. His wife was Sarah Howerter, and they are buried at the Howerter church in that valley. They had children as follows: Polly died unmarried; Elizabeth married George Moyer; Judith married Samuel Neiswender; Susan married Daniel Wetzel; Eva married Daniel Stitzer; Kate married Henry Hoffman; Sybilla married Jacob Zimmerman; Sarah married Jonas Coppenhafer; Peter is mentioned below; Harrison and Reuben died in Schuylkill county.

Peter Yoder, son of Anthony, was born in 1827 and died May 16, 1868, in Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland county. He lived in the Mahantango Valley for many years, and was a stonemason by occupation. He married Harriet Klock, who after his death became the wife of Sebastian Zimmerman, Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman being now residents of Sunbury, this county. To Peter and Harriet (Klock) Yoder were born these children: Mary E. died young; Lewis K. is mentioned below; Emma married Joel Hepler, who is deceased; Julia married (first) Benjamin Fertig and (second) John Singmeister; Christiana married George Bennett; William H. died young; Peter is living at Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Lewis K. Yoder, father of Webster H. Yoder, was born Feb. 28, 1856, in Eldred township, Schuylkill county, near the Northumberland county line. When a young man he learned shoemaking, and has followed that trade principally

throughout his active years, except for a few years when he worked in the mines. In 1884 he made his home in Mount Carmel, where he has since resided. He married Sarah Herb, daughter of William and Catharine (Kehler) Herb, and they are the parents of six children, namely: Webster H. is mentioned below; Elmer, born Oct. 7, 1879, lives in Mount Carmel; Frank, born Nov. 21, 1881, lives in Pottsville; Alice, born Sept. 22, 1888, is now clerking for her brother Webster; Jennie, twin of Alice, is engaged as a teacher in Mount Carmel; Helen, born Jan. 12, 1897, is attending school.

Webster Herb Yoder was a mere boy when his parents settled in Mount Carmel, so that he has practically been a resident of that place all his life. He attended the local public schools and when eleven years old began work as a slate picker, working as such for two years. He then entered the employ of Daniel D. Bolich, with whom he continued for ten and a half years, learning the shoe business thoroughly. For a short time afterward he was in the service of Gimbel Brothers, at Philadelphia, on Dec. 30, 1902, embarking in business in Mount Carmel on his own account. He has been at the same location, No. 22 South Oak street, ever since, and has built up a large business as a shoe dealer, making a specialty of the Crossett shoe for men, the LaFrance for ladies, and the Educator shoe, "for the whole family." Mr. Yoder keeps up with the times in the changes which occur in his line of business, and is ever ready to adopt new styles and new methods which promise satisfaction to his customers, who by long continued patronage show their appreciation of his efforts. He is secretary of the Retail Merchants' Protective Association of Mount Carmel, and holds the respect of his fellow citizens of all classes who have had dealings of any kind with him.

On Oct. 6, 1906, Mr. Yoder married Isabella Anderson, daughter of George D. Anderson. He is an active member of the Church of God, of which wife is a trustee, and he has been county secretary of the Northumberland County Sunday School Association for the past six years. Socially he is a member of Lodge No. 630, I. O. O. F., of which he is a past grand, of Camp No. 241, P. O. S. of A., and of the Modern Woodmen Camp No. 8297. In political sentiment he is a Republican, but his activity does not go beyond the casting of his ballot.

HENRY A. WOLF, a farmer of Jordan township, Northumberland county, has passed all his life there. He was born in that township in June, 1853, son of Henry Wolf, and belongs to a family which was settled there in 1778, when Upper Mahanoy township was formed from Mahanoy, which formerly included all the territory in Northumberland county south of Line Mountain.



Jonathan Wolf, the first of this line of whom we have record, was a taxable of this district at the time of the separation, in 1778.

Anthony (Amboni) Wolf, son of Jonathan, was born Nov. 16, 1768, and was one of the early settlers in Jackson township, living where Michael later resided. This homestead farm is near Peifers Evangelical meeting house, and is now owned by Isaac Wolf, son of Michael. Anthony Wolf died March 29, 1852, and is buried at St. Peter's Church, Mahanoy.

Michael Wolf (nephew of Anthony) was born Dec. 9, 1801, and died March 1, 1862. He was a farmer, owning the property which now belongs to his son Isaac. His wife, Mary M., born Feb. 21, 1795, died Feb. 7, 1882. They are buried at St. Peter's Church, Mahanoy. Their children were: Isaac, who is now (1910) one of the oldest residents of Jackson township; Samuel, born Nov. 18, 1830, who died May 10, 1902 (his wife Sarah, born July 6, 1841, died Jan. 20, 1885); Sophia; and Catharine, who married Jacob Hepner.

George Wolf, son of Anthony, was born in the lower end of Northumberland county, and made his home in Jordan township, where Edward Schlegel now lives. The buildings which stood on the property in his time have, however, all been destroyed. He was a wool hat maker by trade. He died from the effects of a cold which he contracted after having a tooth extracted. To him and his wife, Esther (DeTurck), were born the following children: Catharine, who married Jacob Merkel and lived in the Mahantango Valley; Hettie, who married Daniel Weaver and lived in Juniata county, Pa.; Jeremiah, who lived in Lower Mahanoy township; Henry; and George, a farmer of Jordan township, whose children were Luzetta, Alice, Amos D. (1860-1892), George, Nathaniel, Henry, Morris, Minerva, Kate and William. Mrs. Esther (DeTurck) Wolf was a lineal descendant of Isaac DeTurck, a French Huguenot, who came to New York about 1709-10 and in 1712 became the first settler in what is now Oley township, Berks Co., Pennsylvania.

Henry Wolf, son of George, was born in Jordan township Oct. 21, 1823, and died March 19, 1896. By trade he was a stonemason. For a number of years he lived with his son Henry A. His wife, Rebecca (Adam), was born in 1826, daughter of John Adam (whose wife's maiden name was Herb), and died in 1907, aged eighty-one years, six months, twenty-two days. They are buried in Urban at St. Paul's Church, to which both belonged, Mr. Wolf being a Lutheran and his wife a Reformed member of that church. He served as elder for a number of years. Twelve children were born to this couple: Hettie, who died young; John and William, twins, the former of whom is associated with his brother Henry in farming, Henry A. having a two-thirds interest, John a

one-third interest, in the properties; Henry A.; Lydiann; Daniel, who lives on the tract belonging to his brother Henry (he married Emma Leffler and has two sons, Edwin and John); Elias; Rebecca Mary; and four who died young.

Henry A. Wolf attended the pay schools conducted in the home district during his boyhood and later the free schools, and he was reared to farm life. When eighteen years old he began farming for himself, having had unusual training of the most practical kind. He was only eleven when hired by his uncle, Gabriel Adams, for whom he continued to work until he was eighteen. He farmed the property of his uncle Gabriel for twelve years, and meantime also burned and hauled lime. In the spring of 1884 he came to his present place, a farm of 136 acres in Stone Valley, in Jordan township, formerly known as the Isaac Wentzel farm, and there he has since lived and worked, following general farming with steady success. He has prospered, and acquired other property, owning a tract of thirty acres, also in Jordan township, which was formerly the farm of Henry Witmer, and a third piece, of forty acres, which was the John Wentzel home. All of his tracts are limestone soil and very productive under his management, which is thoroughly up to date. Mr. Wolf is a hard worker and deserves the success which has attended his efforts, and he is one of the most esteemed citizens of his locality. He has served as supervisor, and is at present one of the auditors of his township. He has also been an active member of the Reformed congregation at St. Paul's Church, Urban, to which his family also belong. Mr. Wolf is now serving as elder of the church, and is also one of the trustees. Though he has never had any instruction in music he plays very well, and for twenty-three years he served as organist of his church, his daughter Mrs. Baum succeeding him. In politics, like all of his family, Mr. Wolf is a Republican.

In 1884 Mr. Wolf married Emma Dubbendorf, daughter of William and Julianna (Wiest) Dubbendorf, and they have had five children, one of whom is deceased. The survivors are: Mary F., wife of Edwin Baum, who has one child, Charles Edward; William Oscar, who married Beulah Brosus May 30, 1909, and has one child, Melvin Stanley; Harvey E., who married May Schlegel Jan. 1, 1910, and has one child, Nevin Lee; and Nora S.

JOHN P. CARPENTER, present solicitor for the municipality of Sunbury, and formerly justice of the peace of that borough, is an attorney who has risen steadily in his profession since he commenced practice, in 1893. He has been a hard worker, zealous in the discharge of his public duties and successful in the conduct of his private cases. Mr. Carpenter is a native of Snyder coun-

ty, Pa., born Oct. 18, 1867, at Beavertown, son of Alvin M. Carpenter and grandson of Giles Carpenter.

Giles Carpenter was a native of Germany and was one of three brothers who emigrated to America. He was a wheelwright and miller by occupation, and for a number of years conducted a mill at Ephrata, Lancaster Co., Pa., where he reared his family. He married Jane E. McClintick, who was born and brought up in Millin county, Pa., and they became the parents of thirteen children, only four of whom survive, namely: Amanda (deceased), Martha (deceased), Margaret (wife of Philip Lash; they live in Michigan), James (deceased), Belinda (wife of Amos E. Sellers and living in Lancaster, Pa.), Hiram (who died young), Sylvester (deceased), Arabella (deceased), Cincanna (who died young), Louisa (who died young), Alvin M., Samuel L. (of Lancaster, Pa.), and one that died young. Two of the children died of scarlet fever while the family lived at Ephrata.

Alvin M. Carpenter, son of Giles, was born Aug. 21, 1841, in Lancaster county, Pa., and was reared principally on the farm. When sixteen years old he commenced to learn the trade of cabinetmaker, which he continued to follow for fifteen years, meantime locating in Adamsburg, Snyder county. He then began farming in that county, being thus engaged in Beaver township for a period of thirty years, and in connection with agricultural work he follows huckstering, buying and selling produce, in which line he has established a profitable trade. Occasionally he does carpenter work and painting, being an excellent mechanic and an all-around thrifty man. For eighteen years Mr. Carpenter taught singing classes, and in that connection is widely known to young and old in his locality.

On July 29, 1866, Mr. Carpenter married Ellen Feese, daughter of Reuben and Eliza (Middlewerth) Feese, of Beavertown, Pa., and they have had a family of eight children: John P. is mentioned fully below; Gertie May is deceased; Charles E. lives in West Virginia; Rev. Sanford is a well known minister of the Evangelical Lutheran denomination, at present located at Carthage, Ill.; Elsie married George C. Walker, and they are farming people at Beavertown; Harry M. is deceased; Ira J., of Sunbury, is engaged in rail-roading; Bessie E. is the wife of Roy E. Eisenhour, of Sunbury. Mr. Carpenter and his family are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, in which he has long been a prominent worker, having served as elder and trustee, and for a number of years as superintendent of the Sunday school.

John P. Carpenter received his early education in the public schools, later attending the

State normal school at Bloomsburg and Susquehanna University, at Selinsgrove, from which latter institution he was graduated in the class of 1891. During the next two years he taught school in Rockefeller township, Northumberland county, meanwhile reading law in the office of C. B. Witmer. In fact, he gained most of his advanced education while supporting himself by teaching, having taught a number of terms before his graduation from the university, two in Lower Mahanoy township, this county. In 1893 he was admitted to practice before the Northumberland county bar, and he is now qualified to practice before the Supreme court (to which he was admitted in 1898), the Superior court (since 1909) and the Superior and Circuit courts of the United States. His public honors came to him unusually early in his practice. In 1899 he became justice of the peace for the borough of Sunbury, continuing to hold that office for two successive terms, until 1909, and he is the present solicitor for the borough of Sunbury, having held that position since 1907; in March, 1911, he was reelected to succeed himself for another term of three years. In that capacity he defended the borough in the case of Cake versus the borough of Sunbury, in which a new principle of law was involved, and had the case decided in favor of the borough. His professional work is above reproach, and his patronage comes from a substantial class of clients, whose confidence is a gratifying recognition of ability.

From young manhood Mr. Carpenter has been an active member of the Republican party, in whose councils he is quite influential. He was a delegate to the district convention that nominated Dr. E. W. Samuel, of Mount Carmel, for Congress.

In 1894 Mr. Carpenter married Hannah Minerva Witmer, daughter of Isaac L. Witmer, of Lower Mahanoy township, and they have two children, Anna Ellen and Alvin Witmer. The family are active in church work in affiliation with Zion's Lutheran Church, in which Mr. Carpenter holds membership; he has been a member of the church choir since 1891. Fraternally he is a member of Lodge No. 167, B. P. O. Elks, of Sunbury, and of Col. James Cameron Camp, Sons of Veterans, also of Sunbury.

DAVID J. JONES, who is engaged in business at Shamokin, Northumberland county, as a coal dealer and contractor, has lived in the borough from boyhood and has made his own way to a substantial and respected position in the community. He is one of the foremost contractors of this section, where much of his work is in evidence.

Mr. Jones was born Jan. 25, 1871, in Danville, Montour Co., Pa., and is of Welsh descent, his grandfather, a native of Wales, having brought his



family to America and settled near Danville. He was employed in the ore mines, and died at Danville, where he is buried.

John T. Jones, father of David J. Jones, was born in Wales in 1833 and was fourteen years old when he came with his father to this country. He learned shoemaking, and in time became a shoe merchant at Danville, where he was a leading business man for a number of years. At the time of the construction of the Reading railroad he made the shoes for the men employed in that work. He died at Danville March 28, 1874, at the comparatively early age of forty-one years. Mr. Jones married Elizabeth J. Williams, daughter of Thomas R. Williams, and succeeded Feb. 4, 1886, the mother of nine children, viz.: The first later died young; Sarah is deceased; Margaret married (first) William Humphrey and (second) Hugh Wier; May married (first) Harry Young and (second) H. P. Ridel; David J. is mentioned below; Elizabeth is the wife of John Tasker, of Shamokin, Pa.; John is deceased.

David J. Jones was eight years old when he came to Shamokin, and when he was nine he commenced work as a slate picker at the Sterling colliery. Later he was employed by Crinkshaw & Eines for a time and afterwards by Thomas Baumgardner at the Enterprise colliery, as door tender, remaining at the latter work until he reached the age of twenty years. He then spent a year at the Catharine colliery. In September, 1893, he turned to teaming, on his own account, and soon was interested in contracting, which he has since followed, having now one of the most extensive contracting businesses in Shamokin. His combination of interests has proved very profitable, the various branches of work he carries on giving constant employment to his men and teams. His interests now include, besides coal dealing and contracting, moving (for which he has a large dray) and excavation work of all kinds. He did the excavation work for the building of the new Dime Trust & Safe Deposit Company. His business is located at No. 132 East Arch street. The fact that he constructed five and a quarter miles of the State road from Shamokin to Paxinos gives some idea of the magnitude of his undertakings. He has the confidence of a wide circle of patrons and is considered a reliable and intelligent citizen, being well known among the solid business men of the borough. Many dwellings there are of his construction.

On Dec. 26, 1892, Mr. Jones married Bessie Maude Keiser, daughter of Reuben Keiser, and they have had the following children: David (deceased), Sarah, George, May, Maude, Paul, John (deceased) and Fred. The family home is at No. 132 East Arch street. Mr. Jones is a prominent member of the Baptist Church, in which he has been an enthusiastic worker, having served four

teen years as deacon, the same length of time as trustee, sixteen years as leader of the choir, and nineteen years as superintendent of the Sunday school. He is a Republican in politics and socially a member of Garfield Lodge, I. O. O. F.

Henry Keiser, great-grandfather of Mrs. David J. Jones, was of German origin and was born June 25, 1780. He moved from Berks county, Pa., to Union county, and thence to Northumberland county, finally settling in the Irish Valley, where he engaged in farming to the end of his days. He died Nov. 19, 1864, at this place, who was born Aug. 5, 1781, and Oct. 11, 1852.

Henry Keiser, son of Henry, was born in 1811, the eldest of his seven Northumberland county, dying in 1873. He settled in Shamokin, where he carried on a general mercantile business. He was a member of the Evangelical Church. He and his wife, Catharine (Reiser), had a family of six children.

Reuben Keiser, son of Henry and Catharine (Reiser) Keiser, was born in Shamokin May 15, 1852, and is now living there in retirement. He was employed as a clerk in his brother's store, following this work about twenty-eight years. He married Sarah Hornberger, daughter of John Hornberger, of Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and the first of their children was born to this union, namely: Harry, Bessie Maude (Mrs. Jones), John, Reuben, G. Bert, Helen, Harold, Winfield, Jacob and Frank.

JOHN PHILLIPS, a prosperous farmer of the Plum Creek district in Rockefeller township, was born June 26, 1868, in Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, son of Jacob Phillips.

This Phillips family is of old Berks county (Pa.) stock, the progenitors of the line in this country having settled in that part of Bern township, Berks county, now embraced in Center township, that county. From this locality came several of the name to Northumberland county, settling in Mahanoy township. Mr. John Phillips traces his descent from the early Berks county settlers through two lines, his father's mother, Susan (Phillips), having been a daughter of George Phillips, the first of his line to come to this country. He was born in Berks county March 24, 1774, and died April 8, 1852. His wife, Sarah (Fuchs), died Sept. 25, 1836, aged sixty-one years, three months, twenty-six days. They are buried at Zion's (Stone Valley) Church in what is now Lower Mahanoy township. Their children were: John; Heinrich (born Jan. 9, 1803, died Oct. 23, 1853); Maricha, who married Peter Brosius; Elizabeth, who married Peter Witmer; Catharine (born April 9, 1805, died Sept. 30, 1889), who married Michael Witmer (born March 29, 1804, died Jan. 28, 1842); Sally, who married Heinrich Fox; Chris-



time, who died unmarried; and Susanna, who married Jacob Phillips.

Solomon Phillips, the progenitor of the family in America, came to this country in the ship "Phoenix," Capt. John Mason, which arrived at Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 28, 1759, he being the only Phillips among the 339 passengers. He settled in Bern (now Center) township, where many of the name now reside, and lived to advanced years, as did his son Michael. He reared a large family, two of his sons being Michael and Heinrich. Michael's son, John H., attained the age of 105 years, and the latter's son Jacob lived to be ninety-two years old.

Heinrich Phillips resided near Belleman's Church, where he and his wife Esther (Mogel) lie buried. They reared children as follows: Peter, Jacob, John, Samuel, John Adam and several daughters.

Jacob Phillips, father of Jacob Phillips and grandfather of John Phillips, was born in Berks county, and came to Northumberland county when eighteen years old. He settled in Lower Mahanoy township, where he found work among farmers, one of whom was Georg Phillips, whose daughter Susanna he afterward married. After his marriage he commenced farming on his own account in Lower Mahanoy, where he remained a number of years, moving thence to a farm he purchased in Jordan township, the property now owned by his son Elias. He cultivated this place for several years, later purchasing the George Phillips farm in Lower Mahanoy, to which he moved, making his home thereon until his death, which occurred there April 20, 1862, when he was fifty-four years, ten months, four days old. So well had he prospered by steady industry that at the time of his death he owned the two farms mentioned and one in Snyder county, and had several thousand dollars in money. He and his wife Susanna, who died Aug. 16, 1892, at the age of eighty-one years, eight months, twelve days, are buried at the Zion's (Stone Valley) Church. They were the parents of fourteen children, seven sons and seven daughters, viz.: Isaac, Elias, Benjamin, John, William, George, Jacob, Sarah (who died May 15, 1895, aged fifty-eight years, nine months, six days, married William Schaffer, who died May 6, 1895, aged fifty-nine years, one month, twenty-four days), Ann (married Samuel Spotts), Catharine (married Isaac Spotts, brother of Samuel, who married her sister), Malinda (married Isaac Trego), Susanna (married Emanuel Boyer), Lizzie (married Frank Dreibelbis) and Emma J. (died young).

Jacob Phillips, son of Jacob, was born in Lower Mahanoy township and there has spent the greater part of his life. In about 1874-75 he lived at Richfield, on the border of Snyder county, returning to his native township, where he farmed throughout his active years. He still owns a farm in that

township which he has rented to his son Monroe. In 1908 he retired from hard work and has since made his home at Hickory Corners, in Lower Mahanoy township. Mr. Phillips has served as overseer of the poor and as supervisor. He is a Democrat in politics, and a Lutheran in religion, he and his family belonging to the Lutheran congregation of Zion's Church, at Stone Valley, which he has served as member of the church council. He married Hettie Leister, daughter of John Leister, late of Lower Mahanoy township. They have had five children: Frank, who lives in Lower Mahanoy; John; George, of Philadelphia; Charles, of Sunbury; and Monroe, of Lower Mahanoy.

John Phillips was reared on the farm and worked for his parents until twenty years old. He then moved to Upper Augusta township, where he farmed for about twelve years, in 1902 purchasing his present farm, in Rockefeller township, which was formerly the old Philip Weiser place. It contains 121 acres of the best land in the valley, and has been highly improved. Mr. Phillips himself having made many changes which have materially increased its value. In 1909 he built the residence, and the two wagon sheds and silos, etc., are also of his construction. In addition to general farming he specializes in dairying, keeping on an average twenty-five milk cows and having always from ten to fifteen young cattle. His milk team goes to Sunbury daily. Everything about his property indicates progress and intelligent management, good judgment and the best of care, and the returns have amply repaid him for all his trouble. Mr. Phillips is a public spirited citizen, willing to assume his share of the duties of government, and is at present serving as overseer of the poor. He is a Democrat in politics.

On March 24, 1887, Mr. Phillips married Lizzie Bordner, daughter of George and Susanna (Phillips) Bordner, of Lower Mahanoy township, and seven children have been born to them, as follows: Julius Augustus, Mary M., Maude E., Charles N. (Boyd), John E., Lottie I. and Verna. Mr. Phillips and his family are members of the Lutheran Church.

JOHN U. HOPEWELL (deceased) was a farmer of Point township, Northumberland county, during thirty years of his active life, and his son, the late John C. Hopewell, was a native of that township, where he passed all his life. This family is descended from John Hopewell, a native of New Jersey, who came thence to Pennsylvania, settling in Northumberland county.

James Hopewell, son of John, was born in New Jersey in 1797 and came to Northumberland county with his parents, spending the remainder of his life in this region. For many years he was a clerk in Cowden's store, at Northumberland borough, where he died Jan. 29, 1839. His wife,

Elizabeth Uhl, was born in December, 1800, and died July 18, 1850. They made their home at Northumberland. Their children were as follows: Mary E., born in 1823, married Daniel Voris, and died in 1848; Elsie, born in 1825, married Capt. William Gray, and died in 1847; Rebecca B., born in 1827, married Hiram Young, and died in 1850; John U. is mentioned below; James H., born in 1834, died in 1896 (his family live at Scranton, Pennsylvania).

John U. Hopewell was born Dec. 4, 1829, at Northumberland, at the corner of Market and Third streets. He followed various occupations. For some years he was engaged as a boatman, later carried on the coal business, was engaged in butchering for a time, and for thirty years followed farming in Point township, where he owned over two hundred acres of land. He was not only successful in the management of his own affairs but took an interest in the direction of public matters in the locality, serving as supervisor, school director and overseer of the poor. An all-around useful citizen, he was respected throughout the community, and was a pillar of the Methodist Church, of which he was an active member and for some years an exhorter. In politics he was a Republican. He died Nov. 11, 1908.

On May 25, 1854, Mr. Hopewell married Sarah C. Young, who was born Dec. 7, 1834, and who survives him. Thirteen children were born to their union, as follows: Mary E., born in 1855, married James Smith; Rebecca, born in 1857, married John P. Mertz; Margaret G., born in 1858, married John F. Hummel; Sarah H. J., born in 1860, married Michael E. Sanders; Eliza J., born in 1861, married William Botts, and died in 1910; William Y., born in 1863, married Margaret London, and died in 1897; John C., born in 1866, is mentioned below; James H., born in 1868, married Harriet Yoxthemer; Hiram B., born in 1870, married Hannah P. Renner; Robert V. G., born in 1872, married Jennie Sampsel; Minnie R., born in 1873, married Charles O. Heintzelman; Bessie M., born in 1876, married George C. Schaffer; Ella C., born in 1878, died in 1881.

John C. Young, father of Mrs. Sarah C. (Young) Hopewell, was born Aug. 5, 1789, and died Oct. 11, 1845. His wife, Margaret C. (Phillips) Young, born April 5, 1802, died Sept. 11, 1878. They were farming people, and lived in Union county, but both are buried in the Riverview cemetery, at Northumberland. Their children were born as follows: Philip, Nov. 25, 1820; George, Oct. 19, 1822; Hiram, Dec. 6, 1824; John, June 14, 1827; David, Oct. 30, 1830; Mary E., Oct. 10, 1832; Sarah C., Dec. 7, 1834; Rebecca, Oct. 16, 1836; Peter, Sept. 29, 1838; William, June 23, 1841; Eliza J., Dec. 3, 1844.

JOHN C. HOPEWELL, son of John U. Hopewell, was born Oct. 14, 1866, in Point township, and

spent his youth upon the farm, obtaining his education in the local public schools. When fourteen years old he went to learn the trade of nailer at the Johnson mills, and followed that calling for some time, but for three years he was in such poor health that he was able to do little manual labor. After that he bought a coal digger, and for the three years before his death was engaged in digging coal, finding this business quite profitable. Mr. Hopewell died Sept. 20, 1909, and is buried in Riverview cemetery. He was a Republican in politics, and in religion a member of the Methodist Church, in which he was quite active, serving as steward. His family also belong to that church.

On Feb. 12, 1888, Mr. Hopewell married Catharine E. Miller, daughter of Joseph E. and Catharine (Herr) Miller, and two children were born to them: Catharine G. is a milliner and dressmaker, assisting her mother, who is engaged in dressmaking; and Beatrice E. is attending school.

JOSEPH E. MILLER, father of Mrs. Hopewell, was born in Lancaster county, Pa., Sept. 5, 1840, and his family is an old and honored one in that county. Henry Miller, his grandfather, was one of three brothers who settled near Salunga about the time of the Revolution. He was a large land owner, a successful farmer, and a member of the Old Mennonite Church. He lived to be nearly seventy years old, and always enjoyed the confidence and respect of the entire community. He married a Miss Shenk, whose father was one of the pioneer settlers in the valley of the Chickies, near Salunga, where he preëmpted and patented several large tracts of land and built two mills upon the stream named. One of these is still known as the Shenk mill, the other as the Garber mill. To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller six children were born. The eldest, John Miller, was the father of Joseph E. Miller. He was born Oct. 15, 1797, and died Sept. 23, 1850, a farmer and a man of influence. He was long a member of the school board, and served for many years as supervisor. He was a Whig in politics, and, like his father, a Mennonite in religious faith. On March 22, 1825, he married Elizabeth Erb, who was born Nov. 9, 1804, and died Aug. 29, 1863. They had a family of eleven children: Emanuel, born Jan. 11, 1826, died in infancy; Daniel, born May 22, 1827, died Oct. 23, 1895, at Elizabethtown, Pa., where he had been first a farmer and then for many years an innkeeper; Susanna, born Feb. 19, 1829, married David Weaver, of Manheim; Henry E. died at Lititz, Lancaster county, where he was a very prominent citizen; John E., born Aug. 22, 1823, learned the trade of a tailor and is engaged as a cutter at Portsmouth, Ohio; Andrew, born April 8, 1836, died when one month old; Elizabeth, born April 29, 1837, died Feb. 16, 1839; Joseph E. is men-

tioned below; Reuben E., born Oct. 14, 1842, is a laborer at Salunga; Catharine, born Oct. 21, 1844, married Levi B. Zook, a farmer living near Lititz; Elizabeth, born Feb. 7, 1847, died Aug. 22, 1863.

Joseph E. Miller lived at Landisville and was a farmer in his native county until 1893, in which year he came with his family to Point township, Northumberland county. For nine years he farmed the Thomas Baumgardner property of 220 acres there, at the end of that time returning to Lancaster county. He and his wife Catharine (Herr), daughter of Abraham Herr, now live near Columbia, Pa., engaged in farming. They have had children as follows: Mary married James Probst; Catharine E. married John C. Hopewell; Joseph G. is a resident of Columbia, Pa.; Harry G. lives with his parents; Frances A. (deceased) married Harry Beats; two children died young.

**CHARLES C. LARK**, a very successful practitioner at the Northumberland county bar, and a man of high ideals and sterling integrity, was born in Mifflin township, Dauphin Co., Pa., March 12, 1844, son of Emanuel S. Lark.

The Lark family is of Swiss origin. George Lark, great-grandfather of Charles C., was born in Mifflin township, Dauphin county, and became a farmer there. He died at the age of twenty-nine years, and is buried at Buffington church in his native township. He married Elizabeth Enterline, who married (second) Captain Snyder, of Lykens township, Dauphin county. After the death of her second husband she made her home with her son George, and died there aged seventy-five years. To George and Elizabeth Lark were born four children: Amos and Elizabeth, who died young; John; and George, who settled at Berrysburg, as a merchant, and was the father of Leon, Elizabeth, Edward, William B., Mamie, Annie and Clara.

John Lark, son of George, was born on the old homestead in Mifflin township Feb. 7, 1826. He learned the stonemason's trade as a young man, but never followed it. He devoted his time to farming, and died in Salina, Saline Co., Kans., aged seventy-two years, and is buried there. He married Leah Shoop, daughter of Jacob Shoop, and they had two children: George, who died in infancy; and Emanuel S.

Emanuel S. Lark, son of John, was born in Mifflin township, on the same farm on which both his father and grandfather were born, Feb. 8, 1853. He attended the local schools, Freeburg Academy, in Snyder county, Berrysburg Seminary and Millersburg Academy. He taught ten terms of school in Dauphin and Northumberland counties, and was very successful as an instructor. Turning his attention to farming on the old homestead, he remained there for three years, after

which he farmed for one year in Jackson township, Northumberland county, and then lived two years in Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county. In 1880 he came to Shamokin, and found employment in the mines, where he remained about six years. The next five years he passed in a general hauling business, and the succeeding five years as conductor on a freight train for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company. On Oct. 1, 1903, he assumed the duties of his present position, that of superintendent of the Shamokin cemetery, and his efficiency is well attested by the carefully kept condition of that beautiful city of the dead. His residence is at No. 53 Marshall street. He is a member of St. John's Reformed Church. Mr. Lark has been twice married. In 1873 he married Emeline Boyer, daughter of Benjamin and Catharine (Stine) Boyer, the former of whom was born in Berks county, Pa., of French Huguenot ancestry, later settling in Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county. Mrs. Lark was born Oct. 21, 1847, and died April 9, 1895, and was buried in Shamokin cemetery. The children born of this union were: Charles C.; Carrie C., who died aged eighteen years; John B., a physician, located at Trevorton, Pa.; Leah B., still living with her father; H. Wilson and Thomas F., overall manufacturers at Shamokin, trading as Lark & Lark; and Edward H., a salesman for Lark & Lark. Emanuel S. Lark married (second) Nov. 12, 1908, Mrs. Margaret Umpleby, daughter of William and Susan Wentzel.

Charles C. Lark was but six years of age when his parents came to Shamokin. He was graduated from the Shamokin high school with honors in 1893, and for a number of years was engaged in teaching, for four years being principal of the Coal township schools. In 1894 he began the study of law in the office of John Quincy Adams, Esq., and was admitted to the Northumberland county bar in 1898. During his preparation for his profession he engaged in teaching. In 1898 he formed a partnership with Frederick B. Moser, under the firm name of Lark & Moser, which was dissolved in October, 1906. Mr. Lark has also been admitted to practice before the Supreme and Superior courts of the State, and the United States District and Circuit courts. He has been employed in a large number of important cases tried in Northumberland and other counties since his admission to the bar, among which deserving special mention are *Bucher vs. Northumberland County*, and *Commonwealth vs. Angelo Molignani*.

The former of these cases involved the liability of the county for alleged negligence on the part of the county commissioners in failing to keep in good condition the sidewalks in the public street adjoining the courthouse at Sunbury. In the de-



lense of the county he contended that there was no liability; and even though owners have been held responsible for their negligence in not properly maintaining the sidewalks abutting on their properties under similar circumstances, Mr. Lark was successful in convincing the Supreme court of Pennsylvania that the county is a quasi municipal corporation, a political subdivision and the agent of the State in the erection and maintenance of the courthouse and its appurtenances, and the State, not being liable, its agent, the county, cannot be either. This case at the time attracted wide attention and was commented upon editorially by the large metropolitan newspapers; it was the first of its kind in Pennsylvania.

The case against Molgnaui was one in which the defendant was charged with murder. On the fifth day after the commission of the crime the trial was begun, and it was very generally predicted that the defendant would have to answer with his life. The jury, after having deliberated for five full days, decided that the defendant was not guilty of first degree murder. Mr. Lark's address to the jury in behalf of Molgnaui is said to have been one of the most logical and finest oratorical efforts heard in the local courts in years. He is regarded as a resourceful lawyer, and as an eloquent pleader before a jury. He is faithful to the trust his clients repose in him, and is honorable in his dealings. In 1903-05 he held the office of county solicitor.

Mr. Lark has been active in politics, has frequently appeared as a delegate in Republican county conventions, and in 1901 was a delegate to the State convention.

Mr. Lark is a member of St. John's Reformed Church and was, for a number of years, a member of its consistory and superintendent of its Sunday school. Fraternally he is a thirty-second-degree Mason, belonging to Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M.; and Caldwell Consistory, thirty-second degree, at Bloomsburg. He also belongs to James A. Garfield Lodge, No. 1061, I. O. O. F.; Camp No. 39, P. O. S. of A.; the Royal Arcanum; and Independence Fire Company. He is a member of the Temple Club.

In the spring of 1910 Mr. Lark began organizing the Dime Trust and Safe Deposit Company, with a capital of \$125,000, and a surplus of \$125,000. He was successful in his efforts and on May 16, 1910, this institution was opened for business, and on April 1, 1911, moved into its handsome five-story, fireproof building at the corner of Independence and Market streets, Shamokin. In its directorate are some of the best and most substantial business men of Shamokin. The building occupied by this institution is without doubt the finest in Pennsylvania outside of the large cities. Ever since its opening day the Dime Trust and Safe Deposit Company has been gradually grow-

ing, and, although the youngest financial institution of Shamokin, it enjoys the unqualified confidence of its patrons. Mr. Lark is a director and solicitor for this institution. He is also a director and solicitor for the Central Building & Loan Association of Shamokin, as well as a number of other corporations.

On Nov. 5, 1896, Mr. Lark was married to Lucy Cornelia Hamilton, daughter of the late Maj. E. C. Hamilton, of Shamokin, and they have three children, Cornelia E., Leah H. and Miriam R.

**HAUPT.** The Haupt family, which now has a number of representatives in Shamokin, was founded in this country by Conrad Haupt, a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, who settled in Berks county, Pa. He had five sons: Conrad, who settled in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county; Daniel, who settled in Bellefonte, Center county; Samuel, who settled in Schuylkill county; John, who settled in the western part of the State; and Henry, the ancestor of the Haupt family here under consideration.

Henry Haupt, son of Conrad, the emigrant ancestor, was born toward the close of the eighteenth century. He came from Berks county to Northumberland when a young man and was a pioneer in the Mahanoy valley, settling in Coal (now Cameron) township; he had about four hundred acres of land in the valley. He served five years in the Revolutionary war and after its close was engaged in fighting the Indians for two years; he was a private in Capt. Michael Hoelman's company, Chester county militia, in 1781 [page 858, Vol. V, 5th Series, Pennsylvania Archives]. At one time during the war he had nothing to eat for three days but a chicken hawk and a rat-the-macker. He died about 1847. He was a Democrat in politics and quite active in the affairs of his locality, filling a number of minor township offices; in religious belief he was a Lutheran. His children were: Jacob, who died in the Mahanoy Valley; Benjamin, who died in the Mahanoy Valley; John; George, who died in Lower Augusta; Susanna, Mrs. George Kreamer; Annie, Mrs. Samuel Derr; Mary, Mrs. Henry Klock; Mrs. Daniel Kreamer, of Schuylkill county; Sarah, Mrs. George Derk; and Hetty, Mrs. Gideon Derk.

John Haupt, son of Henry, was born April 26, 1808, in Cameron township, and grew up on the homestead. He learned the trade of stonemason, which he followed in connection with farming, and was a substantial citizen of his day. He held various township offices, and was identified with the Democratic party in politics and in religion with the Lutheran Church, of which he was an active member and liberal supporter, and in which he held the office of elder. He died in November, 1873, and is buried at the White church near

Gowen City. Mr. Haupt married Catherine Maurer, like himself a native of Cameron township, and a daughter of Philip Maurer, and she survived him, making her home with her son John. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Haupt: Sarah, Mrs. William Yoder, living in Jefferson county, Pa.; Catherine, who lives in Philadelphia; Mary, who married Washington Smink and (second) John Bohner; Benjamin; Annie, Mrs. Jared Hoverter; Philip, a resident of Cameron township; John, of Cameron township; and William, of Shamokin.

Benjamin Haupt, son of John, was born Jan. 15, 1841, in Cameron township, and was reared upon the farm settled by his grandfather, remaining there until he entered the government service during the Civil war. He was drafted in 1862 and assigned to the 172d Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia, serving nine months. After his army service he engaged in mining, which he followed for seventeen years, in 1880 engaging in the butcher business in the borough of Shamokin. He removed from his first stand after several years to the place where he was located many years, then located two doors below, buying out Joseph Reitz, and in 1893 came to the corner of Market and Mulberry streets. He died Oct. 6, 1902. He was a much respected citizen of Shamokin, where he served as a member of the borough council, and was also quite active in church work, being a trustee of the Evangelical Church at Shamokin, in which he held membership. He was a Republican in political matters.

In 1863 Mr. Haupt married Catharine Henninger, daughter of Thomas Henninger, and five of the eight children born to this union survive, namely: Joseph H., Elizabeth (married George E. Long), Jennie (wife of N. E. Stepp), William T. and Harrison E. Augustus died in 1903. The mother of this family died in 1880, and in 1882 Mr. Haupt married Elizabeth Daniel, daughter of Elias Daniel, of Schuylkill county, Pa. One child was born to this union, Charles D.

JOSEPH H. HAUPT, son of Benjamin, was born May 14, 1866, at Bell's Tunnel, near Mount Carmel, this county, and came to Shamokin with his parents in childhood. He attended the public schools, and began work as a slate picker, being employed at the mines until he reached the age of eighteen. He has since followed the butcher business, and since February, 1904, has had a store of his own, at present conducting two establishments in Shamokin, one on Eighth street and one on Independence street. He has built up a lucrative trade, which is constantly on the increase, and his satisfactory service and sincere desire to please customers have had their reward in the long continued patronage of many who have dealt at his establishments. He is a very favorably known citizen of the borough, and though not

particularly active in local matters outside of business he is interested in the success of the Republican party and has served as delegate to county convention.

Mr. Haupt married Emma R. Williams, daughter of James Williams, of Shamokin, and they have one son, W. Earle, who is now a high school pupil. The family home is at No. 220 Sunbury street.

Some years ago Mr. Haupt had a remarkable escape. He and Judge L. S. Walter, of Mount Carmel, were passengers on the Lehigh Valley railroad train wrecked at Dunellen, N. J., Jan. 9, 1899, and though seventeen persons in the coach in which they rode were killed they were uninjured.

WILLIAM T. HAUPT, son of Benjamin, was born at Shamokin April 26, 1876, and there received his education in the public schools. He learned the butcher's trade with his father, but for some years during his early life was engaged at slate picking in the summer months, finding employment at the mines for a number of years. However, butchering has always been his principal occupation, and he was engaged with his father until 1902, in which year he and his brother, Harry E. Haupt, engaged in business on their own account. They occupy their father's old stand at No. 259 South Market street, Shamokin, a building which was erected in 1896. The Haupt homestead, next door, was erected in 1869. The firm, which is known as Haupt Brothers, does a thriving business, carrying both meats and groceries, and the trade is large and steadily increasing, thanks to the Haupts' commendable methods and judicious catering to the wants of their customers.

Mr. Haupt married Jennie Miser, daughter of Jonathan Miser, of Snyder county, Pa. They have no children. He is a Republican in politics, and socially holds membership in the Sons of Veterans, the I. O. O. F., the Royal Arcanum, the K. of P., and the local lodge of the B. P. O. Elks.

YOCUM. The Yocum family of Northumberland county to which Adonijah F. Yocum and George W. Yocum, cousins, belong was founded here by their grandfather, who was a member of the old Berks county (Pa.) family of Yocum or Yocom. The name has long been familiar to the inhabitants of that section of Pennsylvania, and the family is particularly prominent in the lower end of Berks county. The earlier generations were identified with Oley township, but Nicholas Yocom, who founded the family in Cumru township, settling there about the beginning of the last century, came from Douglassville.

Late in the seventeenth century a colony of Swedes settled at the Wissahickon, near Philadelphia. In 1701 a number of these Swedes, among whom were three "Yocom" brothers, settled along

the eastern bank of the Schuylkill, in the locality of Douglassville, Berks county. Surveys for land for these pioneers were made Oct. 21, 1701, and patents were issued between 1704 and 1705 for these lands. One J. Jonas "Jocum" (then "Yocomb," also spelled Yokham, Yocum and now Yocom), youngest of these brothers, had a patent granted him by the Penns for 350 acres in Amity township. On the eastern bank of the Schuylkill where the Douglassville bridge spans the river, is an historic stone house erected in 1716 by Mounce Jones. He was a son-in-law of J. Jonas Yocom, and was an executor, with Peter Yocom, of the will of J. Jonas Yocom. This document was made Aug. 8, 1757, and was witnessed by Mordecai, Thomas and Joseph Millard, Quaker people of Union township. The will was entered in Berks county courthouse for probate Dec. 27, 1760, and he left a large estate, equitably divided among the following children: Peter, who obtained one of the homesteads; Judith Mary; Margaret, and John. At the making of the will, the "beloved" wife of the ancestor was still living. The son John, who had died prior to the making of his aged father's will, left his widow Margaret and three sons, Jonas, Peter and John, the youngest child born after the father's death. The ancestor amply provided for his widowed daughter-in-law.

Moses Yocom, of Douglass township, a descendant of J. Jonas, made his will May 20, 1823; it was probated Feb. 28, 1824, and is recorded in Will Book D, page 449. His wife Susanna survived him. The executors of the will were Daniel Yocom and Jacob Fritz. His children were: Moses, John, Peter, George, Mary, Ann and Hannah.

The will of Maria Yocom, of Douglass township, probated in 1829, provides that each of the legatees of her will shall buy a large family Bible for each of their children. Her children were: Ann, who married Jonas Yocom; Rachel Ragsize, who had a daughter Mary; and Daniel Yocom. Daniel Yocom, son, and Jonas Yocom, son-in-law, were executors of the will.

John Yocom (son of John, and grandson of J. Jonas) was born in 1749 and died Oct. 14, 1823. He had a son Moses, born on the homestead in Amity township Oct. 11, 1786, who died Aug. 30, 1850. Moses Yocom was married to Susanna, a daughter of Jacob and Anna Weaver, who were the parents of Peter Weaver, who was the father of Col. Jeremiah Weaver. Susanna (Weaver) Yocom was born Aug. 18, 1791, and died May 19, 1872. Moses and Susanna Yocom had a son William, born Jan. 23, 1817. He married Mary B. Kline, a daughter of George Kline, and they had a son William B. Yocom, a prominent man of Amity township.

The grandfather of Adonijah F. and George W. Yocom was undoubtedly of this stock. Mov-

ing from Berks county after his marriage to Northumberland county, he settled in Shamokin township at the present location of Paxinos. He and his wife are interred in the old Presbyterian burial ground near Reed's station. Their children were: Alexander, Peter, Daniel, Michael, Mrs. Hettie Carr and Mrs. Bonghner.

Alexander Yocom was born May 19, 1824, at Paxinos, Northumberland county, and learned the miller's trade, which he followed for some time, in all about eighteen years, first at Klinesgrove, later at Powers' mill and subsequently at Roaring Creek. He then bought the Adam Galger farm of 109 acres, in what is now Ralpho township, now owned by his son George W., and at that place devoted himself to farming until his death, which occurred March 24, 1893. He is buried at the Methodist church at Bear Gap, in which church he held membership and served as deacon. To him and his wife Martha Jane (Lot) were born children as follows: Mary J., who is deceased; Anna E., wife of William Fisher; Clara B., wife of John Unger; Sarah E., wife of William F. Adams; and George W.

George W. Yocom, son of Alexander, is a well known farmer of Ralpho township, born Feb. 22, 1867, at the place where he now resides. He obtained his schooling in the locality, and for a time after his school days were over was employed at the farm work with his father. Going to Shamokin, he was engaged in railroading three years and for one year he was clerk in the grocery of Amos Mengel, at Shamokin. Returning to farm work, he spent two years cultivating different farms and in 1891 located on the homestead, whereon he has since lived. He purchased the property in 1908. Many improvements have been made on the place during his occupancy. He is enterprising and thrifty, attends the Shamokin markets, and conducts his work in a business-like manner. Mr. Yocom has taken an interest in the public administration and has served as overseer of the poor of Ralpho township. In politics he is a Republican, and in religion a Lutheran, being a member of Blue Church.

In 1885 Mr. Yocom married Sallie A. Pensyl, and they have a family of five: Martha S., Edward B., S. Alexander, William C. and Caroline G.

George Pensyl, Mrs. Yocom's grandfather, married Mary Keller, and they had a large family: Solomon, Jacob, Jeremiah, George, Daniel, John, Henry, Leah, Polly, Hannah, Susanna and Elizabeth.

Solomon Pensyl, son of George, was a farmer and merchant and a well known man of his district, serving as tax collector and in other township offices. He died at Riverside May 24, 1904, and his widow, Caroline (Epler), is still living at that place. Their children were: Mary Ellen,



deceased, who was the wife of E. B. Vought; Sallie A., Mrs. Yocum; Harriet S., wife of John Clingman; and H. Willington, who died young.

Michael Yocum, brother of Alexander, above, was born at Paxinos, in Shamokin township, and followed farming all his life. He died at the Ridge, in Shamokin township, in 1845, and is interred in the old Presbyterian burial ground near Reed's station, in Ralpho township. His wife, Anna (Fahrensworth), died at the age of sixty-seven years, and is interred in the Baptist burial ground in Shamokin township. They had children: John lives in Trevorton, this county; Sarah J., widow of Michael Yarnold, lives at Sunbury; Susanna, widow of Hiram Dill, lives in Shamokin township; Adonijah F. is mentioned below; Francis died young.

ADONIJAH F. YOCUM, who is engaged in the teaming business at Shamokin, was born Jan. 1, 1844, in Shamokin township, and received his education in the public schools. He assisted his mother as soon as he was able, his father having died when he was an infant. During the Civil war he served nine months in the Union army, enlisting in Company C, 131st Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. Subsequently he spent one year at Trevorton, in 1864 moving to Shamokin and locating at the place where he still resides, No. 28 South Shamokin street. For a period of twenty-four years he followed mining, and he then engaged in the hauling business, in which he has established quite a profitable patronage. He is a steady-going, reliable man, and has the respect of his fellow citizens. In politics he is a Republican, in religion a Lutheran.

Mr. Yocum married Harriet Fegley, daughter of John Fegley. She died March 24, 1905, and is buried at Shamokin. The following children were born to this union: Hannah E., William and Bertha all died young; George C., who is a merchant and has other business interests at Shamokin, married Clara Haupt and (second) Anna Johns; Harry E., who is associated in the store with his brother George, married Gertrude Crason and their children are Marion, David, Harry and Edward; Benneville married Annie Isaacs, and died in 1910.

JOHN J. LAUGHLIN, express agent at Mount Carmel, Northumberland county, until recently station agent of the Lehigh Valley & Pennsylvania Railway Company at that point, was born Dec. 28, 1862, in Schuylkill county, Pa., son of Lawrence Laughlin. The father was a native of Ireland and came to America when a young man, settling in Schuylkill county. He was a contractor at the mines and also did railroad contracting, and he met an accidental death at Ashland,

Schuylkill county, when only twenty-seven years old.

John J. Laughlin attended school at Ashland and there began work as a clerk in the employ of the railway company with which he is still connected, in 1879. He was the first agent at Ashland, whence he was transferred to Centralia, Columbia county, and thence to Girardville, Schuylkill county. He was also at Lost Creek, Schuylkill county, for a time before receiving his position as station agent at Mount Carmel, in the fall of 1898. This is an important station, and nine clerks are engaged here. The first railroad opened to Mount Carmel was the old Northern Central, in 1854, and the next was the Lehigh Valley, in 1866. The present Lehigh Valley & Pennsylvania station at that point was constructed in 1907. Mount Carmel is a great shipping point, and there has been a steady increase of business which greatly enhanced its consequence during Mr. Laughlin's incumbency of the position. He proved a competent and resourceful man in the place, possessing good judgment in the transaction of the business of the station, and gained and held the respect of his fellow citizens in his adopted place.

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John Long, son of George, was born in 1805 in Rockefeller township, this county, and died in Montandon, May 20, 1888, aged eighty-two years, six months, one day, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Seabolt. He was a farmer in Rockefeller township, owning and cultivating the place which is now the property of Albert Witmer. In stature he was comparatively small, five feet, five inches in height, but he was vigorous, as may be judged by the advanced age he attained. His wife, Anna Camp, born Oct. 18, 1808, died March 27, 1880, and they are interred at the Ebenezer Methodist Church in Rockefeller township, of which Mr. Long was a member. Their children were as follows: Elizabeth, Samuel C., Catharine, Henry (of Trevorton, Pa.), Jane (married William Zimmerman), John (died in February, 1888, in Indiana), Julia (married John Seabolt), Benjamin C. and Lucinda (unmarried, who lives in Mt. Lebanon, Pa.).

Samuel C. Long, son of John, was born Dec. 22, 1828, in what is now Rockefeller township, and died April 28, 1890, aged sixty-one years, four months, six days. He learned the trade of miller, which he followed for about fifteen years, during that period operating what was known as John Dunkelberger's mill, on Mahanoy creek, for a time; he had learned the business there. He next went to Rockefeller township, where he did milling for Hiram Miller, and he also followed the butcher trade in that township for some years. In 1867 he returned to Little Mahanoy township and began farming on the David Dunkelberger farm, which he purchased, and which then comprised 170 acres. He continued to make his home there to the end of his days. Mr. Long was a man who took an intelligent part in the interests of his community, served his township a number of years as supervisor, and was an active member of the Little Mahanoy Lutheran Church, of which he was elder and trustee. Politically he was a Democrat.

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Mr. Long is best known as a shoe merchant in and around Sunbury, but he has not confined his energies to the one line by any means, being connected with various other local enterprises of importance to the community. He has served as president of the Business Men's Association, has been a director of the Sunbury National Bank since 1909, and has to some extent engaged in real estate dealing, winning a reputation for good judgment in all his ventures. He has served nine

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J. Mr. Long has been prominent and active in church work and local public affairs. He served nineteen consecutive years as school director of Rockefeller township, having been elected for seven terms (twenty-one years), but gave up the last two years of his seventh term upon his removal to Sunbury. He served as tax collector at a period when nearly all the bills were paid in silver, and when out on a collecting trip would put the money in a bag under the seat of his buggy. He and his family were long leading members of the Lutheran Church at Plum Creek, but since removing to Sunbury have joined the church there. Mr. Long has held many church offices, and has served a number of terms in the church council. Wherever he is known his opinion is valued and his advice sought, and he is much esteemed by his associates in every relation of life.

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MICHAEL P. TIERNEY, attorney at law, and borough solicitor of Northumberland, is a native of that place who, though young, has made a good start in his profession and bids fair to take an honorable place among the successful lawyers of his section. He was born in the borough Jan. 12, 1884, son of Michael Tierney.

Michael Tierney was born Oct. 10, 1843, in County Galway, Province of Connaught, Ireland, son of Patrick and Winifred (Comer) Tierney. In 1870 he came to America, making his first location at Danville, in Montour county, Pa., where he was employed in the iron works, living and working there for a year and a half. He next went to Scranton, where he remained only three months, however, thence going to Oxford, Warren Co., N. J., where he was employed for three years, until a strike broke out. It was then he came to Northumberland, in 1876, his father-in-law, Patrick Carroll, living near, at New Berlin, Pa. Here he has since made his home. When he settled in Northumberland he had a little money, which he lost, however, through no fault of his own, lending it to a man who was sold out before Mr. Tierney could make his claim. For fifteen years Mr. Tierney worked for the Van Alens, ironmasters, as a puddler, after which he was given charge of the Taggart mill at Northumberland, continuing there until Mr. Taggart died and the concern dissolved. Mr. Tierney took advantage of his respite from work to make a visit to his aged mother, who was then about eighty years old, but after he had been back home only two weeks he was summoned to return to Northumberland, where he was appointed watchman at the cap factory. This establishment was destroyed by fire in 1909, since when he has lived retired. He and his family occupy a nice residence at the corner of Second and Orange streets, Northumberland.

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John Philip Hetrick, great-grandfather of John K. Hetrick, was born July 24, 1785, and died March 1, 1853. He lived in what is now Washington township, Northumberland county, owning and occupying the property where his grandson, Daniel Hetrick, later resided, now owned by Henry Kabel. He and his wife, Catharine (Rantz), born Oct. 24, 1786, died June 25, 1854, are buried in the old cemetery at the Himmel Church in that township. Among their children were: Michael, Nicholas, Mrs. Abraham Deppen, Mrs. Henry Hoffman and Daniel.

John Hetrick, son of John Philip Hetrick, was a native of Washington township, followed farming, owning the property where Charles Hetrick now lives, and shortly before his death retired, moving to the Himmel Church locality. He died at the age of sixty-five years and is buried at Himmel's Church. His first wife, Catharine (Snyder), died long before him, and he subsequently married her sister Elizabeth. All his children were by the first marriage, namely: Daniel; Peter, of Punxsutawney, Pa.; John, who died on the homestead; William, who died in Washington township; Samuel, of Upper Mahanoy township; and Sarah, who married John Hoffman.

Daniel Hetrick, son of John, was born in what is now Washington township, and there passed all his life, owning and living upon the farm which is now the property of Henry Kabel. He had a tract of 121 acres. Mr. Hetrick was a tanner as well as farmer, having a tannery on his farm which he conducted for many years. He died at the age of sixty-nine and is buried at the Himmel Church, of which he was a Lutheran member. For ten years he held the office of justice of the peace, and he was one of the first board of school directors of Washington township, entering upon the duties of that position when the public school system of the township was established, in 1870. Politically he was a Democrat. His wife, Susanna (Kramer), died about two years before him. They were the parents of eleven children: James was an invalid and lived at home until his death; John K. is mentioned below; Clara M. married Wilson Rebuck; Charles died in Washington township; Frank met his death in the Klondyke, where he was frozen to death with nine other men; Elizabeth (deceased) married F. L. Kehres; Catharine is the widow of Robert Garman; Ellen married Martin Kehres; Lewis is a

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On May 29, 1872, Mr. Hetrick married Amanda Kehres, daughter of William and Catharine (Erdman) Kehres, of Washington township, and four children have been born to them: Theda V. married Curtis Hummel and died about one year after her marriage; Rosa F. married Charles E. Schreffler and they live in Rockefeller township; Sapora married Charles Bobb and they live in Sunbury; Samuel O. died when six months old. Mr. and Mrs. Hetrick have adopted and reared five other children: William Sultzbach, who is now in Nebraska; Galen Hoffman and William Kehres, both now in Sunbury; Dean Brosius, born April 15, 1895, who still lives with them; and Margaret Greggson, who is still in their hospitable home.

HIRAM M. HAAS, of Sunbury, farmer, trucker and florist, is a prosperous business man who has been active in various lines during his busy life and has made a substantial success. He has served in various public offices and has proved a good citizen in every capacity in which his ability and integrity have been tested.

Mr. Haas is a grandson of Lawrence Haas, who lived in Jackson township, Northumberland county. He was possessed at one time of considerable means, nearly all of which he lost going security



for supposed friends. He died early in August, 1803, and his administrator was one Daniel Haas, probably a son. Among his children were: John S.; Isaac, who lived and died in Jackson township; Daniel, who was a miller and farmer in New York State; Mrs. Smith; and Harriet, who married Jacob Bower.

John S. Haas, son of Lawrence, was born May 6, 1810, in Northumberland county and received a common school education. He resided in Mahanoy and Jackson townships until 1850, when he moved to Upper Augusta township and there in 1856 purchased the McCarthy & Davis mill, then known as the Sunbury mill property, but since known as Haas's mill. There he lived the remainder of his days, following milling and also farming, to which he had been reared, until his retirement, and accumulating a comfortable property by industry, good management and honorable dealing. He was unassuming and mingled little with his fellowmen, but he was universally respected, and he held several local offices, serving as school director and for many years as overseer of the poor. When a young man he joined a militia company and became quite prominent in that connection, rising to the rank of major and later to that of colonel; he made a commanding appearance, especially upon horseback, and attracted much attention upon public occasions. His death, which was caused by paralysis, occurred Nov. 30, 1885, at the age of seventy-five.

On Dec. 6, 1835, Mr. Haas married Margaret Deppen, who was born March 4, 1812, near Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa., and died Dec. 13, 1887. Mr. and Mrs. Haas were members of the German Reformed Church, and in politics he was a Democrat. Socially he belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He and his wife are buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery. They were the parents of four children, all of whom died in infancy except Hiram M.

Hiram M. Haas was born March 4, 1846, in Jackson township, and was in his fifth year when his parents settled at the Mill property in Upper Augusta township, in the neighborhood of Sunbury. He received his education in the public schools of the borough and at the Missionary Institute at Selinsgrove, this county, which he left in 1867, later attending the Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., for five months. From early life he assisted his father and was long associated with him in the management of his affairs, also conducting the mill for a time on his own account. It was equipped with a full roller system and known as the Sunbury Roller Mills. After his father's death he leased the mill and again took up farming, in which he had been previously interested, subsequently operating the mill again in connection with his agricultural operations, making

high-grade flour by steam, water and roller processes. He found the mill very profitable, there being a ready market for the products, which had an excellent reputation. Mr. Haas lives in East Sunbury, on Haas avenue (named in his honor), where he built the "Haas mansion" in 1890, and he has large interests in and out of the borough. He has seventy-five acres of land to the east of Sunbury, most of it now included in the borough, and is engaged in the cultivation of same as a general farmer, truck gardener and florist. The Susquehanna Silk Mills are located on this property. He also has a farm of 165 acres in Upper Augusta township, which he rents. His interests are extensive and he devotes the greater part of the time to their management, being one of the prominent business men of his section of Sunbury, which was formerly known as Purdytown and formed an independent borough before its annexation. His home is included in what is now the Ninth ward. However, with all his numerous private interests, he has found time for valuable public service, having served three terms as school director of what was then Purdytown, a member for two terms of the East Sunbury council, township auditor three successive terms, and recorder. In political sentiment he is a Democrat, with independent inclinations. Mr. Haas was for some years affiliated with the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and Royal Arcanum at Sunbury.

In 1870 Mr. Haas married Luzetta, daughter of John Hull, a merchant of Snyderstown, this county, and to them have been born children as follows: John F., of Sunbury, who married Harriet O. Detrich, of Sunbury; Edward L., of Sunbury, who died in August, 1910, at the age of thirty-seven years; Isaac J., of Sunbury, married to Amy E. Fasold, of that borough; Bessie May; Hiram W., of Sunbury; Mary Margaret; Essie Mabel; Nellie Jane, and Marian Valeria.

DANIEL ST. CLAIR was a native of Scotland, and came to America when twelve years old. He was in the Revolutionary war, in which he was drum major, and the four fingers of his left hand were shot off in the war. He was a scholar and a good penman and taught school. His wife had a property in Lower Augusta township which Jack Smith now owns, and William Wynn owns another part of the old St. Clair holdings. Mr. St. Clair married Isabella Auchmudy, a daughter of Arthur and Sarah (Mills) Auchmudy, pioneers of the county. Daniel and Isabella St. Clair are buried at Fisher's Ferry. Their children were: Daniel, David, Casper, George, Abraham, Sarah, Anna, Lydia, and a son whose name is forgotten.

Daniel St. Clair lived on rented land. He is buried in upper Dauphin county. By his first wife, Katie Hubb, he had two children, Sarah

and Walter. To his second union, with Betzy Dietrich, were born: Hiram, Washington, Isabella, and one that died in infancy.

David St. Clair lived and died at the Cart House. He was well-to-do. He married Amelia Reider, and they had a son George.

Casper St. Clair married Mary Clymer, from Berks county, Pa. For a time they rented, and later lived along the mountain in Lower Augusta township. They are buried at the Methodist Church. They had children as follows: Jeremiah died in Shamokin; Isabella, born Oct. 11, 1823, is still living, the widow of Robert Smith; Sarah Jane married Charles Reader; Mary E. married Alvin Reader; Andrew J. died in Custer county, Pa., in October, 1909, aged seventy-two years.

George St. Clair lived in Schuylkill County, Pa., and St. Clair, in that county, was named after him. He married Polly Dietrich, and among their children were Matilda and Mary.

Abraham St. Clair lived at Wilkes-Barre. He entered the army and sold his property for \$1,500, though it was worth much more, being rich coal land. His wife was Ellen Courtright, and their youngest child was Butler St. Clair.

**JOHN JACOB PEIFER**, late of Shamokin, who was engaged in the leather and boot and shoe business at the corner of Arch and Market streets, had an extensive trade, supplying most of the shoemakers in his section. He was a substantial business man and a respected citizen, one of the best known residents of the western section of the borough.

Mr. Peifer was the third of his name in direct line, being a son of John Jacob Peifer and a grandson of John Jacob Pfeifer (as the name was originally spelled), who was born Feb. 28, 1809, in Wurtemberg, Germany, and came to America in 1852, making the voyage in a sailing vessel. He was married in Germany to Barbara Ziegler, a native of that country, born Jan. 19, 1806, and his wife and family accompanied him to the United States. They landed at New York, later coming to Pennsylvania and locating in Shamokin, where Mr. Pfeifer found work at the mines. For some time before his death Mr. Pfeifer had his home at Weigh Scales, near Shamokin, where he died June 20, 1863; his wife died Dec. 3, 1868, and both are buried at the Blue Church, of which they were members. Their children were John Peter, John Jacob, Barbara and Magdalena (married Patrick Mackin).

John Jacob Peifer, son of John Jacob, was born Nov. 19, 1835, at the town of Beringer, in Wurtemberg, Germany. He was in his seventeenth year when he came with his parents to America, and he was employed at Shamokin and at Allegheny City before settling at Weigh Scales, near Shamokin, where he entered the employ of the Pennsyl-

vania Railroad Company. He began as a repairman, later became a fireman and in time an engineer, being employed in the latter capacity until he met his death, May 6, 1869, at Brady, this county. The boiler of his engine exploded, throwing him into the adjacent bushes, and life was extinct when he was found. He was a popular and well liked man, and had proved a loyal citizen of his adopted country, serving in the Union army during the Civil war.

Mr. Peifer married Anna Maria Bader, who was born Sept. 18, 1842, near the town of Dettlingen, in Wurtemberg, Germany, daughter of John George and Christina (Bossart) Bader, and came to America when nineteen years old. Three children were born to this union: John Jacob; Mary Christina, born Aug. 27, 1866, who married Peter Maus and has one child, Dr. John P.; and Anna Dorothy, born Nov. 21, 1868, who married Charles Martin. After Mr. Peifer's death his widow married John Michael Sheese (Schies), a native of Germany, who died at Shamokin Feb. 5, 1877. Mrs. Sheese still survives, making her home in Shamokin. By her second marriage she had children as follows: Elizabeth C., who is the wife of Elmer Long; Rev. George F., a Presbyterian minister formerly located at Montgomery, Pa., who recently moved to Oklahoma, where he is engaged as a printer, and Fredericka Matilda, married to John Henry Weitenhafer.

John Jacob Peifer was born Oct. 27, 1864, at Mount Carmel, Northumberland county, and he began work as many boys in this region have done, picking slate at the mines. He was thus engaged during the summer season, in the winter months attending public school. When fifteen years old he went to learn shoemaking, which trade he followed from that time until 1884, in which year he returned to the mines. But after a comparatively brief experience in his former line he resumed shoemaking, in which he was ever after interested. In 1898 he engaged in business on his own account, as a boot and shoe dealer and manufacturer, and he established a large business, having all the most modern equipment and conveniences for facilitating his work. He also dealt in leather and findings, supplying almost all the shoemakers in this section.

His profitable and constantly widening trade was the best comment upon his **business methods**. Mr. Peifer died April 23, 1911, and was buried in Shamokin cemetery.

Mr. Peifer was a Republican in politics and active in borough affairs, having served nine years as councilman, and as school director for some time, from the Third ward. Socially he belonged to the Knights of Malta, P. O. S. of A., Sons of Veterans, I. O. O. F. and Maccabees. He was a member of St. John's German Reformed Church, and a member of the choir. A man of genial and



charitable disposition, he enjoyed the friendship and good will of a wide circle.

Mr. Peifer married Isabella Otto, granddaughter of William Otto, a farmer of Schuylkill county, who died in 1830; his wife was Margaret Kessler. Henry Otto, son of William, was born in Schuylkill county June 21, 1825, and is now a resident of Shamokin. He married (first) Catharine Artz, by whom he had eight children, and by his second union, to Mary Fager, he had a family of eleven, of whom Mrs. Peifer was one.

**JEREMIAH LOWER**, a retired citizen of Sunbury, has been a resident of that borough for the past twenty years, and until his retirement in 1906 was a successful business man. He is a native of Dauphin county, born near the Northumberland county line Oct. 2, 1845.

Michael Lower (Lauer), his grandfather, a native of Schwartzwald, Germany, was one of four brothers, all then unmarried, who came to America, and he located in Dauphin county; another brother settled near Harrisburg, Pa., another in the vicinity of Philadelphia, while of the fourth nothing was ever known after his arrival in this country. Michael Lower owned a large tract of land on the north side of Mahantango mountain, near Malta (Vera Cruz), and there he engaged in farming until his death. He was a Lutheran in religion, and is buried at Zion's (Stone Valley) Church. (One Michael Lauer, buried at that church, was born Feb. 1, 1781, and died July 13, 1834.) His wife survived him a number of years. They had children as follows: William was the father of Jeremiah Lower; Jacob settled in Juniata county, Pa.; Michael died near Mahantango, Pa.; Daniel located at Brookville, Ogle Co., Ill., where he died; John died in the Lykens Valley March 6, 1904, aged ninety-two years, eight months, three days (his wife, Elizabeth, died Sept. 28, 1894, aged seventy-four years, sixteen days); Elizabeth married John A. Snyder; Rebecca married (first) Abraham Frymoyer and (second) John A. Snyder, whose first wife was her older sister, Elizabeth; Polly married John Chroyer.

William Lower was born in 1815 and died in August, 1849, on the old homestead. He was a Lutheran in religious faith and is buried at the Stone Valley church. He learned the trade of blacksmith, which he followed, and also farmed on the old homestead. His wife, Julia Zerbe, daughter of John Zerbe, of Lower Mahanoy township, died Feb. 28, 1904, aged seventy-nine years. They were the parents of two children, Jeremiah and Matilda, the latter dying in infancy.

Jeremiah Lower received his education in the public schools of the locality where he had his early home and at the Missionary Institute, Selinsgrove. He was reared to farming, which he followed until he reached the age of forty-one years,

cultivating land in Northumberland county; meanwhile he also conducted a butcher business for some time in the village of Vera Cruz, in Lower Mahanoy township. When he gave up farming he settled at Weigh Scales, this county, at which place he conducted the "State Road Hotel" (then known as "Hensyl's Hotel") for about two years, in 1889 moving to Ashland, Schuylkill county, where he was proprietor of the "Central Hotel" for a year. In March, 1890, he settled in Sunbury, where he has since made his home. For seven years he conducted the "Packer House" in this borough, in 1896 buying the saddlery and hardware business to which he subsequently gave his attention until his retirement, conducting same for a period of nine years. Mr. Lower manufactured and dealt in all kinds of custom and factory made harness, saddlery hardware and shoe findings, handling a superior line of goods. Those of his own manufacture were of the highest grade. He made any kind of harness, doing the work in the most approved manner and the mounting as desired, and carried a most comprehensive stock—everything needed in the stable. He gave special attention to repair work, and enjoyed an excellent patronage. His store was at No. 506 Market street. Mr. Lower has taken a deep interest in the welfare of his adopted home, and has served two years in the borough council. He is a Republican in political opinion.

In 1886 Mr. Lower married Wilhelmina Witmer, daughter of Isaac Witmer, of Lower Mahanoy township, and six children have been born to them: William R. is a resident of Sunbury; Julia V. married James R. Brosius and after his death married (second) G. W. Floyd, who is in the Federal service, and they live at Capitol Heights, Md.; Sarah A. is the wife of A. J. Kauffman and they live in Rockefeller township, this county; Mary E. married Frank Weiser, of Sunbury; Susan E. and Laura died in infancy.

Mr. Lower and his family are members of the New Lutheran Church in Sunbury. He has always been an interested church worker, and has given many years' service in the councils of the different churches with which he has been identified at the various places in which he has resided.

**JOHN W. ZERBE**, postmaster at Shamokin, Northumberland county, bears a name which has been known in this section from the time his grandfather came hither out of Berks county, founding a family which has ever since been counted among the worthy citizens of the region and in whose honor a township has been named. Zerbe valley and Zerbe run also help to perpetuate the name, and there is a Zerby in Center county doubtless of the same origin. The Zerbe Valley Railroad, a line fifteen miles long, was incorporated



Sept. 1, 1861, and became a part of the Philadelphia & Reading system in 1871.

Among the registered passengers who came over in the early days appear the names of John Philip Zerbe, Martin Zerbe and Lorenz Zerbe, brothers, who according to Rupp's "30,000 Immigrants" made the passage together in 1710, coming across with the Huguenots. Lorenz Zerbe settled that year at Scholarrs, N. Y., and in 1720-22 was one of those who emigrated thence to Pennsylvania, where he settled on the Tulpehocken creek, between what are now Womelsdorf and Bernville, Berks county. He had one son who is of record, John Zerbe, who in 1761 built a mill on the Tulpehocken creek which was in operation until burned, about five years ago (the letter from which most of this information was taken was written Nov. 23, 1909); the corner stone bearing the date was still in the wall a short time ago.

It is the general contention of those who have been collecting family records that all of the Zerbes in this country are descended from this John Zerbe (son of Lorenz) and his two wives (he married Catarina Stup June 4, 1744), his children numbering twenty-four in all, twenty sons and four daughters. Some hold that the Zerbes are not all his descendants, but that they come from the three immigrant brothers mentioned; but up to this time no record has been unearthed to show that John Philip and Martin Zerbe, the two brothers who accompanied Lorenz, were ever married. A great number, however, from various States, have been traced back to the twenty sons of John, and though many spellings of the name are found in the different branches of the family—Zerbe, Zerbey, Zerby, Zerbo, Zerba, Zerbee—all who bear it are supposed to be his posterity. In the first half of the nineteenth century many of the name went West, settling in Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, etc., so that its representatives are now scattered well over the country, and they are found in the professions as well as among agricultural and mechanical workers. As to the origin of the name, it is found in France, spelled Zerbo; and in 1505 one Gabriel Zerbi, an Italian anatomist, wrote a work entitled "Anatomy of the Human Body," a copy of which may be found in the Astor Library, in New York City.

Daniel Zerbe, great-grandfather of John W. Zerbe, of Shamokin, came to this region from Berks county by wagon and was among the early settlers in what is now Lower Mahanoy township. He lived about two miles from what is now Dalmatia. He is buried at the Stone Valley church in Lower Mahanoy township. To him and his wife, Maria, were born eight children: Thomas, the grandfather of John W. Zerbe; Joseph, who died in Dalmatia, Northumberland county; John, who died in Stone Valley (he left no posterity); Daniel,

who died unmarried; George, who died at Georgetown, Northumberland county (he married Fbbie Spengel, and two of their children survive, John and Ellen); Rebecca, who married Adam Bowman and moved to Illinois, where she died; Catharine, who married David Schwartz, both dying in Michigan; and Elizabeth, who married Adam Alman.

Joseph Zerbe, son of Daniel, married Catharine Meck, and they had thirteen children: Henry, of Shamokin, who married Fbbie Alman (he served three years during the Civil war as a member of Company L, 16th Pennsylvania Cavalry, entering as a private, and receiving promotion to the rank of corporal); Joseph, a miner, living at Mount Carmel; George, who died in 1908; Daniel, a resident of Dalmatia; Samuel, who lives at Millersburg, Pa.; Jonas, of Shamokin; Elizabeth, married to Andrew Campbell; Catherine, married to Jacob B. Bright; and others who died young.

Thomas Zerbe, son of Daniel, was a farmer in Lower Mahanoy township, this county, where he lived and died. He married Elizabeth Gorman, and they had children as follows: Jesse was killed by a bull while at work at his barn, in Kansas; Thomas is the father of John W. Zerbe; Benjamin lives at Beavertown, Snyder Co., Pa.; Elias lives at Altoona, Pa.; Sallie is married to Henry Miller, and they live in Shamokin; Rebecca married George Heitzman, of Kansas; Katie married Elias Paul, who died in Shamokin.

Thomas Zerbe, son of Thomas, was born in Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, and came to Shamokin when a young man, finding employment at the mines. Later he settled on his father's homestead in his native township, taking over the farm, which he is still cultivating. He has not only been a prosperous farmer, but he is a well-known man in the county, which he has served two terms as commissioner in the most intelligent and efficient manner. He is a Republican in politics, and a Lutheran in religious matters. Mr. Zerbe married Catherine Messner, daughter of Philip Messner, and to them were born seven children: A son that died in infancy; Charles, deceased; John W.; James, of Reading, Berks Co., Pa.; Joseph, of Dalmatia, Northumberland county; Webster, of Lower Mahanoy township, this county; and another son that died in infancy.

John W. Zerbe, son of Thomas, was born Feb. 16, 1864, in Lower Mahanoy township, and received his education in the public schools of the home locality. While yet a boy he began to work in the mines, continuing thus until he was in his twenty-eighth year, when he was given a position in the police department of Shamokin, and he remained with that department for twelve and a half years, until appointed to the postmaster-ship, in the year 1903. He has proved a capable and faithful official and has given general satis-

faction in the office. His standing in the borough, both personally and as public servant, is unquestionably good. Fraternally he unites with the P. O. S. of A. and the Knights of Malta, and in church connection he is a Lutheran.

In 1886 Mr. Zetse married Clara Kerkam, daughter of Wilhelm and Elizabeth Kerkam, the former a well known business man of Shamokin. They have had three children, but only one survives, May.

EDWARD S. MILLER, late of Herndon, Northumberland county, was a resident of that place for a number of years before his death, coming to Northumberland county in 1882 or 1883. He was a native of Strausstown, Berks Co., Pa., born July 24, 1851, son of Michael and Catharine (Klahr) Miller.

Upon his removal to Northumberland county Mr. Miller located at Herndon, where he made his home to the end of his days, dying there Feb. 11, 1896, at the age of forty-four years, six months, twenty days. He is buried at Herndon. For several years he was a traveling salesman for the shoe house of Smith, Schaeffer & Co., of Philadelphia, his territory being in Snyder, Dauphin, Schuylkill, Northumberland and Juniata counties, Pa. He was a successful business man and well liked wherever known. Politically he was a Republican, and in religion a Lutheran, his family also belonging to that church.

In 1894 Mr. Miller married Lydia A. Snyder, daughter of George and Sarah (Deppen) Snyder, of Greenbrier, Northumberland county, in which locality Mr. Snyder was born. Mrs. Miller was left in comfortable circumstances, and made her home at Herndon until her death, which occurred May 5, 1910. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Snyder: Alexander, who lived in the Mahantango Valley, and died in 1910; Charlotte, widow of Peter Ziegler; William, deceased, who lived in Snyder county; Mary, who married William Otto, both being now deceased; James F., a resident of Jackson township, Northumberland county; Isaiah, of Millersburg, Pa.; and Lydia A., who married Edward S. Miller.

James F. Snyder, son of George, was born in December, 1844, and followed farming all his active life. He married Anna Witmer, daughter of Daniel and Rebecca (Rehrer) Witmer, and they have five children, Maggie (married Grant Lemon), Anna (married David Lower), William, Charles and Clarence.

REITZ. Among the representatives of the Reitz family in Sunbury are Benjamin F. Reitz, deputy prothonotary of Northumberland county, and the brothers James and Isaac J. Reitz, cousins of Benjamin F., all of whom are numbered among the most respected residents of that borough.

Their fathers were brothers, sons of Jacob Reitz and grandsons of Andreas Reitz. The family is of French origin and is now numerous in the State of Pennsylvania.

Andreas (Andrew) Reitz came from Berks county, Pa., and settled in what is now Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland county.

Jacob Reitz, son of Andreas, was born Jan. 30, 1782, in Upper Mahanoy township, in territory now embraced in Washington township. He was a farmer and a prosperous one, owning what are now the farms of Andrew L. Bucher and Emanuel Kiehl, of Jackson township. On the latter property he built a sawmill which he operated successfully for some years. He died Sept. 26, 1838, and was buried at St. Peter's church, in Jackson, near Washington township. His wife, Anna Maria (Hepler), a native of Hepler, Schuylkill Co., Pa., is buried at the Stone Church. They were the parents of the following named children: Jacob lived in Jefferson county, Pa.; Benjamin (born July 19, 1808, died Jan. 11, 1838) lived in Washington township; Isaac H. is mentioned below; Zetse (born 1829, died 1855) is buried at Himmel's Church; Joseph lived at Trevorton, Northumberland county; Samuel is mentioned below; Daniel was a farmer of Little Mahanoy township; Katie (deceased) was the wife of John Fegley; Maricha married George Miller and they lived in Jefferson county, Pa.; Lydia married Henry Dressler and they lived in Center county, Pa.; Mrs. Seiler lived in Schuylkill county.

Isaac H. Reitz, son of Jacob, was born Sept. 10, 1818, on the old Reitz homestead near Mahanoy Church, now owned by Andrew L. Bucher. He learned the trade of house carpenter, which he followed, but he was better known in his capacity of undertaker, having been the only one in that business for miles around his home, which was near the Mahanoy Church. The Mahanoy cemetery was once part of his land. He conducted many funerals in his time. He was also known as an extensive dealer in cattle and horses, having been thus engaged for fifty-three years, buying cattle west of the Alleghenies and bringing them overland to Northumberland county, where he found a market for them. He sold herds in Berks county at private sales. A prosperous man in all his enterprises, he owned the farm which is now the property of his son Galen and also his own homestead, another tract comprising seventy-three acres, and several acres of woodland. He was active in the public affairs of his day, serving as ex-cerise of the poor, school director, constable and assessor, was a Democrat in politics, and a member of St. Peter's Church at Mahanoy, which he served officially. He was also superintendent of the Sunday school for many years. Mr. Reitz died in the neighborhood where he had passed all his life Nov. 14, 1894, aged seventy-six years, two



months, four days, and is buried at Krebs (St. Peter's) Church. "Krebs" is the local name for this church, and "St. Peter's" is the corporate name.

Mr. Reitz was twice married. His first marriage was to Lydia Lenker, of Stone Valley, who was born July 18, 1825, and died March 5, 1852. She is buried at St. Peter's Church, at Mahanoy. Three children were born to this union, two sons and one daughter, namely: Gilbert, who died at Mt. Carmel; Caroline (deceased), who was the wife of Levius Keeler, of Freeburg, Snyder county; and Lewis, who died at Olean, N. Y. For his second wife Mr. Reitz married Susan Miller, daughter of John Miller, of Gratztown, Lykens Valley, Dauphin Co., Pa., who died June 24, 1899, aged seventy-one years, seven months, thirteen days. His children by this marriage were as follows: Reuben is deceased; Lovina married (first) Edward Kantz, and (second) Morris Reitz, and they live in Sunbury; Galen is mentioned below; Lydia married William Kiehl and they live at Tower City, Pa.; John, who lives at Harrisburg, married Alice Bingaman; Jane (deceased) married Isaiah Wetzel and lived in Shamokin; Benjamin Franklin is mentioned below; Ellen married Benjamin W. Stepp, of Washington township; and Samuel died young.

GALLEN REITZ, son of Isaac H. Reitz, was born June 19, 1857, in Washington township, this county, where he still lives. He was reared to farm life and worked for his parents until he reached the age of twenty-six years, after which he began farming near Mahanoy Church, where he has ever since resided. He has a forty-six-acre farm, the produce of which he markets at Trevorton, where he makes a weekly trip. His property is well cultivated and valuable, and has good buildings, the barn built in 1877 and the house in 1890. He has served six years as school director of Washington township and since 1906 as overseer of the poor, and he is much respected in the neighborhood for his intelligent public services as well as his able management of his private affairs. In politics he is a Democrat. Mr. Reitz and his family are Lutheran members of the Mahanoy church, which he has served as deacon, elder and (for four years) trustee.

On Dec. 18, 1876, Mr. Reitz married Lucinda Shipe, daughter of Samuel and Hettie (Herner) Shipe, the former a blacksmith and farmer, and granddaughter of Jacob Shipe, who was a farmer of Lower Augusta township. Ten children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Reitz: Emma, married to Jefferson Wynn, of Lower Augusta township; Minnie I., unmarried; Isaac S., who married Hannah Grieger and resides in Harrisburg; Mary A.; Selvia M.; Frances I.; Harvey; and Samuel, Bertha and Claude, all three of whom died young.

BENJAMIN F. REITZ has been deputy prothonotary of Northumberland county since 1906, and in

that capacity has become particularly well known in official circles, his able discharge of the duties of his position having won him the favorable recognition of all who have come in contact with him. Mr. Reitz was born in Washington township Sept. 8, 1868, and there began his education in the public schools. Later he was a pupil at the old Freeburg Academy, in Snyder county, also attending a select school at Milton, where he was under the tuition of Professors Wolverton and Goho. He was next engaged at teaching for three terms in the public schools, and two summers in a select school at Elysburg, this county, after which he took a course at the State Normal School at Kutztown, from which he was graduated in 1890. For the next two years he taught at Landingville, Schuylkill county. Then he went to the Eastman Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where he was graduated in 1892, after which he was engaged for some time as clerk at the Broad street station, in Philadelphia, Pa. Returning to Elysburg he taught for seven years or until 1900, when he was appointed assistant clerk in the commissioners' office, in 1903 receiving appointment as clerk in the prothonotary's office. In January, 1906, he was appointed deputy prothonotary under Thomas Lawler, and was re-appointed by the present incumbent, Ira T. C. Dissinger, having filled the position with fidelity and skill, and he is now bookkeeper for the Sunbury Trust & Safe Deposit Co. Mr. Reitz is well and favorably known in the local councils of the Democratic party. He belongs to the I. O. O. F. lodge at Elysburg and to the Encampment at Sunbury, and in religion is a member of the Lutheran Church. He has the old Reitz family Bible.

On Dec. 31, 1901, Mr. Reitz married Emma L. Reed, daughter of Henry and Sarah (Trego) Reed, of Elysburg, and granddaughter of Jacob Reed. They have an adopted son, Clyde, who was born in 1901.

Samuel Reitz, father of James and Isaac J. Reitz, of Sunbury, lived in Upper Augusta township, in Hollowing Run, and in Lower Mahanoy and later in Little Mahanoy, which was his home at the time of his death. He followed farming, and in connection therewith worked at his trade, shoemaking. He died in Little Mahanoy township at the home of his brother Daniel, whom he was visiting, and is buried at Little Mahanoy Church. Mr. Reitz was twice married. His first wife was Kate Reed, by whom he had three children, Kittie, Mary and Daniel, his second wife being Harriet Jones, daughter of Capt. William R. Jones, who was postmaster at Fisher's Ferry for some years. She died Sept. 13, 1883, aged sixty-three years, five months, twenty-eight days, and is buried in the River cemetery, at Fisher's Ferry. They had two children, James and Isaac J.



JAMES REITZ, son of Samuel, a prosperous business man of Sunbury, was born July 1, 1857, in Lower Augusta township, where he spent his early boyhood days. From the age of seven he has lived in Lower Augusta township and Sunbury. After reaching manhood he learned the trade of tinsmith, which he followed in Sunbury for seven years, later taking up slating, to which he now devotes most of his time. He is engaged in job work and contracting in Sunbury and the vicinity, where he has built up a profitable trade. Mr. Reitz's experience as a tinsmith aids him considerably in his present line of work, and he has a particularly good reputation as a reliable roofer. He is a Democrat in political opinion, but not active in politics.

ISAAC J. REITZ, an energetic and enterprising citizen of Sunbury, whose various business interests bring him into contact with a large proportion of the residents of that borough, was born July 1, 1863, in Lower Mahanoy township, this county. He spent his youth in Lower Augusta township, where he attended public school, and when eighteen commenced to learn the plumber's trade at Sunbury, where he has followed it continuously since. His business has extended until he not only is fully equipped to fill plumbing and heating contracts of all kinds, but also does a large business as a dealer in stoves and tinware, carrying the largest and most complete stock of tinware in the town at his store, No. 515 Market street. He has always been a leader in the plumbing business, and in that line alone gives regular employment to four men, having in all ten men employed in the conduct of his various branches of business. He has the local selling agency for the Mitchell automobile, his territory covering Northumberland, Snyder, Union and Montour counties, and in this connection conducts a garage at No. 435 Market street, in Sunbury. Mr. Reitz was the first to introduce moving pictures in Sunbury, and he owns and conducts the Lyric theatre, one of the leading establishments of the kind in the borough, which he has found a profitable investment. He is a large owner of real estate. Mr. Reitz is thorough in everything he undertakes, and has shown himself progressive in every line of work he has entered. The fact that he engaged in the moving picture and automobile lines, and made a success of both, is sufficient evidence that he has an intelligent comprehension of the needs of the day. The manner in which he has developed his original line of business would be a credit to any workman. In both mercantile and mechanical lines he has followed its possibilities to the limits of usefulness and convenience, to his own profit and the benefit of his townspeople.

Mr. Reitz has represented the Ninth ward in the town council, and is a Democrat in political connection. He is a member of the Elks and the

Freemasons, belonging to Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M., and Mount Hermon Commandery, No. 85, K. T., all of Sunbury; and to Lodge No. 237, B. P. O. Elks, also of Sunbury.

On June 1, 1882, Mr. Reitz married Annie Arnold, daughter of Henry and Margaret (Keefer) Arnold, of Lower Augusta township. They have had one daughter, Maud May, now the wife of William Conrad, a clerk in the Sunbury National Bank. Mr. Reitz and his family are members of the Reformed Church.

KEARNEY. This is a name which has been represented in Shamokin, Northumberland county, since 1865, when Matthew Kearney, father of the brothers Matthew A. and William E. Kearney, both of whom are now engaged in the hotel business in that borough, made a permanent home there. Though he died but a few years later he became a very well known resident of the place, and his sons have all been useful and successful citizens, all but one still residing in Shamokin.

The Kearney family is of Irish origin, Patrick Kearney, the grandfather of Matthew A. and William E. Kearney, having been born in County Mayo, Ireland. Matthew Kearney, son of Patrick, was born in Ireland, and came to America in the early part of 1847 with his mother, wife and three sisters. He first located in Clintonville, Mass., but soon moved to the anthracite coal regions of Pennsylvania, living for a time in Luzerne county, later in Carbon county, and in 1850 coming to Northumberland county, where he made his home at Trevorton for a number of years. In 1865 he removed to Shamokin, where he passed the remainder of his days. He was a miner and contractor, driving tunnels in connection with the mining of coal, and had the reputation of being an expert in that line, having driven many of the large tunnels in the early development of the coal industry in the vicinity of Shamokin. At the time of his death, which occurred Oct. 31, 1870, he was serving as tax collector of Shamokin, having been elected on the Democratic ticket.

Mr. Kearney married Ann Devitt, who survived him many years, dying March 25, 1889, and they are buried at Shamokin. They had a family of eleven children, six of whom survive: Matthew A.; William E.; Daniel, a detective, who has long been connected with the police force in Chicago, Ill.; Annie, wife of J. F. McLaughlin, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; James J., attorney at law, of Shamokin; and Bridget, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

MATTHEW A. KEARNEY, son of Matthew and Ann (Devitt) Kearney, was born Aug. 19, 1856, at Trevorton, Northumberland county. He received his education in the schools of Coal township. When a boy he commenced work as a slate picker at the breaker, in time becoming a miner,

and he worked as such in the collieries about Shamokin for a period of twenty years. He has since been interested in the hotel business with the exception of about three years during which he lived abroad. His first venture in this line was the "Keystone House," which he conducted for some time, later becoming proprietor of Kearney's Cafe, on Independence street, Shamokin, opposite the Philadelphia & Reading railroad station. He ran this establishment for four years, after which he lived retired for three years, in July, 1908, becoming proprietor of the "Exchange Hotel," which he still conducts, together with an excellent café. This hotel enjoys a large patronage, which under Mr. Kearney's management has widened to an appreciable degree. He has thirty-five rooms, and the house is well equipped to cater to those who value comfort and good service. Mr. Kearney has the disposition necessary to success as a hotel landlord, anticipating the wants of his guests and being most accommodating in supplying them. He is a fair and correct in his dealings with his guests and thoroughly business-like in all that pertains to their well-being. He is a Democrat, a member of St. Edward's Catholic Church, of the Shamokin Lodge of Elks and of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

In 1890 Mr. Kearney married Ellen Moser, daughter of Henry Moser, of Philadelphia, who followed a seafaring life; he was a member of the Moser family, famous for noble land holdings in Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Kearney have had three children: Loretta, born in 1892; Matthew, born in 1894; and Lillian, who died in infancy.

WILLIAM E. KEARNEY, son of Matthew and Ann (Clarity) Kearney, was born Jan. 11, 1859, in Trevorton, Northumberland county. He received his education in the public schools of Shamokin, and for several years after commencing work was engaged at the mines, beginning as a slate picker and rising through the various positions until he became a full-fledged miner, in which capacity he was employed for two years. He was not content, however, and in August, 1881, he went to New York City in the hope of finding more congenial employment. He soon became an apprentice at the barber's trade, which he not only learned in all the ordinary branches but also that of hair dressing, as well as the manufacture of hair jewelry, etc., etc. After two years in New York City he returned to Shamokin, where he started in the business on his own account, conducting a large hair dressing establishment and also making wigs and all kinds of hair jewelry and ornamental work. He built up a large trade, having a reputation for superior and conscientious work which brought him a most profitable patronage. Meantime, as he prospered, he acquired large real estate interests in the borough of Shamokin and the surrounding

neighborhood of Coal township, and he has dealt largely in real estate in this locality on his own account and in the interest of others. In the fall of 1898 he was awarded the contract by the borough of Shamokin for the paving of Independence street, its principal thoroughfare, the contract amounting to about twenty thousand dollars. In March, 1889, Mr. Kearney and his brother Matthew, in association with W. E. Deibert, organized the Shamokin Lock & Novelty Manufacturing Company, a concern which has had a most prosperous existence. In 1895 Mr. Kearney purchased the "Edgewood Hotel," in Shamokin, which has since enjoyed a large patronage, and in 1909 he leased and opened the "Lorraine Hotel," at the corner of Spruce and Market streets, in the same borough. His success in this line has been gratifying, and since he has had both establishments he has had special facilities for catering to the comfort of his guests, who appreciate his obliging service and show their appreciation by their continued support.

In 1909 Mr. Kearney entered into a new branch of business, one entirely different from anything else he has undertaken, but in which he has met with the same success which has attended his previous enterprises. He began the growing of mushrooms, to the cultivation of which he now has about 6,000 feet of ground devoted, finding a large demand for his output in the Philadelphia and New York City markets as well as a good local trade.

As may be judged from a mere mention of the various lines in which he has been interested, Mr. Kearney has always been a very busy and enterprising man, to be as worker industriously and intelligently to make his undertakings successful, and has succeeded. Moreover, he has found time to interest himself in politics and public affairs, being not only an enthusiastic worker in the Democratic party, taking active part in local, State and national conventions, and serving as delegate in the convention which nominated Jenks for governor of Pennsylvania and as alternate to the convention which nominated Polk for Congress. In 1890 Mr. Kearney was elected justice of the peace, in which office he served two successive terms, until 1909.

On April 28, 1892, Mr. Kearney married Margaret Sweeney, and to their union have been born five children: Matthew Wilfred A.; Daniel Webster; Mary Margaret Adela; Louise, and Lorraine.

FRANK H. STROUSS, attorney at law, a citizen of the borough of Mount Carmel, was born there Feb. 24, 1878, son of Solomon Strauss. The Strauss family has been settled in this section of Pennsylvania since the time of his great-grandfather, Jacob Strauss, who was born near Stroudsburg, Monroe county, and was a pioneer of Monroe county, settling about two miles from the



town of Exchange. He was a millwright, and followed his trade for some time, but farming was his principal occupation in this region, and he became very prosperous, owning three farms. He lived retired many years before his death, which occurred in March, 1868, when he was ninety-two years old. His wife was Catherine Newhart, and they are buried at Turbutville, Northumberland county. They had children as follows: Charles, David, Jonathan, Levi, Aaron, Annie (married Henry Sloop) and Rebecca (married Jacob Springer).

Jonathan Strouss, son of Jacob, born in 1816, lived in Montour county, for some time at Conly. By occupation he was a farmer. He died at Conly Oct. 9, 1888, aged seventy-two years, seven months, and his wife, Sarah Truckenmiller, born in 1818, daughter of Solomon and Mary (Schwartz) Truckenmiller, passed away Sept. 6, 1902, aged eighty-four years, nine months, twenty-six days. Mr. and Mrs. Strouss are buried at Turbutville, this county. Their children were: Jacob Henry married Esther Reedy and they live at Muncy; David is living at Muncy; Solomon is mentioned below; John E. married Martha Callins; Mary married John Koons.

Solomon Strouss was born in Lewis township, Northumberland county, in 1845. He received only a common school education and learned the butcher's trade, which he followed about three years at Mount Carmel. His next employment was as shipping clerk at the Alaska colliery, and he was later at the Reliance, remaining in the employ of the Reading Company about twenty-eight years, during which long service he became one of the trusted men. He died in 1909 and is buried at the Alaska cemetery. Mr. Strouss married Christian Reinard, of Mount Carmel, where she still resides. They had the following children: Frank H., Ida M., Carrie G. and Grover Shindel.

Frank H. Strouss is a self-made man, having gained his education and attained his present standing through his own efforts. Beginning as a slate picker at the collieries, he continued his studies in the local schools and graduated at the Mount Carmel high school in 1896, after which he entered Dickinson Law School, at Carlisle, where he was graduated in 1898, with the degree of LL. B. He also read law in the office of Hon. Voris Anton, at Mount Carmel, and was admitted to the bar of Northumberland county Dec. 4, 1900, and to practice in the Superior court Jan. 5, 1903. On Jan. 1, 1903, he began his practice at Mount Carmel in the P. O. S. or A. building, where he is still located. During his school and college days Mr. Strouss continued to work at the collieries at different times until 1900, from which time until 1903 he was in the prothonotary's office at Sunbury. He has obtained a most creditable clientele in the locality, served as solicitor of Mount Carmel

borough in 1908, and enjoys the confidence of his friends and fellow citizens generally, his success being recognized as the well earned reward of earnest endeavor and conscientious devotion to duty.

Mr. Strouss married Gertrude Morse, daughter of George, of Mount Carmel, and they have one child, Carleton M., born Sept. 30, 1906. Socially Mr. Strouss is a member of Lodge No. 318, F. & A. M., of Mount Carmel, of the F. O. E., and of the Bar Association. In religion he is a Lutheran, and in politics a Democrat, quite active in his party.

CHARLES A. BARRON, who has been engaged in the drug business at Shamokin since 1883, is one of the best known men in his line in that part of Northumberland county. His trade is large and well established and his reputation as a druggist and in a business way is of the highest.

Mr. Barron was born June 22, 1855, at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., son of Daniel Barron. His paternal grandfather brought his family from France to America and settled in Pine valley, near Hegins, Schuylkill county. There he died.

Daniel Barron came to America with his parents. He became a blacksmith by trade, and while living at Pottsville engaged in wagonmaking, gaining considerable fame and success in that line. Later he settled at Elysburg, Northumberland county, where he followed farming as well as general blacksmithing, prospering by industry, continued to the end of his active days. He served as captain of a military company of Schuylkill county. Mr. Barron died at the age of eighty-four years, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Kelley, and his wife, Margaret, died Jan. 1, 1893, aged sixty-nine years, ten months, eight days; they are buried at Reed's church. They had children as follows: Theodore F., who is in the insurance and real estate business at Ashland, Pa.; Curtis H., who went West when a young man and is now living in South Dakota, practicing as an attorney at law; Clara E., wife of William Krause; Charles A.; and Mrs. Kelley, wife of Dr. J. J. Kelley.

Charles A. Barron attended public school at Elysburg and in 1872 came to Shamokin, where he has continued to make his home to the present time. He began work as a clerk in the employ of the late William R. Kutzner, with whom he remained eleven years, until he went into business for himself. In September, 1883, he formed a partnership with Dr. Robins and Dr. Weaver, the firm being known as C. A. Barron & Co. This association lasted for nine years, when the firm became Barron & Robins, continuing as such until 1908, when Mr. Barron became sole proprietor. His well known store is at No. 610 North Shamokin street. Mr. Barron is a director of the Shamokin Banking Company.



On May 4, 1882, Mr. Barron married Mary E. Jones, daughter of the late Enoch Jones, and a member of a family widely and favorably known in Shamokin. Three children have been born to this union: Howard Curtis, an attorney at law, now located at Wheeling, W. Va.; Charles A., Jr., a druggist, who is with his father; and Ruth Elizabeth.

Mr. Barron is a member of Lodge No. 355, B. P. O. Elks, of Shamokin, and of the following Masonic bodies: Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M.; Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M.; Shamokin Commandery, No. 77, K. T.; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading.

AMOS K. DEIBLER, district attorney of Northumberland county, has been engaged in legal practice at Shamokin since 1902, and was elected to his present position in 1907. Mr. Deibler was born Feb. 11, 1869, in Shamokin township, this county, where his grandfather, George Deibler, was a pioneer settler.

George Deibler was born in Dauphin county, Pa., and came to Northumberland county about 1812, locating in Shamokin township, where he purchased land in 1813 and followed farming the remainder of his active days. He was one of the substantial and respected residents of his section, and Deiblers Station, in Shamokin township, was named for him. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Bastian, are buried at the Brick Church, at Reed's Station. They had children as follows: Daniel, William, Jonathan, John, George, Susan, Hannah, Rebecca, Harriet and Catharine.

John Deibler, son of George, was born in Shamokin township in 1836. He learned the trade of stone and brick mason, which he followed until he was about forty years old, after which he devoted himself to farming, on property he still owns, about a half mile south of Deibler's station. He retired in the year 1903, moving to Snyderstown, where he now makes his home. Mr. Deibler has long been a staunch Republican in political sentiment, and he served the Union as a soldier during the Civil war. He was township treasurer before his removal to Snyderstown. To him and his wife, Sarah (Reed), daughter of John I. and Sarah (Arter) Reed, have been born nine children, namely: Grant, who died in infancy; Almeda, married to Frank Wighington, of Snyderstown; Amos K.; William F., who is now superintendent of boiler works at San Francisco, Cal.; John E., a contractor and builder, of South Carolina; H. S., living in Sunbury, this county; Thomas J., of Snyderstown; George W., and Agnes. The two last named are still living with their parents.

Amos K. Deibler received his early education in the public schools of the home locality. Later he attended Bucknell University, from which he

was graduated in 1899, with the degree of A. B., and for a year after he taught the high school at Turbutville, meantime reading law with C. B. Witmer, Esq., at Sunbury. He was admitted to the bar in June, 1902, and in the fall of that year established himself in the borough of Shamokin. His offices are in the Masonic Temple building. At the election held Nov. 7, 1907, Mr. Deibler was chosen to the office of district attorney by a majority of 2,265, and had the distinction of being the first successful Republican candidate for the office in thirty-six years. This circumstance alone would indicate the measure of his popularity and the confidence in which he is held by those among whom he is pursuing his life work.

Mr. Deibler is very well known in the fraternal bodies in Shamokin, holding membership in Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M.; Shamokin Chapter, No. 265, R. A. M.; in Bloomsburg Consistory, thirty-second degree; in the Temple Club; the I. O. O. F.; the Red Men; the Sons of Veterans; the F. O. E.; and the P. O. S. of A. His religious connection is with the Methodist church.

On April 24, 1901, Mr. Deibler married Ella Farrow, daughter of William and Isabella (Wilkinson) Farrow, and they have had one daughter, Isabella.

SAMUEL H. RUTHRAUFF, one of the leading contractors of Sunbury, Northumberland county, has been a resident of that borough since 1882. He began business on his own account in 1894, and has been identified with a number of important building operations, his work standing the tests for substantial and reliable construction. Mr. Ruthrauff was born in Union county, Pa., on Little Buffalo creek, Oct. 12, 1845, and is a son of Daniel Ruthrauff and grandson of Henry Ruthrauff.

Henry Ruthrauff was born in Pennsylvania Sept. 11, 1767, and spent his earlier life in his native State. Going to Baltimore, Md., he learned shipbuilding, and continued to live there until about 1795, when he settled in Union county, Pa., at the junction of Little Buffalo and Big Buffalo creeks. He moved from Baltimore by wagon, and was considered a wealthy man in his day, having two "kegs" full of gold money when he came into this region. He had a tract of about three hundred acres in White Deer township, and was one of the earliest settlers in that district. He followed farming the remainder of his life, cleared all his land, built a barn on his place, and about 1815 put up a frame house thereon, which is still standing and in a good state of preservation. Mr. Ruthrauff died June 3, 1824, quite suddenly, while engaged in hewing a watering trough out of a log. His wife, Magdeline Renninger, a native of Cumberland county, Pa., born May 20, 1768, died June 5, 1838, and they are buried at old



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White Deer Church. He was a Lutheran, a member and supporter of White Deer Church, and a strict man in his own life and in the discipline of his children. He and his wife were the parents of a family of fourteen, several of whom died young, of smallpox, and were buried in the garden near the home. We have record of the following: Elizabeth married John High; Henry married Elizabeth Seibert, and after living for a time in Union county they moved to Seneca Falls, where he died; Sallie married William Dieffenbacher, and they lived near Salladasburg, Pa.; David lived in New York State; Samuel married a Miss Pontius and they lived near Seneca Falls, N. Y.; Nancy married Jacob Buser and they moved to Warren, Ill. (she lived to be ninety-three years, six months old); Solomon married Lydia Millhouse and moved out to Freeport, Ill., where he accumulated a large fortune; Hannah married George Matthews, and they lived and died at Canoga, N. Y.; Daniel was the father of Samuel H. Ruthrauff.

Daniel Ruthrauff was born May 29, 1813, in Union county, and in his youth learned the carpenter's trade, becoming a skillful woodworker. He had an inventive mind and possessed mechanical genius of a high order and a good intellect, but he never developed his abilities to any extent or made great profits out of his undoubted talents. He invented the fly net cutting machine, and having shown it to a family who foresaw its possibilities was asked to let them keep it a few days. They stole the invention, had it patented, and became rich in its manufacture. Mr. Ruthrauff was a useful citizen, taking an intelligent interest in all the affairs of his day, in which he was something of a leader, being a lieutenant of the McEwensville Light Horse Cavalry in its palmy days, and the last captain of the old State militia. He was courageous, patriotic and public-spirited, a man who held the respect of all who knew him. In his earlier life a Whig, he became a Republican upon the organization of the new party, and in religion he was a Methodist. He served many years as school director of White Deer township. Mr. Ruthrauff married Judith Ann High, who was born Jan. 6, 1815, daughter of Samuel High, and died Nov. 21, 1902, on the sixty-third anniversary of her marriage. Mr. Ruthrauff died Nov. 3, 1876, and they are buried at Ponder Manor cemetery, Sunbury. They had the following children: William H. II. died in infancy; Mary C. married Joseph Nicklin (he was captured while serving in the Confederate army and taken to Elmira, where he remained until exchanged, after which he fought in a New York regiment); Samuel H. is mentioned below; David L. died when four years old; Annie married John W. Hummer and lived in Rush township, Northumberland county (she died July 16, 1886, the

mother of Mother L., Dora A., M. Abbie, Morris and Virginia); Daniel R., who is now an invalid, living in Sunbury, married Sarah Doek, of Snyder county, and they have a daughter, Ida L.; Didama P. is unmarried.

Samuel H. Ruthrauff was born and reared on the old Ruthrauff homestead and received his education in the country schools of the locality. He was trained to carpentry from early boyhood, and when twenty years old began to follow it as a journeyman, in the oil regions in Venango county, this State. In 1882 he came to Sunbury and became foreman for George Keffer, contractor, for whom he worked a number of years, in 1894 beginning to take contracts on his own account. Since that time he has filled many important contracts. He has built the two United Evangelical churches; the Catholic church and rectory; the A. W. Pontius store and residence; the fine residences of the two members of the firm of Blank & Gottshall; two of the leading school buildings of the borough—the Lloyd T. Rohrbach building (1909), and the Francis E. Drumbheller building (1910), said to be one of the finest buildings in the eastern part of the State; and many other structures—about four hundred all told. While in the employ of Mr. Keffer he worked all over the State, but his work has been principally in Sunbury since he began business for himself. He is one of the most progressive and energetic business men in the borough, thoroughly up-to-date in his line, in which he is considered a most reliable authority. He served nine years as a member of the council from the Eighth ward, and was chairman of the street committee three years, a position for which he proved himself highly qualified. Mr. Ruthrauff has had a most successful career, and his prosperity has been brought about by the most honorable methods and creditable transactions, gaining him the confidence and respect of his patrons and all who know him.

On Dec. 23, 1875, Mr. Ruthrauff married Lydia Hummer, daughter of Joseph Hummer (who came from New Jersey) and sister of John W. Hummer. They have no children. Mr. and Mrs. Ruthrauff worship at the Methodist Church, and socially he belongs to Lodge No. 96, B. P. O. E., Lodge No. 629, I. O. O. F., and the Knights of Malta (charter member), all of Sunbury. Politically he is a Republican. His home is at No. 101 Catawissa avenue.

REV. JOHN F. RUTHRAUFF (brother of Henry Ruthrauff, mentioned above as grandfather of Samuel H. Ruthrauff, of Sunbury) was a pioneer missionary minister and head of a famous family of American Lutheran pastors, his sons Frederick and Jonathan becoming eminent preachers (the former serving congregations in southeastern Pennsylvania and Maryland for nearly forty years, and the latter

serving for twenty-five years), and his grandson William P. filling important pulpits in Ohio and Indiana; his great-grandson, Rev. J. M. Ruthrauff, D. D., was the honored president of Carthage and Wittenberg Colleges.

John F. Ruthrauff was born Jan. 14, 1764, in Northampton county, Pa., and his parents were pious German immigrants who early impressed him with religious truths. He did not commence his regular theological training, however, until 1790, and he preached his first sermon in 1793. During the next two years he had charge of several churches in York county, and subsequently preached for a season at Carlisle. His biographer tells us that in June, 1795, "he received and accepted a call for the Green Castle congregation and several others, in some of which he labored upwards of forty years." His charge embraced McConnellsburg, Loudon, Mercersburg, Waynesboro, Quincy, Smoketown, Jacob's Church and several in Washington county, Md. He also preached in the neighborhood of Emmitsburg, Md., and for a time at Chambersburg, and continued to supply the congregation at Carlisle and another about twelve miles from Harrisburg. This was distant from his home about fifty miles, and he made the journey once every month. Some of his congregations were fifteen or twenty miles apart, and a high mountain separated two of the churches he had to serve on the same Sabbath. As soon as he left the pulpit he mounted his horse, with his dinner in his hand, that he might be able to meet the second appointment of the day. He had a vigorous constitution and great powers of endurance, so that he was well fitted for the work of the missionary pioneer. A score or more ministers are now engaged in serving the field which Mr. Ruthrauff then occupied alone. This devoted servant of the Master continued his labors as pastor until the year before his death. He died Dec. 18, 1837, in the seventy-fourth year of his age. His last words were "Victory, victory, the Lord is here."

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MARK L. SWAB, of Sunbury, deputy county treasurer of Northumberland county, has been serving in his present position since Jan. 1, 1909, under Treasurer William M. Lloyd. Previously he had made a high reputation in the milling business and ranked among the most progressive and successful young business men, of the borough, where he has resided since 1902. Mr. Swab is a native of Dauphin county, Pa., born Jan. 18, 1880, at Elizabethville, and comes of an old family of that section whose members have occupied high place in business and political circles for many years.

Eli Swab, son of John Jacob Swab and grandfather of Mark L. Swab, took a very prominent

part in the affairs of Dauphin county. He served several terms as county commissioner and was known as Republican leader of the upper end of the county. One of his sons, Philip C. Swab, filled the office of register and recorder for two terms and was otherwise identified with public matters in Dauphin county during his residence there. Subsequently he removed to Hartranft, Tenn., where he became interested in the coal and mining business, his son, Daniel C. Swab, becoming his associate in that line. The latter was admitted to the bar and attained an eminent position, being now State senator from Tennessee.

Allen Swab, son of Eli, was born March 17, 1845. He is a prominent citizen of Elizabethville, Dauphin county, and connected with some of the most important industrial and financial institutions of his region, being treasurer of the Eagle Tanning Company, of Elizabethville, and a director of the First National Bank of Millersburg, that county. He was formerly president of the Lykens Valley Bank of Elizabethville. He is a large owner of real estate, his holdings including part of the original Swab homestead in the Lykens valley, in Dauphin county, upon which the pioneer of the family in that section, Jacob Schwab, located about the time of the Revolution, coming from Reading, Berks county. Mr. Swab owns 100 acres of the homestead place, which was a tract of 241 acres, for which his ancestor paid nine hundred pounds in English money. He is a man of proved ability, conservative but progressive, one who holds the confidence of his fellow citizens and is looked upon as a substantial and reliable member of the community in every respect. He is a staunch Republican, and has held a number of local public offices.

Mr. Swab married Ann Eliza Lehman, daughter of John and Dinah (Koppenhaver) Lehman, the former a farmer of Mifflin township, Dauphin county, and they have had three children: Laura M., deceased, who was the wife of Rev. W. Penn Barr, of Weatherly, Carbon Co., Pa.; Elenora, married to I. W. Matter and living in West Fairview, Cumberland Co., Pa.; and Mark L.

Mark L. Swab lived on the old Swab homestead until he was sixteen years old, and received his early education in the common schools of Elizabethville. He subsequently entered the University of Philadelphia, where he took the business course, graduating in 1899, and was later a student at the Banks Business College in Philadelphia. For two years Mr. Swab was in the employ of the United States Express Company at Wilmington, Del., as billing clerk, and for three years after completing his commercial training he was with the Eagle Tanning Company at Elizabethville, as secretary. Selling out his interests in that concern, he came to Sunbury in 1902, and for about a year thereafter was engaged by the Susquehanna Silk Mill

as bookkeeper. He then entered the milling business, leasing the historic old Haas mill, which he conducted for a period of five and a half years as the Sunbury Roller Mills, making a decided success of the venture. This mill was built in 1837 by McCarty & Davis, in the extreme eastern end of Sunbury near Shamokin creek, near the site where, before 1774, stood the first mill erected within the present limits of Northumberland county. It is a substantial brick structure, and the milling was done originally, perforce, by water power. The equipment was changed from time to time to keep up with the progress of the day, and in 1887 was remodeled to a modern system. During Mr. Swab's ownership it had all facilities necessary for an up-to-date flour mill, and the capacity was sixty barrels daily. His product had a high reputation and was in steady demand.

Mr. Swab, like most of his family, has been active in politics, and he is regarded as one of the local leaders of the party, for which he has worked faithfully in many contests. He served two years as member of the borough council of Sunbury, and during his second year was president of that body, being chosen to that honorable position after a fierce fight between the two factions. He is at present giving his energies to the duties of deputy county treasurer. Mr. Swab is one of the most prominent young men in Sunbury, well known socially as well as in business and official circles. He is a member of Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., of Sunbury; Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M.; Mount Hermon Commandery, No. 85, K. T.; Lodge No. 267, B. P. O. Elks, Sunbury; and of the Modern Woodmen. He and his family belong to the Lutheran Church.

On May 25, 1904, Mr. Swab married Kate A. M. Stanley, daughter of Dr. A. G. Stanley, of Lykens, Pa., and they have had one daughter, Arlene May.

**GEORGE O. ROBERTS, D. D. S.,** of Shamokin, practicing dentist and secretary of the Shamokin Dental Protective Society, is well known to the public and the profession in his chosen line of work. He has been located in Shamokin since 1901.

Dr. Roberts was born Nov. 13, 1868, at Savannah, Ga., where his father and grandfather lived and died. Henry Roberts, his father, was a well known business man of Savannah, being the leading spirit of the Savannah Brick Manufacturing Company; the grandfather was also a brick manufacturer. Henry Roberts died in September, 1901, at the age of sixty-five years. His wife, Mary (Puder), a native of New Orleans, La., still makes her home in Savannah. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts had six children: William H., who is now in New York; George O.; Lottie, wife of Dr. E. H. Rawles, living in North Dakota; Ada, wife of W.

C. Gugel, of Mobile, Ala.; Nellie, Mrs. Kahler, of Jacksonville, Fla.; and Josephine, at home.

George O. Roberts received his preparatory education in the schools of his native city. For his professional training he went to the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, from which institution he graduated in 1891. He began practice at Asheville, N. C., where he was located for seven years, spending the next three years in the city of Philadelphia, Pa. He also spent some time at Baltimore and Williamsport before settling, in September, 1901, at Shamokin, where he succeeded to the practice of Dr. A. A. Lay. Dr. Roberts does all kinds of mechanical and operative dentistry, being thoroughly skilled in all the branches of his profession, as the result of both training and experience. He devotes all his time and attention to its duties, and has built up a remarkably good practice, his work having the highest reputation. He has fine offices in the Llewellyn building, and his equipment is modern and complete. The Doctor is up-to-date in all that pertains to his work, and the Shamokin Dental Protective Society was organized in his office; he is serving as secretary of that body. The Doctor is lecturing knight for Shamokin Lodge of Elks, No. 355, of which he is a prominent member.

In 1907 Dr. Roberts married Jeanne May, daughter of the late Maj. James May, of Shamokin, and they have one daughter, Louisa. They reside at No. 223 Franklin street.

**WILLIAM J. HIGGINS,** of Mount Carmel, where he has been engaged in the furniture, undertaking and livery business for almost thirty years, is undoubtedly one of the best known citizens of his section of Northumberland county. During his long residence in the borough he has become interested in other lines of business, having since 1905 been a director of the Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Company, and he has numerous social connections.

Mr. Higgins is a grandson of William Higgins, a native of Ireland, who came to America when a young man, some ninety years ago and settled in Schuylkill county, Pa. He was one of the pioneer settlers at Tamaqua, that region being in its primitive condition when he first made his home there.

John F. Higgins, son of William, was born in 1837 in Tamaqua, and was long a well known resident of Shenandoah, Schuylkill county, where he died in 1893. He learned the trade of molder, which he followed for some years, later, however, engaging in the shoe business. He served as tax collector of Shenandoah in 1891 and 1892, and was quite active in the work of the Democratic party in his locality. He married Margaret Francey, and to them were born the following named children: Alice, wife of Edward Ratchford, of Shenandoah, Pa.; William J.; John F., Jr., of



Shenandoah, who served as State senator from the Thirtieth Senatorial district; George J., of Shamokin, local agent of the Philadelphia & Reading road and also agent of the United States Express Company; Melissa M.; James C.; Nellie E.; Kate M.; Charles C.; and Julia A. Most of this family live in Shenandoah, Pennsylvania.

William J. Higgins was born Dec. 11, 1861, at Tamaqua, Schuylkill county, where he received his early education. He then entered Villanova College, near Philadelphia, and in 1881 came to Mount Carmel, where he has since been located. He embarked in the furniture, undertaking and livery business, being one of the first in the borough to engage in undertaking, which has to the present been his specialty. He did not long continue the furniture line. During the thirty years he has been located in Mount Carmel he has conducted about thirty-five hundred funerals. He built his place of business, at No. 40 South Market street, in 1882, and his residence is next door. Mr. Higgins's business has brought him into contact with many citizens of this vicinity, in all the walks of life, and his efficient services and progressive methods, no less than his estimable personality, have won him the respect of all with whom he has had dealings in any of the relations of life. He is a director of the Anthracite Building and Loan Association, the oldest institution of its kind in Mount Carmel, and since 1905 has been connected with the Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Company in the same capacity. He has served in the council as representative from the Third ward, having been elected on the Democratic ticket. Mr. Higgins is treasurer of the local organization of the Foresters; treasurer of Aerie No. 644, F. O. E.; member of the Eagles Home Association; of the A. O. H.; the Sons of Veterans; and the Knights of Columbus. He is a Catholic in religious faith and a member of the Catholic Total Abstinence Society.

On Sept. 14, 1887, Mr. Higgins married Mary McGailey, and to them have been born seven children: Margaret, William, Aloysius, Ignatius, John, Mary and Sarah.

DAVID C. WOLF, senior member of the Sunbury Construction Company, contractors and builders of the borough of Sunbury, was born Dec. 23, 1864, in Rockefeller township, Northumberland county, on the old Wolf homestead.

Mr. Wolf's first direct ancestor in this county was his great-grandfather, Nicholas Wolf, but there is earlier record of those of the name here, one John Wolf, who lived in Mahanoy township, having made his last will and testament March 7, 1784, and died in April, 1784. His brother George and Robert Martin, Esq., were his executors, and it appears that John had no children, but left all his estate to the children of his brother

George, namely: Henry, John, George and Philip. If these Wolfs were of the same family as the forefathers of David C. Wolf the records at hand do not show the connection.

Nicholas Wolf was a native of Lehigh county, where he lived upon and owned land in White Hall township upon which the Lehigh county almshouse is located. It is considered to be among the best agricultural land in that county. About 1812 he brought his family from Lehigh county to Northumberland county, settling near Seven Points, in what is now Rockefeller township, on a farm later owned by Peter Oyster. On May 22, 1815, Nicholas Wolf agreed to pay Philip Weiser \$114.35 on or before May 1, 1820, five year judgment note; under same date, May 22, 1815, appears, Nicholas Wolf, \$225, judgment note, double; another, \$775.52. Nicholas Wolf and his family were Lutherans, and are buried in the old cemetery at Lantz's church. The older children— if not all of the family were born in Lehigh county, before the removal to Northumberland. We have the following record of the family: Abraham was the grandfather of David C. Wolf and is mentioned below; Joel, born Aug. 27, 1805, was a farmer, and lived near the Cross Road church in Rockefeller township, and he is buried at that church, where the record shows that he died Jan. 25, 1895 (his wife, Mary M., born Aug. 13, 1811, died Feb. 20, 1904); John lived in Hollowing Run, in Lower Augusta township; Thomas B., born Feb. 26, 1809, lived in Rockefeller township, died April 2, 1864, and is buried at Wolf's Cross Road church, (his wife, Susanna, died Nov. 28, 1887, aged seventy-five years, two months, sixteen days); Henry settled at Red Bank, Jefferson Co., Pa.; Polly was Mrs. Bacon; another daughter married Israel Steffen; Betsy married William Bartholomew; Hannah married Daniel Conrad; Christian married John Crisinger.

Abraham Wolf, son of Nicholas, was born Jan. 22, 1794, in Lehigh county, came with the family to Northumberland county, and became a farmer, living near Seven Points, on a place of about 150 acres which he owned and which is now the property of Ira B. Clement. He died Aug. 26, 1881, and is buried at Lantz's church. He was a Lutheran, as was also his wife, Susanna (Fasold), who was born Oct. 8, 1798, at 10 o'clock in the morning, was baptized Oct. 18th, same year, in the Lutheran faith, sponsors Johannes Slichter and his wife Dorothea, and died Jan. 24, 1873. Their children were as follows: John died in Rockefeller township; Lydia married Henry Malich; Jonathan died July 14, 1874, aged forty-six years, eight months, twenty-five days, and is buried at Wolf's Cross Road church; Maria married Henry Bloom; Reuben is mentioned below; Gideon, born Feb. 13, 1832, lived in Sunbury, and died June

24, 1909 (his wife Rebecca, born June 22, 1828, died May 24, 1909, and they are buried at the Cross Road church); Aaron; Peter; Samuel married Eliza Zartman and they live in Los Angeles, Cal.; Henry is married and lives at Stella, Nebr.; Louisa married Theodore Chester, of Sunbury.

Reuben Wolf was born Jan. 24, 1830, on his father's farm in Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, and passed the greater part of his life on that place, which had been in the Wolf name for many years. It is located in what is now Rockefeller township, five miles east of Sunbury, and contains 130 acres of valuable land, which Mr. Wolf cultivated profitably, being a prosperous farmer throughout his active years. Some three years before his death he retired and moved into the borough of Sunbury, where he died Oct. 8, 1910, when over eighty years old. He is buried in the new cemetery at Lantz's church, of which church he was in his later life a Lutheran member.

Mr. Wolf married Harriet Zartman, who died young, and is buried at Lantz's church. By this union there were two children: A daughter who died when small; and Mary Alice, wife of John Martz, of Sunbury. Mr. Wolf married Mary Hauck, who was born in 1831, daughter of David and Anna (Lantz) Hauck, of Rockefeller township. Mrs. Wolf, now (1911) in her eighty-first year, makes her home in Sunbury with her son David. The following children were born to this marriage: Clara, living in Sunbury, widow of William Kniss (she had children, Lloyd, Clayton, Algie and Anthony); David C.; Ammon, who died in childhood; Maggie, deceased, who was the wife of Samuel Gass (she had children, Herman, Daisy, Irwin, Margaret and Clara); Anthony, deceased, who married Emma Fasold (left six children, Harry, Esther, Mary, Joseph, Florence and Ruth); Amelia, wife of Irwin Hornberger, of Rockefeller township (had children, Dolan, Ada and Grace); and S. Gilbert, of Sunbury (who has a son Charles).

David C. Wolf attended the public schools of the home locality and worked on the farm until he reached the age of twenty-five years. At that time he took up the carpenter's trade, which he learned under John Schreider, and continued to follow that calling as a journeyman until he formed his present partnership with William B. Eister, in the year 1905. They do business under the firm name of the Sunbury Construction Company. Besides general contracting and building, they deal in lumber and building material and engage to a considerable extent in the cement block business. The office and yard is at No. 128 Awl street, Sunbury. The Sunbury Construction Company has erected a number of residences in the borough, as well as buildings of other kinds,

including the "Aldine Hotel," and has considerable repair work. The business has developed so that twenty men are given steady employment, and the firm is gaining a high reputation for substantial and workmanlike construction and thorough reliability in the completion of all contracts.

Mr. Wolf is well known in local fraternal circles, being a member of Lodge No. 131, Woodmen of the World; of Circle No. 28, an auxiliary of the Woodmen of the World; and of Tribe No. 186, I. O. R. M. He attends the Reformed Church.

In 1897 Mr. Wolf married Jennie H. Keefer, who was born in 1866, daughter of Samuel Keefer, and died in 1899; she is buried at Lantz's church. In 1905 he married (second) Nora Startzel, of Snyderstown, this county, who died in 1907, at the age of twenty-eight years, and was buried at Snyderstown. He has no family.

FRANK J. G. SMITH, general superintendent of the Mount Carmel factory of the Cumberland Shirt Manufacturing Company, is a young man of enterprise and ability and worthy of the responsible position in which he has been retained for several years. The business of the company has more than quadrupled since he first came to Mount Carmel in its interest, but he has shown himself able to meet the increased demands and has not only kept peace with the business but anticipated many important changes.

Mr. Smith was born Oct. 27, 1874, at Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa., son of Joseph G. and Margaret T. (Ney) Smith. His father was born March 18, 1849, in Pottsville, that county, and lived there until six months after he attained his majority. In 1870 he located at Ashland, where he found employment with Wesley Manley, under whom he learned carriage building and wagon making. On March 18, 1874, he engaged in that business at Ashland on his own account, and has continued same to the present, being one of the most substantial and respected citizens of that place. He has been elected to various local offices, having served as councilman, school director and tax collector of the borough, filling the latter office (to which he was elected in 1899) three years. He is vice-president of the Tax Payers' Association, and has long been a prominent member of the Washington Fire Company, which he joined in 1876 and which he has served as president, being now vice-president of the company. He is a member of the Catholic Church and a Democrat in political opinion.

On Jan. 8, 1874, Mr. Smith married Margaret T. Ney, who was born March 30, 1854, in Schuylkill county, Pa., daughter of Jacob Ney, and died Aug. 15, 1903. There were twelve children by this union, born as follows: Frank J. G., Oct. 27, 1874; Barbara M., June 10, 1876; Anna J., March 17, 1878; William A., Aug. 14, 1879 (died



young); William L., Dec. 31, 1880; Stella T., Sept. 30, 1882 (died young); Margaret R., April 11, 1885 (entered the convent April 24, 1808, and is now known as Sister Rufenia); Josephine M., April 26, 1888; Joseph H., March 24, 1890; Stella N., Feb. 18, 1892; John L., Nov. 17, 1893; Lucy A., Jan. 14, 1896.

Frederick Smith, grandfather of Frank J. G. Smith, was born in Germany, and came to America in 1848, when twenty-four years old. He settled in Pottsville, Pa., and was one of the early miners at that point, where he died when sixty-seven years old. His wife, Barbara M. Taan, was also a native of Germany, and they had a family of five children, viz.: Joseph G., Adam R., Mary T., Theresa J. and Lebold C.

Frank J. G. Smith received his education in the schools of Ashland. After commencing work in earnest he was with his father for two years, after which he was employed by John Dence, selling leathers for a time. He was later in the employ of the Light Company at Ashland for four years before he entered the employ of the concern with which he has since been associated. He was with the company at Ashland until transferred to Mount Carmel, in March, 1905. When he first came here the factory was a comparatively small affair, at Sixth and Oak streets, with equipment and accommodation for sixty hands. In 1907 the present factory, 75 by 80 feet in dimensions, and three stories in height, was erected, and here three hundred and fifty hands are constantly employed in the manufacture of shirts with attached collars. An establishment which affords profitable employment to so large a number, in a community of the size of Mount Carmel, is naturally of the utmost importance, and the prosperity of the factory has a direct influence on the prosperity of the borough. Mr. Smith, as general manager of this extensive plant, not only occupies an important relation to its owners, but to the local industrial situation and his fellow citizens in Mount Carmel generally. His stability and thorough efficiency have won him good standing among business men, and personally he holds the respect of all who know him.

On April 27, 1896, Mr. Smith married Rosie Seltzer, and they have the following children: Joseph, Francis, May, Raymond, Frederick, Rosie and Hilda.

In religious connection Mr. Smith is a Catholic, and fraternally he holds membership in the Knights of Columbus and the Red Men, in which latter order he is quite prominent, having served as district deputy. He is a Democrat in political sympathy, but takes no active part in politics or public affairs.

**HOOVER.** The name Hoover, well known in various parts of Northumberland county, was ori-

ginally Huber, and according to Professor Kuhns is derived from an old German word, "hute," implying possession of a small tract of land or a farm, which would indicate that the family are descended from a sturdy race of Swiss farmers, the original home of the Hubers having been in the Canton of Zurich, Switzerland. Their records date back eight hundred years. In America the name has undergone various changes in spelling, and we have Huver, Hover, Hooper and Hoover.

Nearly fifty Hubers landed at Philadelphia prior to the war for independence. Twenty-five more came to America (landing at Philadelphia) before 1749, the first being Hans Ulrich Huber, who landed Aug. 19, 1729. On Sept. 21, 1732, there arrived four brothers, Christian, Hans, Hans Martin and Jacob, the two last named being under sixteen years of age. Jacob, the youngest, settled in Bucks county, and there is record of a deed for property in Plumstead township, that county, to Jacob Huber, 1748. In 1751 a son, Henry, was born to him.

Henry Huber, born in 1751, son of Jacob, married Margaret Kern, and they lived somewhere in Hilltown township, Bucks county, where five children were born to them: Christian, Jacob, Philip, Elis and Mary. In 1797 Henry Huber moved to Gwynedd township (now Montgomery county), settling on a farm of two hundred acres which he bought of George Maris for eighteen hundred pounds. After his death, which occurred April 9, 1809, the farm was divided into two tracts, of one hundred acres each, the old homestead part going to the son Philip, the other to the son Jacob. Margaret (widow of Henry) died Nov. 27, 1813, aged sixty-one years, nine months, 29 days. The daughter Elis married John Rile; the daughter Mary married William Kneidler.

Philip Hoover, son of Henry, was born July 20, 1782, and was a prominent man in his day. He was involved in the rebellion precipitated by the Alien and Sedition laws passed during the Adams administration, and served in the war of 1812. He was a captain of volunteers when only eighteen years old, was elected colonel of a regiment of militia, served as a member of the State Legislature, and was a prominent church man, one of the leading members of Boehm's Church, which he served as elder from 1803 to 1809, as deacon from 1810 until 1823, and after 1823 again as elder. On Nov. 13, 1804, he married Mary Conrad, who was born Aug. 23, 1785, daughter of Hon. Frederick Conrad (member of Congress for four years), and died Oct. 17, 1868. To them were born thirteen children, only six of whom, however, reached maturity. The record of this family is as follows: Frederick W., born Jan. 17, 1806; Julian, Sept. 25, 1807 (died Nov. 30, 1808); Susanna, July 14, 1809 (died May 25, 1810); Maria, April 13, 1811; Henry C., April



5, 1813 (died Feb. 7, 1816); twin sons, July 6, 1815 (lived only three days); a daughter, Aug. 25, 1817 (lived only four days); Ann Catharine, March 5, 1819 (died Aug. 20, 1820); Hiram Conrad, Oct. 23, 1822; Albert C., April 5, 1825; Ann Elizabeth, Dec. 11, 1826; Andrew J., Nov. 13, 1828.

Jacob Huber, son of Henry, born Oct. 28, 1787, came to Upper Augusta township, Northumberland county, after his marriage, about 1813, settling on a tract of 167 acres, the farm of the late Benjamin Hoover, but now the property of the Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home Association, to which it was sold in 1898. Jacob Huber was a lifelong farmer. He and his wife Sarah, born Oct. 24, 1788, are buried at St. Luke's Church, Snyderstown. They were Lutherans in religious faith. We have the following record of their eight children: Harriet, born Dec. 12, 1811, married William Martz and had ten children and thirty-one grandchildren; Margaret, born Aug. 25, 1813, married George Shipe and had eleven children and twenty-three grandchildren; Thomas, born Jan. 16, 1816, died young; Jonathan, born March 29, 1818, had ten children and twenty-seven grandchildren; Andrew, born Jan. 16, 1821, had ten children and eleven grandchildren; Catharine, born June 1, 1823, married Peter Stroh, and had eight children and fifteen grandchildren; Benjamin, born Feb. 2, 1827, had ten children and seven grandchildren; Sarah, born June 28, 1830, died young. This family changed the spelling of the name to Hoover between 1843 and 1845.

Benjamin Huber or Hoover was born Feb. 2, 1827, and passed all his life on the same farm in Upper Augusta township, living and dying at the place of his birth. He purchased the homestead about 1855, and throughout his life was engaged in farming, in which he was successful. He was the first man to run a milk wagon in Sunbury. He was one of the active citizens of his community, serving a number of years as road supervisor (which office he was filling at the time of his death) and also acting as school director; he helped to build the Evert schoolhouse. Politically he was a Republican. He and his wife Margaret (Keefer), daughter of Daniel Keefer, had a family of ten children: Catharine, Reuben F., Annie E., Alice, Elizabeth, Maggie, Lettie, William A. J., George and Clement.

WILLIAM A. J. HOOVER, son of Benjamin, was born May 28, 1863, in Upper Augusta township, and received his education in the local schools. He was reared to farming, but for seven years was engaged in railroading on the Reading road, becoming an engineer. He resigned, however, for the good of his health, and bought the old Coterman homestead of 173 acres in Upper Augusta, upon which place he has farmed since April, 1899.

He is engaged in the wholesale dairy business as well as in general agricultural work, and has taken considerable interest in the welfare of his locality, having served as roadmaster since 1903. He served two terms as school director, resigning from that office. Mr. Hoover is a Republican in political opinion. He is a Mason, holding membership in Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M.

In 1888 Mr. Hoover married Laura C. McWilliams, sister of Curtis Q. McWilliams, of Shamokin, and a native of Paxinos, Northumberland county. Mr. and Mrs. Hoover have had nine children: Blanche E., who married Howard Emrich, of Shamokin; Benjamin S., deceased in infancy; Alma C.; Curtis McW.; Eva M.; Lettie R., deceased in infancy; William Paul; Walter R.; and Mary E.

John Hoover, possibly of the same origin as the Hoovers previously mentioned, was born in one of the lower counties of Pennsylvania in 1780 and lived for many years in Northumberland county, dying near Reed's station, in Shamokin township, Oct. 11, 1854. He was a farmer and very successful, owning three farms, one of which is now the property of R. S. Aucker and another owned by a Duttinger. He was a Lutheran member of the "Brick" (Reed's) Church, where both his wives are buried. His first marriage was to Margaret Ritter, who died Nov. 11, 1828, aged forty-four years, the mother of eight children: Samuel is mentioned later in this article; Joseph married Mattie Katerman and had eight children; John married Elizabeth Wolverton and had four children; Annie married George Krick and had six children; Thomas married Katie Krigbaum and had four children; Rebecca married George Keller and had two children; William married Louisa Baldy and had six children; Solomon married Ellen Brooks and (second) Sallie Fredericks and had seven children, four sons and three daughters.

For his second wife Mr. Hoover married Mary Harman, who died Nov. 25, 1883, aged eighty-four years, six months, twelve days; her mother, Elizabeth, lived in the neighborhood above Bloomsburg. Eight children were born to John and Mary (Harman) Hoover, viz.: Louisa married Daniel Yost; J. Harman lived at Pottsville, later at Ashland and Schuylkill Haven, Pa.; Henry is a resident of Shamokin, Pa.; Isaac, of Holton, Kans.; Luther, of Williamsport, Pa.; George, of Holton, Kans.; Francis is mentioned below; Amelia married Azariah Campbell.

Francis Hoover, insurance broker of Shamokin, Northumberland Co., Pa., was born Aug. 8, 1842, in Shamokin township, and there grew to manhood. He received the advantages afforded by the local public schools, but he is a self-made man, having made his own way from boyhood and risen to a substantial position through his own efforts.

In 1859 he commenced to learn carpentering, which he followed for eight years in all, and for another eight years was engaged at pattern-making. For the next sixteen years he had a store at No. 19 North Shamokin street, in the borough of Shamokin, carrying on a mercantile business, but he was obliged to abandon that line on account of his health, withdrawing from it in 1892. For several years he was engaged in city work, being clerk of the poor district and for eight years health inspector, and in 1909 he entered the fire insurance business, in which he has established a profitable patronage.

Mr. Hoover has been active in the various organizations of a social, fraternal or religious nature with which he has been identified. He is a Methodist and served many years as trustee of the church, being long secretary of the board of trustees. He is one of the two surviving charter members of Shamokin Lodge, No. 664, I. O. O. F., of which he has been a member since 1865, and he also belongs to the Odd Fellows Encampment. Politically he is an independent Republican.

On Dec. 24, 1865, Mr. Hoover married Mary E. Lewis, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Dutton) Lewis, of Pottsville, Pa., and they had a family of seven children: Charles, born Feb. 4, 1867, died June 1, 1867; George W., born Sept. 11, 1869, died in April, 1870; John Frederick, born May 23, 1874, died Aug. 7, 1874; Mary E., born Oct. 10, 1876, married G. A. Buck, who is station agent at Sunbury; Elmira R., born Sept. 7, 1879, married J. T. Shoener, a printer at Shamokin; Bessie A., born April 28, 1883, is unmarried and keeps house for her father; Raymond F. is mentioned below. The mother of this family died Dec. 15, 1907, aged sixty-three years, three months, three days.

RAYMOND F. HOOVER, son of Francis, was born Nov. 22, 1887, and acquired his education in Shamokin, attending the high school. When seventeen years old, on Jan. 6, 1905, he entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company at Sunbury, as clerk, and on May 14, 1909, received promotion for merit to his present position, that of chief clerk at the Reading freight station in Sunbury. Four men are employed at the station. Mr. Hoover has proved himself a reliable young man, and he is respected for his industry and capability.

On Sept. 14, 1909, Mr. Hoover married Lillie M. Wetzel, daughter of Nathan G. and Kate (Eyster) Wetzel, of Sunbury. Mr. and Mrs. Hoover are members of the First United Evangelical Church at Sunbury.

Samuel Hoover, son of John and Margaret (Ritter) Hoover, was born Aug. 26, 1806, in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, and in his early life followed the cooper's trade. Later

he was engaged in tanning in partnership with his brother Joseph, doing business in Shamokin township for thirty years. After selling his interest in the tannery to Samuel Joseph settled at Bushnell, Ill., where he is buried. In 1867 Samuel Hoover sold out his interest in the tanning business, which is now owned by William F. Kline, and bought a farm upon which he spent the remainder of his life in agricultural pursuits. He was an energetic and successful man, active in local affairs, served as overseer of the poor, and in many other township offices, and was a member and generous supporter of the Lutheran Church. Fraternally he was an Odd Fellow, belonging to the lodge at Snyderstown. He married Sarah Lee, who was from the Swabian Creek district, born Nov. 12, 1804, in Northumberland county, and died March 27, 1872, just a month after her husband, whose death occurred Feb. 26, 1872. He is buried at Snyderstown. Nine children were born to this couple, as follows: Sarah, born March 24, 1833, married William Reed, a farmer, and they lived at Reed's station, in Shamokin township; John, born Aug. 27, 1834, is deceased; Jacob, born April 11, 1836, married Ella Shrides and lives in Bushnell, Ill., a retired hardware merchant and farmer; Margaret, born March 13, 1838, married Lafayette Savidge, and they lived at Plum Creek and later at Snyderstown, where she died, Mr. Savidge afterward continuing to make his home at that place (they are buried at the Eden Church); Mary Ann, born Jan. 10, 1840, married Edison Wolverton and lives at Holton, Kans.; Louisa, born March 28, 1842, was the second wife of Lafayette Savidge, and is also deceased; Eli, born March 16, 1844, married Emma Wolverton and lived across the river at Riverside, Pa., where he died (he is buried at Danville); David, born Oct. 16, 1846, a retired farmer and carpenter of Snyderstown, lives on the old homestead; Harriet, born Jan. 31, 1849, is unmarried and living in Snyderstown.

John Hoover, son of Samuel, was born at Snyderstown Aug. 27, 1834, and before his marriage moved out to Ohio, where he died in 1873 at the comparatively early age of thirty-eight years. He is buried at Bloomingville, to which place he had first moved and where he married Hannah Mead, and they lived near North Monroeville, known as "The Prairie," in Erie county, later locating at Wales Corner, four miles east of Clyde, in Sandusky county. He followed farming. He died at Wales Corners, of typhoid fever. His children were: Oliver, who is now a resident of Riverside, Pa.; Wallace A.; Lillian, of Clyde, Ohio, married to Frank Deck (they have no children); Cora, married to Elbert Crockett and living at Marshall, Mo. (they are farming people); and Sarah (called Kitty), unmarried, of Tontogany, Ohio.



**WALLACE A. HOOVER**, lumber merchant and planing mill operator at Riverside, Pa., was born March 11, 1866, near North Monroeville, Ohio, and was educated in the public schools of Wales Corners. He assisted with farm work until he was fifteen years old, at which time he commenced to learn the blacksmith's trade, following that calling until he reached the age of twenty. Coming to Snyderstown, Pa., he worked for his uncles Eli and Oliver at carpentering, being thus engaged for five years. He then became a partner of the firm of Oliver Hoover & Co., contractors and builders, and besides conducting a planing mill manufactured beehives. This firm did business at Snyderstown for six years, at the end of that period moving to Riverside, where the business was carried on under the same style four years longer. Mr. Hoover and his brother Oliver then bought the business, which they conducted as Hoover Brothers for eleven years, Mr. Wallace A. Hoover becoming sole proprietor, by purchase, in March, 1906. He has since continued the business alone, and gives employment to twenty men. Mr. Hoover does general contracting and building, and has the only lumberyard on the south side of the river; his post office is Riverside, and he resides on Gearhart street, in that borough, where he is regarded as a substantial and valuable citizen. He is at present serving as school director, and while living at Snyderstown filled the office of assessor. In politics he is a Democrat. Fraternally Mr. Hoover holds membership in Danville Lodge, No. 224, F. & A. M., Danville Chapter, No. 239, Royal Arch Masons, and Calvary Commandery, No. 37, K. T., also of Danville.

Mr. Hoover married Emma C. Deibler, daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Reed) Deibler, of Snyderstown. They have no children.

**GEORGE M. KERSTETTER**, a farmer in the upper Plum creek district of Rockefeller township, Northumberland county, was born Oct. 5, 1850, in Cameron township, where his father was born and where his grandfather settled at an early day.

One George Kerstetter came to this country from Germany, and settled near Shamokin, in Northumberland county, where he owned 250 acres of valuable land at what is now Ferndale, where he died. The old Nelson and East Chance collieries were located upon this tract, which at one time was valued at six million dollars.

John Kerstetter, son of George, was born at what is now Ferndale, near Shamokin, in Coal township, and lived in that township until his removal to Cameron township. His homestead there is now occupied by his son Abraham. He was a shoemaker by trade, and followed farming, owning considerable land, now divided into three

farms. That part where Abraham Kerstetter now makes his home was the homestead; another son, Adam, had a second part, which he sold to Nathan Latshaw; and Elias Derk, a son-in-law, has the third part. Mr. Kerstetter was a leading man among the early settlers in that region. Physically he was tall and slim. He is buried at St. Paul's Church in Cameron township, of which church he was a Lutheran member and active in its work, serving in the church council. To him and his wife Polly (Raker) were born children as follows: John F., of Cameron township, who had a large family; Simon; Salome, who married Jacob Weikel; Susan, who married George Latshaw; Catharine, who married Elias Derk; Eliza, who married Daniel Kobel; Adam of Coal township; and Abraham, of Cameron township.

Simon Kerstetter, son of John, was born Jan. 11, 1825, in what is now Cameron township, where he grew to manhood and resided until 1860, farming on his father's land. He learned the trade of stonemason, which he followed during his earlier manhood. From 1860 he farmed in Rockefeller township, owning and residing upon the farm now owned by his son George M. Kerstetter, a fertile tract of sixty acres situated in the Plum creek valley. There he resided for forty-four years, dying March 7, 1904. He is buried at the Emanuel Evangelical Church at Wolf's Cross Road in Rockefeller township. During the Civil war he served on the Union side as a member of Company H, 172d Pennsylvania Volunteer Regiment. His wife, Hannah (Maurer), was born May 20, 1825, daughter of Philip and Sarah (Hornberger) Maurer, of Little Mahanoy township, and died May 4, 1896. They were the parents of one child, George M.

George M. Kerstetter was ten years old when he came with his parents to Rockefeller township, where he has since resided. He obtained his education in the public schools. Mr. Kerstetter inherited his father's farm, which he has carried on successfully, and has improved the property in various ways since it came into his possession, bringing it up to date and using modern methods in its cultivation and management. He is not only a good farmer but possessed of considerable mechanical ability, and does his own shoemaking. He is a substantial and respected citizen of his community, a creditable representative of a name old and honored in Northumberland county.

On July 2, 1871, Mr. Kerstetter married Sarah Zimmerman, daughter of Sebastian and Elizabeth (Schlobig) Zimmerman, of Mahantango township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and they have had three children: Mary, who died in infancy; William, of Plum Creek; and Emma J., who married W. F. Bittinger, of Sunbury. Mr. Kerstetter and his family are Lutherans, members of Wolf's Cross



Road Church, which he served officially for many years as member of the church council.

Abraham Kerstetter, son of John and Polly (Raker) Kerstetter, was born on the homestead farm, and was reared to farming. Soon after he was twenty years old he began to work in the coal mines at Shamokin, and he has become an experienced miner, having continued to follow the work for a number of years. He helped to build the Burnside breaker, and worked at that colliery as well as at Bear Valley and Trevorton. When quite young he learned the trade of shoemaker, which he followed for some years in Cameron township, while living on the homestead. He now lives on part of his father's property, in Cameron township. He is a Democrat in politics, was supervisor of Cameron township for many years, and has been prominent in the administration of the affairs of St. Paul's Church, in Cameron township, of which he and his family are members, and in which he has held office for over a quarter of a century. His wife, Lydia Ann Derk (Derk), is a daughter of Daniel and ——— (Wheary) Derk, farming people of Cameron township; Mr. Derk was also a gunsmith and a man of general mechanical ability, having a little shop for his work of this kind. Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Kerstetter: Katie, who is unmarried; Francis; Emeline, who died when eighteen years old; Peter, of Cameron township; Harry, of Cameron township; Franklin D., of Cameron township; Hettie, Mrs. George Wheary; John D., of Cameron township; and Sallie, who died aged thirteen years.

Francis Kerstetter, son of Abraham, was born Nov. 13, 1865, in Cameron township, was reared on the farm, and has made his living practically since he was eight years old. At that tender age he began work about the coal mines as slate picker, then looked after the feeding gates, oiled wagons, drove mules and eventually became a conductor on the "dinkey" engine, bringing coal from the mines to the breaker. He then drove inside and brought coal out of the earth; drove wagons outside, and dumped wagons, working around the mines for twenty-four years in all, during which he was a regular miner for many years. When about sixteen he was earning a man's wages. In the spring of 1898 Mr. Kerstetter settled down to farming on the place he has since occupied in Rockefeller township, having ninety acres (formerly the Peter M. Reitz farm) in a high state of cultivation. He is an energetic man, proficient in the use of tools, makes his own harness and also does his own shoemaking, and frequently does work in the latter line for neighbors. Since 1904 he has also acted as agent for a fertilizer company, selling ninety tons of fertilizer per annum.

In November, 1888, Mr. Kerstetter married Sarah S. Henninger, daughter of Nathan Henninger, of Cameron township, and they have had seven children: William and Harvey (twins, the latter dying in infancy), Nathaniel, Bertha S., Milton, Arabella and Rosa Edna. Mr. Kerstetter and his family worship at the Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, which he has served as deacon. Politically he is a Democrat, with independent proclivities.

BENJAMIN A. BEALOR, M. D., who is engaged in the practice of medicine at Shamokin, Northumberland county, was born April 19, 1849, at Herndon, this county, and is the eldest son of a distinguished medical practitioner of this section, John W. Bealor. He is a member of an old Pennsylvania family long ago identified with Berks county and for several generations with Perry county.

Mark Bealor, the first of this family of whom we have record, lived in Germany until his immigration to America. He first settled in Berks county, Pa., thence moving to Perry county, where he passed the remainder of his life, engaged in farming. He served in the Mexican war.

John Bealor, son of Mark, and the next in the line of descent to Dr. Bealor, moved with his father from Berks county to Perry county. He was a farmer by occupation.

Benjamin F. Bealor, son of John, was born in Perry county, and like his father and grandfather became a farmer. He followed agricultural work until his health failed, when he removed to Virginia in the hope of regaining his strength, but the change did not benefit him as he expected, and he returned to Pennsylvania, settling in Philadelphia. He lived retired there until his death, in the fall of 1897. He married Elizabeth Weibley, and they had a family of twelve children, five sons and seven daughters. Mr. Bealor was a Democrat and active in the politics of his locality, serving as overseer of the poor for two terms; in religion he was a member of the Reformed Church and a worker in the congregation, serving a number of years as deacon.

John W. Bealor, son of Benjamin F., was born March 19, 1854, in Perry county, and there received his preparatory education in the public schools and at the New Bloomfield Academy, from which he was graduated in 1873. He then began to study medicine under Dr. G. A. Richardson, of Newport, Perry county, and took the course at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Baltimore, Md., graduating therefrom with high honors in 1876. His first location for practice was at Elliottsburg, Perry county, where he remained for years, after which he was at Locust Gap, Northumberland county, a year and a half before settling in Shamokin, in May, 1882. Here

he at once entered into a most lucrative general practice, both medical and surgical, and in addition established a large drug store, for the accommodation of his own patrons and also for general prescription work and the sale of pure drugs and druggists' sundries of all kinds. His reputation as a physician and druggist is second to none, and his high personal standing has been won by years of conscientious service to his fellow men. Dr. Bealor is a valued member of the Northumberland County Medical Society, and socially he is well known as a member of Shamokin Lodge, No. 664, I. O. O. F.; Washington Camp, P. O. S. of A.; and the B. P. O. Elks. He is a Democrat in political faith.

Dr. Bealor married Mary C. Albert, daughter of George Albert, and six children were born to them, namely: Benjamin A., Florence E., Quilla E., Henry Mark, Helen Mary and John Watt, the last named dying when two years old.

Benjamin A. Bealor attended public school in Shamokin, including one year in high school, and graduated in 1893 from the Shamokin Business College. For three years he was a student at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, the Baltimore University School of Medicine, at Baltimore, Md., from which he was graduated in 1906, subsequently taking a post-graduate course at the Atlantic Medical College, at Baltimore, from which he was graduated in 1909. Returning to Shamokin at the completion of his course he located at No. 51 North Second street. He is doing excellent work in his profession, and his patronage during his short period of actual practice has been most gratifying. Dr. Bealor is well known among the local fraternal bodies, belonging to the Elks, the Royal Arcanum, the Modern Woodmen and the Sons of Veterans. He is a member of the Reformed Church and a Republican in political sentiment.

On July 30, 1908, Dr. Bealor married Mabel A. Roberts, only daughter of E. E. Roberts, of Sunbury, Pa., and they have a son, John Albert, born May 26, 1910.

**DODGE.** At Northumberland, this county, reside the brothers Charles H. Dodge and William Henry Dodge, both of whom are engaged in business in that borough and included among its substantial citizens. They are sons of Joseph R. Dodge and grandsons of David Stone Dodge.

David Stone Dodge was born in 1783 in the State of New Hampshire, and went from his native State to Kentucky, where he lived until 1824. From there he went to New Jersey and eventually to Northumberland county, Pa., keeping a store at Elysburg some years and thence moving to Northumberland. At the latter place he had a rope manufactory, which he carried on until his death, employing some thirty men in his es-

tablishment, which was the leading industrial concern in the borough in its day. He served a number of years as justice of the peace after coming to Northumberland and was a substantial citizen here as elsewhere; he had valuable property holdings at one time, and left an estate in Kentucky valued at over \$45,000, which his heirs were unable to secure possession of because of the lack of legal proof of their claims. He was a Whig in politics and a Presbyterian in religion. "Squire" Dodge was first married to a Kentucky woman and the second time (in New Jersey or Pennsylvania) to Mary Anderson. To the first union were born eleven children, who are now scattered all over the eastern part of Northumberland county. By his second marriage there were two sons and one daughter, Emeline, Stephen B. and Joseph R. Stephen B. Dodge was a resident of Northumberland, and died in 1906 at the age of seventy-four years; his children were David S., John, Alice, Heinline Stone, Sallie, Harry, Edward, William E. and Fannie. "Squire" Dodge died in 1859, at the age of sixty-seven years, and is buried in Riverview cemetery, at Northumberland. The Dodge family is of English descent.

Joseph R. Dodge was born July 31, 1836, at Northumberland, where he still makes his home. He received his education in the local schools, and at an early age began working in his father's rope factory, spinning twine before he was twelve years old. In 1868 he became a puddler, working for the Van Alen Company as an iron worker for thirteen years, until he met with an accident which crippled his left hand. He then built himself a store at the corner of Queen and Second streets, in the borough of Northumberland, and engaged in business, dealing in tobacco, confectionery, flour and wheat for many years, finally selling out. For two years thereafter, 1893-94, he was jury commissioner of the county, was then engaged for some time as agent of the Prudential Insurance Company, and in 1905 began driving a bakery wagon for his son, William H. Dodge, who is engaged in the baking business in Northumberland. Mr. Dodge has always been a Republican, and at one time was quite active in the party and in local public affairs, serving nine years as constable of the county, eight years as overseer of the poor, one year as supervisor, and three years as councilman in his borough. He has given efficient and public-spirited service in every capacity, and is a well and favorably known citizen, commanding the esteem of all who know him.

On Dec. 17, 1857, Mr. Dodge married Mary A. Hine, daughter of Jacob and Catharine (Hulligan) Hine, of Northumberland, Pa., and they have had six children: Emma, who died when small; Mary J., who died when small; Charles H.; William Henry; Florence M., who died small;



and Harvey O., of Baltimore. Mr. Dodge and his family are members of the Methodist Church.

CHARLES H. DODGE, dealer in real estate and insurance at Northumberland, where he has built up a creditable business, to which he now gives all his time, was born in the borough of Northumberland Sept. 17, 1867. He attended public school until he reached the age of twelve years, and began work in the Van Alen nail mill at Northumberland, where he was employed until sixteen. At that time he became a pupil at the Williamsport Commercial College, graduating from that school in 1885. Returning home he took a position with the Pennsylvania Railway Company in 1887, in the clerical department at Sunbury, making his residence at Northumberland. He remained with that company until June, 1909, when he gave up his position to devote all his time to his real estate and insurance interests. His office is at No. 228 Queen street. Mr. Dodge had commenced this business some time previously, gradually building up a patronage which has come to require all his time. He began selling insurance first, later dealing in real estate, and is now on a lucrative business on both lines. He is at present handling the Priestly Terrace property, which is very well located near the borough, and which he has been quite successful in selling. Mr. Dodge has filled the office of town clerk of Northumberland for the past fifteen years. He is a Republican in politics, a member of the I. O. O. F., and, with his family, identified with the Lutheran Church.

In June, 1887, Mr. Dodge married Bella Jacoby, daughter of E. R. Jacoby, of Northumberland borough, and they have three children: Florence, Ezra and Mary.

WILLIAM HENRY DODGE, who has been engaged in the bakery business in Northumberland borough since 1905, was born Feb. 1, 1871, at the place where he now lives, and received his education in the local public schools. When fifteen years old he began working in the nail mill, where he was employed six years, until an accident caused the loss of his right eye. From that time until 1898 he teamed and hauled freight, and for the next five years was in the employ of Persing & Cooke, at Arters, this county. He operated a coal digger for Simcox & Dodge for two years, and for about two years was engaged as a janitor, in 1905 purchasing the stock, good will and fixtures of Ralph Mertz, baker, at Northumberland, where he has since been engaged in business. The establishment is known as the Central Bakery, located at Church and Orange streets, and Mr. Dodge now owns the building in which he is located. Though he started with almost nothing, he has managed so thriftily and operated the business so successfully that he is now considered one of the prosperous business

men of the borough, where he has the leading trade in his line. He has the most modern appliances and equipment, and his trade has become so extensive that he employs five men constantly and keeps three teams busy. Mr. Dodge has also become interested in the artificial ice business, running a team the year round. He is a well known man in this section, a member of P. O. S. of A. Camp No. 622, at Northumberland, and of Lodge No. 141, of the Beavers. Politically he is a Republican, and in 1896 he served as supervisor of streets in Northumberland.

On Nov. 11, 1891, Mr. Dodge married Mary J. Housel, daughter of Jacob B. and Harriet L. (Gibbons) Housel, of Northumberland. Six children have been born to them: Joseph R., who is head baker for his father; Margaret E., who died in infancy; Martha H.; George D.; William G., and Mary E. Mr. Dodge and his family are members of the Methodist Church.

JOSEPH H. JOHNSON, one of the young successful and enterprising business men of Milton, Pa., who has "made good" in every position he has been called upon to fill, now presiding with marked ability and impartiality as president of the town council, was born in that town Nov. 23, 1882, son of Edward W. and Sallie S. (Housel) Johnson.

The early home of the Johnson family was in Northampton, England, and there in the village of Guisborough was born James Johnson, Jan. 24, 1774. He died in Northumberland county, Pa., Aug. 31, 1834. His wife Ann, whom he married in England, was born at Naseby April 2, 1776, and died at Northumberland March 31, 1865. They came to America shortly after their marriage, and settled in this county, where they reared their children. These children were: John, Thomas, George, Samuel, William, James, Elizabeth and Phoebe. Of these, Samuel served in Company B, 5th Pennsylvania Volunteers, and died at Annapolis Dec. 19, 1864, at the age of twenty-six years.

Thomas Johnson, son of James, was born in 1808, and died in 1877. He followed farming in Point township, and also operated a saw and grist mill, becoming one of the prominent men of his district. He married Sophia Gibbons, born 1804, died 1876, and both are buried in Northumberland county. Their children were: Amos; Isaiah; Reuben, born in 1834, living in this county; Albert; Edward W.; Josiah; and Hester, who married Joseph Wertz.

Amos Johnson, son of Thomas, was born in 1831, and followed farming in Point township, owning a farm of 170 acres. He died there in 1860, and is buried in the Northumberland cemetery. In politics he was a Republican, in religion a member of the Methodist Church. To him and



his wife Mary (Willard) were born the following children: Edward W.; Abbie E., who became the wife of Clement Wallace; Ward W.; Amelia, who married William Warren and died Aug. 9, 1891; and Daniel, who is now living in Oakland, California.

Edward W. Johnson, son of Amos, was born in Point township, this county, Feb. 1, 1853, and died at Milton Nov. 6, 1905; he is buried at Northumberland. He grew to manhood in his native township, but later went to Northumberland and clerked in a general store for a few years, after which he came to Milton, and for some years was employed in the mills as a nailer. Failing health necessitated a change of work, and he bought out William P. Hull's coal yard in 1891. This yard had been established by Thomas Hull, father of William P., and was, as now, located at No. 55 Centre street. Here Mr. Johnson carried on a successful business until his death. He was a man of upright business principles, and had a genial manner that won him many friends. He was enterprising and keenly alive to the needs of the town, and his death was regarded as a loss to the whole community. He married Sallie S. Housel, who resides in Milton. This union was blessed with but one son, Joseph H.

Joseph H. Johnson attended the local schools and graduated from the Milton high school in 1901. He then entered Dickinson College at Carlisle, Pa., where he was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, and from which he was graduated in 1905. He had taken up the study of medicine at Philadelphia, but after a few months was summoned home by his father's illness, and he was obliged to take charge of the business. On the death of the father he assumed full control, and he has built up a fine trade.

Mr. Johnson is a staunch Republican, and he has been very active in work for his chosen party. In 1908 he was elected for a three-years' term in the town council, and in 1909 was made president of same. He is a member of the Methodist Church, and is at the present time serving as steward. Fraternally he belongs to the I. O. O. F. and the B. P. O. E.

Mr. Johnson was married in 1907 to Katharine Hobbs, daughter of H. Clay Hobbs, who now resides at Denton, Caroline Co., Md. Her grandfather, Saulsbury Hobbs, was a prominent man in his day, and his name was given to the town of Hobbs in Maryland.

**WILLIAM BENSON BIRD**, late of Shamokin, was a descendant of one of the oldest pioneer families of Northumberland county and himself one of the best known citizens of the borough in which he made his home, having for twenty-six years held the responsible positions of assistant

weighmaster at the Weigh Scales and chief clerk at the Shamokin station for the Pennsylvania Railway Company. He was also prominent in G. A. R. circles, having been a veteran of the Civil war and one of the organizers of Lincoln Post, No. 140, of Shamokin. Mr. Bird was born in 1842 on Commerce street, Shamokin, son of Pemberton Bird, and was a member of the fourth generation of his family to reside in this county. The history of its early settlement here and subsequent activity in local affairs is an interesting record.

James Bird, his great-grandfather, a native of Warren county, N. J., came to Pennsylvania and settled in Rush township, Northumberland county, remaining on the farm where he then located until his death. In New Jersey he married, and his family consisted of nine children, as follows: John, Rachel (Mrs. Jacob Shipman), Sarah (Mrs. Scott), Susanna (Mrs. William Kimball), Ziba, James, Joseph, William and Sylvanus.

Sylvanus Bird, youngest son of James Bird, was born in 1796, and died in March, 1856. He was reared in Rush township, spending his early life on the farm, and learned the trade of carpenter, at which he was employed by his brother Ziba, who was superintendent for John C. Boyd, the founder of Shamokin. He located at Shamokin in 1838 and there made his home to the end of his days, building many of the early houses there. He was also well known as postmaster, serving as such from 1852 until his death, excepting from January to December, 1855; he also served twenty years as justice of the peace.

In 1816 Mr. Bird married Lena Tietsworth, daughter of Robert, and to them were born children as follows: Pemberton, Eliza, John W., William W., Joseph E., Angelina (widow of George W. Raver), Matilda (wife of Peter Heim), Robert T., Josiah F. (of Shamokin) and Sarah J., all now deceased.

Pemberton Bird, eldest son of Sylvanus Bird, was born in Shamokin township in 1817, and died in 1894, at the age of seventy-seven. He received an elementary English education in his native place, and learned the trade of carpenter, which, however, he did not follow to any great extent. He was clerk for Boyd & Rosser eight years, for Joseph Bird ten years and for the Bird Coal & Iron Company, attaining high responsibility with the latter concern, of which he was president for six years, later serving as vice president, during his declining years. He was prominent in the local civil administration, serving as a member of the borough council, borough clerk and for a number of years as school director. Religious matters also claimed a large share of his time and attention. He was one of the original members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Shamokin, in 1842 was ordained a local preacher, and in 1846 was

appointed to the Elysburg circuit by the Baltimore Conference of the M. E. Church, continuing in the active ministry eleven years, at various points. In politics he was a Republican.

In 1838 Mr. Bird married Mary Arnold, daughter of Jacob Arnold, of Snyderstown, and five children were born to them: William Benson; Annie, widow of C. W. Young; Sylvanus, deceased; Joseph, E., of Colorado; and Charles, of Harrisburg.

William Benson Bird received his education in the schools of Shamokin. A youth of nineteen when the Civil war broke out, he enlisted in the Union army Aug. 13, 1861, under Capt. Cyrus Stroess, as a member of Company K, 16th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered into the United States service Sept. 16, 1861, at Harrisburg, for three years. He was honorably discharged from active service Sept. 13, 1864, at the expiration of his term of enlistment. Company K, largely recruited from Shamokin and vicinity, took part in the following battles: Winchester, Va.; Middleton, Va.; Winchester, Va. (second battle); Cedar Mountain, Va., Aug. 9, 1862; Sulphur Springs, Va., Aug. 27; South Mountain, Md., Sept. 14; Antietam, Sept. 17; Chancellorsville, May 1, 2, 3, 1863; Gettysburg, July 1, 2, 3; Resaca, Ga., May 19, 1864; Dallas, Ga., May 25; Pine Knob, Ga., June 9; Culp's Farm, June 22; Peach Tree Creek, July 20; Atlanta, Sept. 6; Cypress, Ga., Dec. 8; Savannah, Dec. 21; Chesterfield, S. C., March 2, 1865; Coon Run, N. C., April 19; Averasboro, N. C., March 14; and Bentonville, N. C., March 19. Mr. Bird was wounded three times while in the service, having been shot through the arm and leg at Cedar Mountain, while his company was operating as part of the Army of Virginia, under General Pope, Banks Division. Company K went into this battle with forty-eight men and came out with twenty-four, eleven being killed and thirteen wounded. The wounds received at Cedar Mountain disabled him for active service, and necessitated his confinement in the Saint John's College hospital, Annapolis, Md., for many months. Upon recovery he was commissioned to do secretary duty in the medical department of the hospital, which position he creditably filled to the end of the war.

Mr. Bird's interest in military affairs remained with him to the close of his days. He was one of the organizers of Lincoln Post, No. 149, G. A. R., of Shamokin, serving that organization several times as commander, his valued services as adjutant also being frequently sought by other commanders. Ever one of the post's most useful and active workers, his death caused a gap in the ranks hard to fill. On Sept. 9, 1892, following his demise, a handsomely framed crayon portrait of the deceased was presented to the post by his former comrades, an unusual mark of devotion and re-

spect for the departed. The crayon occupies a prominent position on the wall in the rear of the desk of the adjutant, which office Mr. Bird held at the time of his death. Under Commander Samuel Harper, Department of Pennsylvania, in 1887, he was commissioned chief mustering officer of the State. With his fellow officers of the G. A. R. he was the special guest of the Philadelphia Union League, Oct. 18, 1887, on the occasion of the unveiling of the monument to General Meade. National Commander Russell A. Alger, of the Grand Army of the Republic, in 1890 selected him as one of the aides de camp of his personal staff. The Pennsylvania State encampment honored him at different times as delegate to the national encampments, at Columbus, Ohio, Boston, Mass., Milwaukee, Wis., and Erie, Pa. In all of these positions of high responsibility he did credit to himself and to those who chose him. Mr. Bird was also a chief factor in the organization and upbuilding of Lincoln Post Corporation, of Shamokin, which possesses one of the most valuable properties owned exclusively by G. A. R. men in the State. He was also one of the active organizers of the local branch of the Royal Arcanum, serving that beneficial society as regent at the time of his death.

Not long after his return to civil life, upon the close of the war, Mr. Bird became associated with the Pennsylvania Railway Company, continuing in its employ for a consecutive term of twenty-six years, marked for efficient service and intelligent discharge of his responsible duties. He naturally made many friends and acquaintances in this connection, and few men in Shamokin were more widely or favorably known. He died June 1, 1892, at the comparatively early age of forty-nine years. Mr. Bird was an attendant of the Methodist Church.

In 1871 Mr. Bird married Clara E. John, who survives him. She is a member of the Lincoln Street Methodist Episcopal Church and has long taken an active part in church and Sunday school work, having served twenty-nine years as organist of the infant department of the Sunday school. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bird: Cora Blanche, who lives at home; Samuel John, now employed as bookkeeper for the Shamokin Banking Company; William Carlton, deceased; and Rutherford Townsend, deceased. Samuel John Bird in 1902 was married to Rosella Cooper, daughter of Luther S. and Alice (Keefer) Cooper, of Snyderstown, Pa. To them have been born three children: John Cooper, and William and Robert, twins.

SAMUEL JOHN, father of Mrs. Clara E. (John) Bird, was a pioneer resident of Shamokin, where he lived from 1839 until his death. He was a native of Shamokin (now Ralpho) township,

Northumberland county, born Feb. 27, 1807, seventh son of Abia and Martha John, who settled in this county in 1795, and passed his early youth on the homestead farm, continuing to reside there until his removal to Shamokin, in April, 1839. He followed farming, to which occupation he was trained from boyhood, operated the old forge below Shamokin, and also did surveying, conveying, etc. When he settled in Shamokin he engaged in merchandising, in connection with which he had so many other interests that he was a very busy man. He operated what was then known as the Bear Ridge colliery, and conducted the Shamokin foundry, manufacturing plows, stoves, hollow ware, etc., an ambitious enterpriser in that day. In 1844 he was appointed postmaster, holding that office two years. He assisted Kamber Cleaver in locating what was then known as the Eastern railroad, and was active in procuring the southern outlet to Baltimore, to transport the products of the Shamokin coal field to the South by rail. In 1867 he was one of those who secured a charter for a railroad between Shamokin and Trevorton. Having leased the Green Ridge colliery, which he called the Green Mountain colliery, he decided that the Western markets would be the best for the output and he accordingly assisted in procuring a charter for the Enterprise railroad. Both these roads are now owned and operated as parts of the Philadelphia & Reading system. His part in the development of the Shamokin coal field, and, in that connection, of the local transportation facilities, was an important one, and his interest in these things was awakened early, for he was recognized as a leader in such operations as far back as 1832, in which year the Legislature appointed him one of the commissioners of the Danville & Pottsville railroad. Moreover, he was a director of the Shamokin Town Lot Association, which had for its object the promotion of manufacturing industries. He continued his mercantile interests for a period of twenty-five years, having a general store in Shamokin for years, and operating stores at Mount Comfort and Mount Carmel. Local banking interests also had him among their most prominent supporters, he having served at one time as cashier of the Shamokin Bank and for years as a director of the Shamokin Banking Company, the only bank in the borough which withstood the panic of 1877. He was the founder, editor and proprietor of the *Shamokin Register*, the second newspaper published in the borough. In fact there were few phases of the life of the community, particularly those designed to benefit the general welfare, which did not elicit his support and encouragement. He took a deep interest in establishing and maintaining the public school system and served many years as a school director in Shamokin township. He was a member of the Shamokin Lyceum and took part in its discussions.

In politics a Whig and later a Republican, Mr. John took little active part in political affairs and never sought office, his appointments as postmaster and justice of the peace coming to him entirely unsolicited. He resigned both offices after creditable service. He was once a candidate for Congress in this district, but the nomination went to a resident of Schuylkill county. He did considerable toward establishing an almshouse in Coal township.

Though a busy man until he died, July 23, 1877, in his seventy-first year, Mr. John had robust health, which he attributed to his abstemious habits and regular life. He was a thorough business man, making the most of all his undertakings and expecting those with whom he had dealings to fill their contracts to the letter, but he was equally particular about discharging his own obligations. Fraternally he was a Mason. He was of direct Quaker descent.

When twenty-six years old Mr. John married Angelina John, second daughter of Abraham and Mary John, of Catawissa township, Columbia county, of the same name, but not related. She survived him, dying Sept. 5, 1894. Five sons and five daughters were born to this marriage, namely: Laertes P., who is deceased; U. E., a lawyer of Shamokin, deceased; Kersey T., a merchant of Mount Carmel, deceased; J. M., deceased; Samuel L., deceased; Vienna A.; Clara E., widow of William B. Bird, of Shamokin; Angelina R., deceased wife of William H. Shipe, of Minnesota; Mary A., who married William E. Raver, now deceased, and is now the wife of Charles A. Smith, of Shamokin; and Sarah L.

CHARLES A. HARTMAN, of Sunbury, furniture dealer, does a leading business in his line, having a trade which extends beyond the limits of the borough all over the territory of which that place is the center. He has lived in Sunbury since 1895, and has been in business on his own account since 1904.

Mr. Hartman is a native of Snyder county and a member of a family of long standing there. John Hartman, his great-grandfather, was born Aug. 13, 1782, and died July 31, 1854; he is buried in the private burial ground of the Hartman family at Shamokin Dam, Snyder county.

John Hartman, son of John, was born at Shamokin Dam, and followed farming throughout his active life. He married Mary Keefer, who died at the age of seventy-three years, Mr. Hartman reaching the age of seventy-nine. They are interred in the Hartman cemetery at Shamokin Dam. Their children were: Samuel; Mary; Theodosia, who married Theodore Hummel; Mary, who married Philip Gibbons; and Newton E.

Newton E. Hartman, father of Charles A. Hartman, was born April 16, 1849. During his active years he was engaged in farming and lumbering



at Millburg, Union county, but for a number of years past he has been a resident of Shamokin Dam, of which place he is a well known citizen. He is a Republican, and for ten years held the office of supervisor of Monroe township, Snyder county. On July 4, 1871, he married Alice Lenhart, daughter of John and Sarah (Sampsel) Lenhart and granddaughter of George Lenhart, and they have had two children, Charles A. and Emma, the latter the wife of Arthur Heiser and living at Shamokin Dam. The Hartman family are Methodists in religious connection.

Charles A. Hartman was born Oct. 5, 1877, in Monroe township (at Shamokin Dam), Snyder county, and received his early education in the public schools of the neighborhood. Later he attended Susquehanna University, at Selinsgrove. He then began to learn the hardware business, at which he was employed for a year in Philadelphia, thence coming to Sunbury, in 1895. For the next nine years he was in the employ of George W. Hackett, a leading hardware merchant of this place, remaining with him until he formed a partnership with Mr. C. J. Ives, under the firm name of Ives & Hartman. On June 28, 1904, they opened a new furniture and undertaking establishment in the two-story building at Nos. 421-423 Market street where Mr. Hartman is still located, putting in a fine stock of furniture and house furnishings of all kinds, and all modern appliances for the conduct of an up-to-date undertaking department. They continued in partnership until January, 1910, when the association was dissolved by mutual agreement. Mr. Hartman buying his partner's interest in the furniture business. He has since added materially to his stock, which includes the finest furniture in the market, and continues to do a thriving business, his customers coming from a wide radius around Sunbury.

Though his business interests have always received the most conscientious attention, Mr. Hartman has found time for participation in local public affairs, was auditor of the borough two terms, and member of the council from the First ward three years. He has been an efficient worker in the Republican organization for years, having been borough chairman for two terms, and is prominently identified with the workings of the party in city and county.

On June 8, 1898, Mr. Hartman married Gertrude S. Savage, daughter of Martin L. and Mary (Batchler) Savage, of Northumberland. They have one daughter, Mary Helen.

Mr. Hartman has been a member of Lodge No. 267, B. P. O. E., of Sunbury, since 1898, and also belongs to the Conclave.

GEORGE W. SCOTT, of Mount Carmel, teller of the First National Bank of that place, member of the borough council, is a type of the best citizen-

ship this region affords. He is a son of the late Thomas Scott, than whom there was no more progressive resident of Mount Carmel in his day.

John and Mary (Patton) Scott, grandparents of George W. Scott, came to America from England in 1837. They first settled at Mine Hill Gap, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where Mr. Scott was engaged in mining for ten years. He then moved to what was then known as Payne's Patch, where he sunk the second slope in the valley and remained for seven years, thence moving to Plymouth, Luzerne Co., Pa. There he also spent seven years, as superintendent of mines, was located at Hazleton, same county, for a short time, and in 1861 came to Locust Gap, Northumberland county, where he was superintendent of mines until his death, in 1869. His family consisted of five children, Thomas, Mary A. (Mrs. Henry Eckman), Elizabeth (Mrs. George Roudenbush), George and James.

Thomas Scott, son of John and Mary (Patton) Scott, was born Feb. 24, 1836, in Northumberlandshire, England, and was brought to America by his parents the next year. In 1861 he, too, settled at Locust Gap, where he was engaged at the mines as outside superintendent of a breaker for three years. He next engaged in the hotel business there, continuing same until he sold out in June, 1867, at which time he settled down to farming in New Britain, Bucks Co., Pa. He was thus engaged eighteen months, in 1869 taking up his residence in Mount Carmel. For fifteen years he carried on a hotel business in the borough, in the spring of 1885 giving up that line to enter the wholesale liquor business, in which he was interested the rest of his active life. In June, 1889, when the Progress Hat and Cap Manufacturing Company was established, he became president and treasurer, and he was also associated with other local enterprises, having been one of the prime movers in the organization of the Mount Carmel Water Company, of which he was a charter member, and which he served as superintendent from the beginning. He was a director of the Citizens' Building and Loan Association and a stockholder in the Edison Electric Illuminating Company. He proved himself a leader in all his undertakings, and he is remembered as one of the most useful citizens the borough has known. Mr. Scott died Aug. 28, 1905. He was a member of the I. O. O. F., and a Republican in political conviction.

In 1862 Mr. Scott married Sarah A. Gunsett, daughter of Christian Gunsett, of Locust Gap, and they reared a family of seven children, namely: Minnie; Oscar J., a furniture manufacturer and dealer of Mount Carmel; Frank; Alexander; George W.; Katie, and Sallie.

George W. Scott, son of Thomas and Sarah A. (Gunsett) Scott, was born Feb. 21, 1872, in

Mount Carmel, and there received his education in the public schools. He was employed as clerk and bookkeeper by Thomas M. Righter & Co. for several years before assuming his present connection, on April 13, 1896. He began as clerk at the bank, and in 1900 was made teller, which position he has since filled. He is a substantial and respected citizen, and has been serving in the borough council for the past few years, having been elected to that body in 1908. In 1909 he was chosen president of the council, in which honorable position he sustained well the reputation his family has made for intelligent and efficient public service. In politics he is identified with the Republican party. Socially he is a well known Mason, being a member and past master of Mount Carmel Lodge, No. 378, F. & A. M.; member of Griscom Chapter, No. 219, R. A. M.; of Prince of Peace Commandery, K. T., Ashland; and of Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Reading.

On June 1, 1905, Mr. Scott married Mary M. Ferguson, daughter of Rev. W. G. Ferguson, a Methodist minister, formerly of Harrisburg, Pa., who died at Milton, Pa. The family are members of the Episcopal Church.

**ADAMS.** The ancestor of the Adams family, of Ralpho township, Northumberland county, was one of the earliest pioneers of that section. His descendants are still numerous there, among them being D. Alonzo and Allison C. Adams, brothers, and their cousin, General G. Adams, who is proprietor of the "Elysburg Hotel." We give some account of the earlier generations in this country.

Casper Adams, their great-grandfather, was the first of the family in this country. He was born April 25, 1755, at Langendiebach, Offenburg, Germany. Little is known of his early life. On coming to this country, he lived in Berks county, Pa., before coming to Northumberland county, where he was one of the earliest pioneers in Ralpho township, owning several hundred acres of land there. He cleared some of his land and followed farming. He died Jan. 26, 1832, and is buried at St. Peter's (the Blue) church in Ralpho township. Casper Adams married, in Berks county, Elizabeth Hinkle, of that county, and they had a large family, six sons and six daughters, namely: Frederick (1792-1853), John, Samuel, Casper, Leonard, Peter, Nellie, (married George Startzel), Susanna (married Samuel Startzel), Elizabeth (married Gilbert Liby), Polly (married Peter Strausser), Maria (married Jacob Kreher) and Catharine (married Samuel Anspach).

Casper Adams, fourth son of Casper and Elizabeth (Hinkle) Adams, was born April 10, 1796, on the homestead farm in Ralpho township, and was there reared to farm life. When he became of age his father deeded 100 acres of land in

Ralpho township to him, this being the farm afterward occupied by his son George C., near the Blue church. Mr. Adams was a man of active mind, one who interested himself in the general welfare as well as in the promotion of his own interests, and he was one of the foremost men of his locality for many years, well known as a staunch Democrat and as one of the most liberal supporters of the Blue church, with which he was identified all his life; he served as elder of that church and was one of the most generous contributors toward the erection of the church edifice. He married Susanna Startzel (daughter of John), who was born March 14, 1800, and died Jan. 22, 1873; Mr. Adams died Jan. 28, 1882, and is buried at the Blue church. Their children were: Benjamin, who died in 1895, at the age of seventy-four years (his children were Edward, William F. and Lucinda); Daniel H.; Casper, deceased; George C.; David, born in 1830; Jacob, born in 1833, who died in 1895; Samuel, deceased; William; Elizabeth (deceased), who married William Smith; Susanna (deceased), who married William Klase; Polly, Mrs. Fry, deceased; Angelina, who married William Smith (both were suffocated in a well in Cleveland township, Columbia Co., Pa.); and Harriet, deceased.

Daniel H. Adams, son of Casper and Susanna (Startzel) Adams, was born in 1822 on the old homestead near Elysburg, in Ralpho township. He followed farming all his life, owning a tract of about fifty acres near the Blue church, and in connection with his agricultural work engaged in lime burning. He died June 20, 1892. Mr. Adams married Sarah A. Pensyl, who was born in 1829, daughter of Leonard Pensyl, and died Jan. 4, 1908. They are buried at the Blue church. Twelve children were born to their union, viz.: Francis is a resident of Shamokin; John deceased; Henry N. lives near Bear Gap, in Columbia county, Pa.; D. Alonzo is mentioned below; Leonard M. is a resident of Shamokin; Nathan G. is located at Paxinos; Allison C. is mentioned below; Marietta (deceased) was the wife of Frank Erdman, commissioner of Northumberland county; Emma married George Erdman; Elizabeth married Philip Richard and they live at Elysburg, Northumberland county; Lydia married Thomas Boughner, of Ralpho; Casper died young.

D. ALONZO ADAMS, a respected resident of Ralpho township, engaged in farming on the old homestead, at the Blue church, was born there Oct. 7, 1851. He received his early training in the local schools, later attending Elysburg Academy, and for a short time was engaged in teaching school, having Kaseman's school for two terms and Mount Union school, in Ralpho township, one term. For eighteen years thereafter he was an employee of the Pennsylvania and Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Companies, at the end of that period



starting the mercantile business, at Bear Gap. After ten years in that line he sold out to his brother, Nathan G. Adams, and locating at Paxinos lived retired for a time. Thence he removed to Sunbury, where he was in the restaurant business for one year, and subsequently had a store at Shamokin one year. Having bought the old homestead, his present tract of fifty-one acres in the vicinity of the Blue church, he removed to that place in 1907, and has since been engaged in its cultivation. He is a man who takes an intelligent interest in local affairs, and is at present serving as supervisor of his township; previously he served as auditor. In politics he is identified with the Democratic party. He is a member of the Blue church, and socially belongs to the P. O. S. of A.

Mr. Adams's first wife, Dora A. (Knobel), daughter of Daniel and Susanna (Kaseman) Knobel, died June 9, 1908, aged thirty-nine years, and is buried at the Blue church. She was the mother of two children: Thomas L., a painter by trade, and Kate M., both of whom live at home. For his second wife Mr. Adams married Sadie Loss.

ALFRED C. ADAMS, also of Ralpho township, was born Feb. 10, 1872, on the old homestead near the Blue church. His early education was gained at the Kaseman school and he remained with his father until about twenty-three years old. After working at milling about one year, near Danville, Montour county, he bought the old Haas farm from his brother, Nathan G. Adams, this place comprising seventy acres along the Conemaugh. It came into his possession in 1902, and he has since lived there and devoted his time to farming, a work he has been successful. He is a man of active disposition, identified in various ways with local affairs, holding various offices with distinct credit to himself and satisfaction to his fellow citizens. He has been auditor and school director of his township, and is at present serving his second term as township treasurer; he is also filling the office of township clerk. Mr. Adams was elected justice of the peace for his township, but never served. In politics a staunch Democrat, he has taken considerable interest in the workings of the party, and has acted as inspector of elections. He is a member of the P. O. S. of A., of the Patriotic Order of Americans, and of the Paxinos Band, in the organization of which, in July, 1907, he had an active part. He was one of the organizers of the Keystone Band, made up of young men of Ralpho township, and continued to play with that band for seven years. In religion he belongs to the Reformed denomination, being a member of the Reformed congregation of the Blue Church.

Mr. Adams married Emma Gelnett, daughter of Henry B. Gelnett, of Snyder county, Pa., and they have a family of four children: Verda M., Olive M., Helen T. and Oren A.

George C. Adams, son of Casper and Susanna (Startzel) Adams, was born Aug. 17, 1826, upon the homestead in what is now Ralpho township. He received such education as was obtainable in the schools of the period, and after reaching maturity engaged in railroad work. For some years he was also employed in the huckstering business and at farming for his father-in-law. In 1863 he purchased the old homestead property, where he continued to follow general farming throughout his active years. He died June 12, 1897, and is buried at the Blue church. His religious faith was that of the German Reformed denomination, and he served as elder of his congregation. In politics he was a Democrat, but though interested in the success of his party took no part in its activities.

On Sept. 12, 1855, Mr. Adams married Susanna Klase, daughter of Valentine Klase, of Shamokin, and she now resides with her son General G. Adams, in Ralpho township. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Adams: Alvin A., who was killed on a railroad at Weigh Scales, when twenty-four years old; Leanna, who is married to Francis T. Borrell and resides in Reading, Pa.; Mahala, wife of Charles Paul, of Paxinos, and General G.

GEORGE C. ADAMS, proprietor of the "Elksburg Hotel," was born March 9, 1867, on the old homestead in Ralpho township, son of George C. Adams. He attended the Kaseman school there in his boyhood, and afterwards followed his father with the work of a store, remaining with him until his death. After that he followed the other work which he followed successively by his grandfather and father, and after inheriting 100 acres of valuable land. He continued to cultivate it for another year, until he entered in the mercantile business at Snyder town, where he was in business for four and one-half years. Returning to the farm, he conducted it for eight years, at the end of that period removing to Paxinos, where he engaged in the hotel business, running at the hotel there for three years and two months. In 1910 he bought the well-known "Elksburg Hotel," to which he removed April 9, 1910. Mr. Adams has made great improvements in this property, having an up-to-date establishment, with all the modern conveniences and facilities for making his guests comfortable. The rooms are all airy and desirable, and he prides himself on his table, making a specialty of catering to parties, for dinners, etc. His place is fair to be well patronized under the present efficient management.

Mr. Adams married Sadie A. Miller, daughter of Christian Miller, who was killed in a powder mill when his daughter Sadie was only three months old. One son, George H., has been born to this union.

In politics Mr. Adams is a Democrat, and while living at Snyder town he took an active interest in public matters, serving as member of the school



board and in other offices. Socially he belongs to the I. O. O. F. at Snyderstown. The family are members of the Reformed Church.

Valentine Klase, maternal grandfather of General G. Adams, was a farmer by occupation. He died at the old home near Snyderstown when over seventy years old, and was buried at Snyderstown. His wife, Mary (Baker), of Berks County (Pa.) stock, was ninety years, five days old at the time of her death; she was a large woman, weighing about three hundred pounds. Their children were as follows: Catharine married Abraham Rimert; Eva married George W. Lerch; John married Margaret Evert; William married Susanna Adams and (second) Lena Dunkelberger; Lovina married Isaac Boughner; Sarah married Noah Ware; Valentine married Sophia Evert; Hannah married Daniel Donbach; Susanna married George C. Adams.

JAMES F. KENNEDY, a retired resident of Milton, was engaged in the plumbing and tinning business in that borough for fifteen years before his retirement, conducting the establishment now carried on by his son, John C. Kennedy. Though not an old resident of the place, comparatively speaking, he has been thoroughly identified with its best interests and is a man of substantial worth, esteemed by all who know him. He is a native of Clearfield county, Pa., born Dec. 13, 1843.

Rev. James Kennedy, his grandfather, was born in Ireland, and came thence to America when a young man, settling first at Lewistown, Pa., where he was the first Presbyterian minister in that section. Later he located at Brookville, Clearfield county, where he continued to follow his profession, and he died there. He had a family of four sons.

James Kennedy, son of Rev. James, was born at Lewistown, and became a well known lumberman, engaging in sawing and rafting throughout his active years. He died in 1847. He married Margaret R. Bradford, daughter of Samuel and granddaughter of Samuel, early settlers at the Trappe, in Montgomery county, Pa. Two children were born to this union, James F. and Mary Jane, the latter of whom married John Jackson, of Kent county, Delaware.

James F. Kennedy received his education in the schools of his native district, first attending the old-fashioned pay schools and later the public schools. Subsequently he was engaged in farm work until his enlistment, in 1861, in Battery F, 1st Pennsylvania Light Artillery, which was known as Rickett's Battery. He served as corporal, and was in the principal battles included in the operations of the Army of the Potomac during his long service, escaping with but one slight injury, on the right side of his neck, which was made a trifle black by a passing bullet. He has a fine army record. Mr. Kennedy was mustered out in July,

1865, at Harrisburg, Pa., after which he located in Blair county, this State, where he followed farming for several years. In 1871 he moved thence to the West, making a settlement in Clay county, Kans., where he was one of the pioneers. He took up land there, which he improved, and continued to farm in that section for twenty-two and a half years, returning East in 1892. His home has since been in the borough of Milton, Northumberland county. Here he engaged in the plumbing and tinning business, which he followed with steady success until his retirement, in 1907, at which time he sold out to his son, John C. By honorable dealing and good management Mr. Kennedy made his business profitable, and he is now enjoying the rewards of a long life of industry and well directed effort.

Mr. Kennedy is a Methodist and was at one time quite active in church work. He was among the first to help organize a Presbyterian church in northern part of Dickinson county, Kans., and served several years as elder of same. But the distance from his home was so great he united with the Methodist Episcopal denomination and assisted in building the first M. E. church in that section. Socially he belongs to the Union Veteran Legion and the Knights of the Maccabees.

On Dec. 25, 1866, Mr. Kennedy married (first) Isabella Clark, daughter of John Clark, of Blair county, Pa., and her death occurred in Kansas March 28, 1878. To this union were born two sons: William C., who has taken up land in Jerome, Lincoln county, Idaho, and is engaged in farming; and John C., born Jan. 16, 1874, in Dickinson county, Kans., who learned the plumbing business with his father and succeeded him in 1907 (he married Elsie Austin, of Bellefonte, Pa., and has three children, James K., William E. and Margaret). By his second marriage, on Nov. 26, 1890, to Clara R. Shearer, Mr. Kennedy has no children.

While in Kansas Mr. Kennedy served in various public offices, being school director of Athelstane township, Clay county, for sixteen years, road-master eight years, and justice of the peace. He is a Republican in political sentiment.

Maj. James Shearer, grandfather of Mrs. James F. Kennedy, was born in 1789, was a farmer in Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, and lived to the age of seventy-five years, dying April 12, 1864, at Lewisburg. He was a member of Milton Lodge, F. & A. M. He married Rebecca Rupert, born Sept. 26, 1796, died May 24, 1852, and they are buried at Milton. Their children were as follows: Charles R., Leonard R., Hiram R., Harry R. (who went West), Elizabeth (married Col. Joseph Fisher, of the 5th Reserves), Sarah (married Charles Bartholamew, Susan (married William Nolan and is now living at Harrisburg,

Pa.), and Mary (married Joseph Mellinger, of Washington borough, Lancaster Co., Pa., where they lived many years; she is now living in Philadelphia with her three children, Preston, Lillian and Thad).

Charles R. Shearer, son of Maj. James, was the father of Mrs. Kennedy. He was born April 26, 1819, and followed contracting and building at Milton until his death, which occurred May 22, 1864. Socially he was a Mason (member of Milton Lodge, F. & A. M.) and Odd Fellow. He married Mary Ann Alexander, born in 1819, who long survived him, dying in 1882, and to them were born three children, William A. (who is living in Milton), Clara R. (wife of James F. Kennedy) and Rebecca (who died in infancy).

John Alexander, Mrs. Kennedy's maternal grandfather, was born at Mooresburg, Montour Co., Pa., and followed the trade of wagonmaking. He is buried in Chillisquaque cemetery. His wife, Mary (Housh), was a member of an early family of this district. Their children were: Philip; William; Jane, who married John Miller, of Lewisburg; Mary Ann, who married Charles R. Shearer; and Sarah, who married Asbury Donachy and lives at Lewisburg.

**PATRICK J. GLENNAN**, a citizen of Shamokin borough who has become well known for his efficient service in various public capacities, was born June 18, 1864, at Locust Dale, Pa., son of Thomas Glennan.

Thomas Glennan was a native of Ireland, born in 1818, and came to America in the fall of 1840, landing at New York City. He continued his journey to Pennsylvania at once, and from that time to the end of his active years followed coal mining in Schuylkill and Northumberland counties. In 1844 he settled in Shamokin, where he died at his home, No. 136 West Willow street, Dec. 28, 1891. He was married at Pottsville, Schuylkill county, to Mary Fougerty, like himself a native of Ireland, who came to America when a young girl and lived at Pottsville until her marriage. She died April 17, 1891. Mr. and Mrs. Glennan were members of St. Edward's Catholic church. They were the parents of eleven children, as follows: John; Patrick, who was killed at the Potts colliery, at Locust Dale, when fifteen years old; James; Margaret, wife of John Brennan; Mary, wife of Patrick E. Brennan; Eliza, who died young; Thomas, who died young; Patrick J.; Annie, who married Patrick Wallace; Thomas F.; and Ellen, deceased.

Patrick J. Brennan attended the schools of Coal township, Northumberland county, but not for the length of time now required. He was but ten years old when he began picking slate at the breakers, and when sixteen he began mining, which work he continued to follow until 1905. During all this

time he was in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Company. In 1905 he was elected county commissioner, and served three years in that office, making a high record for public-spirited and intelligent service. He has also served his ward—the Fourth—as councilman, and he is a well known and respected figure in local public matters. In 1909 he was appointed by W. H. R. Smink, burgess of Shamokin, as inspector of the street paving, also looking after the crossings and supplies. During 1909 he also served as mercantile appraiser of Northumberland county. Mr. Glennan's wide experience has made him a practical authority on borough affairs, and he is considered a valued counselor.

Mr. Glennan holds membership in a number of the local fraternal bodies, belonging to the Elks, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Ancient Order of Hibernians and Knights of Columbus, and he was a charter member of the West End Fire Company. He is a Catholic in religion, belonging to St. Edward's Church.

On May 12, 1891, Mr. Glennan married Mary E. Golden, daughter of James and Mary (Clark) Golden, and they have had seven children (of which five are living), namely: Thomas, Maria, James, Ellen, Edward (deceased), Madeline and Catherine (deceased).

**DAVID W. COOPER**, who is living retired at Sunbury, Northumberland county, was a successful farmer in Upper Augusta township for a number of years and for nine years a resident of East Lewisburg, this county. He is a native of Upper Augusta township, born Aug. 3, 1844, and according to tradition the family has been settled in that section since early in the nineteenth century.

John Cooper, grandfather of David W. Cooper, lived in New Jersey before he came to Pennsylvania with his family, about 1804, settling in Augusta township, Northumberland county. It is thought some of his children were born in Pennsylvania. He is said to have been a farmer by occupation. He and his wife are buried at the old stone church at Augustaville, but they have no tombstones. Their family consisted of four sons and two daughters: Israel, who located in Indiana, where he engaged in farming; Jacob, who also located in Indiana; Henry, who lived at Bloomsburg, Pa. (his son Charles lives in Shamokin, this county); John; Mary, Mrs. Philip Renn; and Mrs. Barrett.

John Cooper, son of John, was born Aug. 19, 1807, in Northumberland county, and passed his life in Upper Augusta township, dying on his farm there Sept. 3, 1879; he is buried in the old south (Fourth street) cemetery. Mr. Cooper was a successful farmer, owning the property of 245 acres which now belongs to his son David W., and he took an interest in the public affairs of the town-



ship, serving as a member of the school board. He was a Republican in politics and a Lutheran in religion, holding membership in Zion's Church at Sunbury. His wife, Catharine (Snyder), of Upper Augusta township, was born April 13, 1809, and died Sept. 19, 1893. She is buried at her husband's side in the old south cemetery. They were the parents of eleven children, born as follows: Hiram P., Sept. 25, 1830; Jeremiah, Aug. 23, 1832; Isaac N., July 29, 1834; Thomas G., Nov. 15, 1836; Harriet S., Oct. 8, 1838; John L., Dec. 19, 1840; Simon, July 1, 1842; David W., Aug. 3, 1844; Mary C., Oct. 4, 1846; Dr. Joseph, Feb. 1, 1849; Luther S., May 3, 1851.

David W. Cooper received his education in the public schools of the home locality, and was reared to farm life, working for his parents until he attained his majority and remaining at home until he was twenty-seven years old. He taught school in his native township for three years, 1870-71-72. Mr. Cooper succeeded his father in the ownership of the farm, which he cultivated until 1902, when he retired and settled in Sunbury. Meantime, however, he was away from the place for nine years, during which time he resided in East Lewisburg. On his removal to Sunbury he built the comfortable residence at the corner of Fourth and Church streets, in 1902-03, which he and his wife have since occupied. Mr. Cooper has always been a public-spirited citizen, willing to work in a cause for the general good, and he served six years as a member of the board of school directors in Upper Augusta township, which was the first township in Northumberland county to adopt the free textbook plan; this change was made during his service. He was treasurer of the board for a time. He has always been a staunch supporter of the Republican party and was committeeman of his township for a number of years. In 1897 Mr. Cooper was appointed a member of the Farmers' National Congress, by the late Gov. Daniel H. Hastings, the meeting being held at St. Paul, Minn. Mr. Cooper attended this congress with thirty-three other delegates of Pennsylvania, and he is now a life member. He is the vice-president of the Pennsylvania delegation. For some years he held membership in the L. O. O. F. and the Conclave.

On Feb. 15, 1872, Mr. Cooper married Hannah Fasold, daughter of Jonathan Fasold, of what is now Rockefeller township. She died Feb. 23, 1884, aged thirty-eight years, the mother of one child, George, who was accidentally shot when seventeen years old. On March 29, 1888, Mr. Cooper married (second) Emma Leshner, daughter of Robert and Sarah (Vandling) Leshner, of Blue Hill, Snyder Co., Pa., and granddaughter of George Leshner. They had one daughter, Catherine P., who died at the age of fifteen years.

Mr. and Mrs. Cooper worship at Zion's Lutheran Church, Sunbury. While living at East Lewis-

burg he was identified with the Lutheran Church at Lewisburg, and served as trustee of that congregation.

**KEISER.** The Keiser family has been represented in Northumberland county for several generations, having been founded in this section by Henry Keiser, a native of Berks county, Pa., who had several brothers, Daniel, John and Reuben all locating in central Pennsylvania. Reuben eventually went West. Daniel was a farmer and tobacco grower in the vicinity of McEwensville, and is buried in that vicinity. He had children: Judiah, Henry, and a daughter now deceased, and Susan, who married John Bender and lived near Milton, Northumberland county.

Henry Keiser was born June 25, 1781, in Berks county, and came to Northumberland county after his marriage. Locating in Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, on a large tract of land, he followed farming as well as his trade of carpenter. The Keiser homestead is now owned by the Nelson Miller estate, and the log house built thereon by Henry Keiser is still standing (1911). He cleared his land and remained there until his death, which occurred Nov. 13, 1861. He is buried in the now abandoned Dunkelberger U. E. Church graveyard and was a devout and active member of that church. The church itself has been torn down and the cemetery is in a sadly neglected state. Mr. Keiser's first marriage was to Eva Zimmerman, born Aug. 5, 1781, who died March 11, 1852, and his second was to Mrs. Anna (Chamberlin) Morey. His children were all by the first union, namely: George is mentioned below; Hannah married John Foy; Polly married Nathaniel Lytle; Daniel, who married Mahala Lytle, lived for many years in Shamokin township, but died at Mount Carmel; Isaac died in 1894 at Mount Carmel, where his widow, Susan (Kerr), now lives; Henry is mentioned below; Christina married Asa Morey and they lived in Potter county, Pa.; one daughter married Jonathan Smith; Teina married Mr. Morey.

George Keiser, son of Henry, was born Feb. 16, 1810, in Rockefeller (then Lower Augusta) township, and became a farmer, occupying part of his father's original tract, where he died Aug. 24, 1877. He was a Lutheran member of the Augustaville Stone Church. Mr. Keiser married Magdalena Bloom, daughter of Samuel Bloom, and to this union were born five children; we have record of Elizabeth (Mrs. Wesley Haupt), Absalom B. and Harriet (who was choked to death by a bean). His second wife was Elizabeth Bloom, sister of the first, born Nov. 9, 1813, died Sept. 2, 1901. Several children were born to this marriage: Hulda married George B. Conrad; Jacob S. married Polly Ruppert; Albert married Pauline Lerch, who lives in Hollowing Run, in Lower Augusta township;



Jerome is out West, in the gold fields; Mary married M. Luther Conrad and they live on the George Keiser homestead; Aaron B. is a resident of Mount Carmel. Some children died when young.

ABSALOM B. KEISER, now a retired resident of the borough of Sunbury, was born July 17, 1839, in Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, son of George Keiser. He lived on the home farm until of age. During the Civil war he served as a member of Company H, 172d Regiment, Pennsylvania Drafted Militia, into which he was sworn for nine months or to the end of the war, and he reached the rank of corporal. At the close of his term, after the battle of Gettysburg, he returned to Lower Augusta township in August, 1863, and until 1865 cultivated his father-in-law's farm in that township. In 1865 he settled in Sunbury, where that year he bought a piece of ground containing one and a half acres upon which he built a small house, on Catawissa avenue. His wife had agreed to have a home anywhere but in the flat. When he drove his well he went down fifty feet and came to rock, finding plenty of water, but as others dug wells the supply was not so plentiful and he went down seven feet through the rock, with satisfactory results. In course of time he enlarged his house, and there he has remained to the present time, being now the oldest resident of his part of the borough. His land has greatly increased in value. For the first two years after his removal to Sunbury he burned lime and drove team, and he continued to follow hauling and draying throughout his active years, until his retirement in 1907. He prospered by thrifty management and industry, and now owns, besides his home property, a house in Augusta street and several lots.

On April 8, 1862, Mr. Keiser married Mary Ann Gass, who was born July 29, 1840, daughter of Joseph Gass, of Plum Creek Valley, and died Sept. 18, 1901. She is buried in the family plot in Pomfret Manor cemetery. Six children were born to this union: Martin L. died young; Della married Henry Heckert and has children, Lottie, Harry, Roy and Sarah; George died young; Maria G. married Frank Houghton (they have no children); William died young; Elizabeth, who is unmarried, keeps house for her father.

Mr. Keiser is a Democrat in political matters, and he has taken some part in local affairs, having served several terms in the council of East Sunbury; a few terms as constable of the borough of Sunbury; and four years as supervisor of Upper Augusta township. He is a citizen who has always commanded the respect and confidence of his fellowmen, and his upright life and faithful public services have gained him many well wishers. He was catechised at the Augustaville Stone Church, and he and his family have been identified with the Lutheran Church in Sunbury.

Henry Keiser, son of Henry the pioneer in Northumberland county, was born in May, 1811, in Northumberland county, Pa., and grew up on the home farm. He assisted his father with the agricultural work, and also learned how to make spinning wheels, at which he was engaged for some time. He then bought a tract of land at Trevorton, which he cleared, but in time he sold it and in 1834 removed to Shamokin, being one of the pioneers of that now thriving borough. For a number of years he followed contracting and teaming, in 1856 entering the mercantile business in partnership with Joseph Porter. This venture did not last long, however, as they were obliged to discontinue after a year, during the panic, and Mr. Keiser turned to a new industry, being one of the first men to contract timber to the mines in this section. He died at Shamokin in June, 1872, of smallpox. Mr. Keiser was a member of the Evangelical Church. He married Catherine Raker, and they had children as follows: Maria married David Fisher; Isaac R. became the father of Joseph A. Keiser; Harner married John R. Boughner; Jacob R., born May 1, 1845, is deceased; Henry H. was for many years a prominent merchant at Shamokin; Reuben is living in Shamokin.

Isaac R. Keiser, son of Henry, was born June 30, 1839, and died March 29, 1904, at the age of sixty-two years. He was for a number of years a well known merchant of Shamokin, where he engaged in business in 1869 and continued until 1880, in which year he removed to Mount Carmel. He followed the same line there until his demise. Mr. Keiser married Elizabeth Wolfgang, daughter of George Wolfgang, and she still resides in Mount Carmel, continuing the business formerly owned by her husband. Four children were born to them: Joseph A.; Missouri, who married Harry Haas; George H., of Mount Carmel; and Isaac N., of Akron, Ohio.

JOSEPH A. KEISER, son of Isaac R. Keiser, was born Feb. 10, 1862, in Shamokin, and there attended the public schools and Shamokin Academy, graduating from the latter institution. In 1879 he went to Joliet, Ill., where he spent some time, and returning home assisted his father in the grocery business which he had meantime established in Mount Carmel. He has since continued in this line, his location at the corner of Third and Maple streets being well known and well patronized. His excellent business methods and honorable dealing have gained him a large custom, which he retains by accommodating his patrons in every possible way. He is well known in various associations in the borough, being president of the school board at the present time, is a director of the Anthracite Building and Loan Association, member and chaplain of Mount Carmel Lodge, No. 378, F. & A. M., and member and recorder of the local organization of the Knights of Malta. He also belongs to

the P. O. S. of A., and is secretary of the Loyal Association. His activities have also extended to church life, Mr. Keiser being a leading member of the United Evangelical Association and at present serving as trustee of same. In political matters he is a Republican.

On April 6, 1886, Mr. Keiser married Alice J. Herb, daughter of Rudolph Herb, and they have one daughter, Emma E., who is a student at Bucknell University, member of the class of 1912.

GEORGE HENRY KEISER, son of Isaac R., was born in Shamokin, Pa., Nov. 3, 1867. He attended the public schools of Shamokin and afterward clerked in his father's store, moving with his parents to Mount Carmel where he continued in his father's employ until the latter's death, when his mother continued the business, which is conducted by the two sons, Joseph A. and George Henry.

Mr. Keiser was married May 28, 1890, to Ella H. Swank, daughter of Jacob Swank. Socially Mr. Keiser is a member of I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 1150, of Mount Carmel. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and in politics is a Republican. He is a director of the People's Building and Loan Association.

HON. JOHN T. McMULLEN, of Shamokin, Northumberland county, present representative of his district in the State Legislature of Pennsylvania, is an employee of the Pennsylvania Railway Company and well known among his fellow workers as well as in local public affairs. He was born May 6, 1877, in Montour county, Pa., son of Samuel McMullen, who has become well known in both Montour and Northumberland counties in various connections.

Samuel McMullen was born in 1817 in Montour county, and during his early life became familiar with farm life. But when a young man he learned the carpenter's trade, which he has since followed. For a number of years he was engaged as a contractor at Danville, Montour county, employing six men, but since 1893 he has been carpenter foreman at the Natalie colliery, at Natalie, Northumberland county. He is a staunch Republican, has served as county commissioner and jury commissioner of his native county, and while a resident of Danville was prominent as an Odd Fellow, filling all the chairs in the local lodge. He is a member of the German Reformed Church. His wife, Mary Alice (Geist), is a daughter of David Geist, of Catawissa, Pa., and to them have been born eight children: John T.; Truman F., Florence C., David and M. Frances, all of whom reside with their parents at Natalie; and three who are deceased.

John T. McMullen received a public school education, attending the borough school at Danville for four years, and night school at Natalie for one year. When sixteen years old he commenced to

learn the carpenter's trade, which he followed for three years, subsequently finding employment about the coal mines. In 1900 he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Company, with which he has since been engaged at railroad work.

Mr. McMullen is a veteran of the Spanish-American war, in which he served as a member of Company E, 12th Pennsylvania Volunteers; he is a member of Aerie No. 534, F. O. E., at Shamokin, and of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, which he has served as secretary of the General Grievance committee since 1902. In politics he is a Republican and has been active in the local affairs of the party, on whose ticket he was elected Nov. 8, 1910, to represent his district in the State Legislature, his plurality being 260 votes. This was his first candidacy for county office. He is favorably regarded in the party and in his community, where he has many friends.

On June 14, 1898, Mr. McMullen married Fay E. Ditty, daughter of Thomas and Rebecca (Tailor) Ditty, whose ancestors were from Lower Mahanoy township, this county. Three children have been born to this union, namely: Ruth R., Thomas S. and Alice B. Mr. McMullen has made his home in the borough of Shamokin since 1900.

GEORGE W. HARTLEIN, of No. 430 West Pine street, Shamokin, has been secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America in District No. 9 since its organization, in 1899, his work covering four counties and about fifty-one thousand, two hundred mine workers. His long retention in the office is the best evidence of his satisfactory services. He is a native of Shamokin, born June 21, 1865, son of Joseph Hartlein and grandson of George Hartlein, and comes of old Berks county stock, the Hartleins or Hartlines having long been prominent in that section. The family is of German origin and has been a part of the substantial German element of Pennsylvania citizenship since the first half of the eighteenth century.

John Jacob Hartlein was born Sept. 8, 1699, in Saxony, Germany, son of Nicholas and Dorothea Hartlein, as indicated by the Hill Church records. On Sept. 28, 1726, he married Julia, daughter of John Christian and Appolonia Dressler, born July 4, 1694. They came to America in 1732, and settled in Earl township, Berks Co., Pa. To them were born six children: John Jacob and Jacob both died young; Margaret, born in 1729, married John —; George was born in 1732; Anna Dorothea, born in 1734, died in 1736; Nicholas, born in 1736, died in 1741.

George Hartlein, son of John Jacob, was born in Saxony, Germany, in 1732, shortly before the emigration of his parents to the New World. In 1750 he was a taxable in District township, Berks county, as was also George, Jr. In 1755 he mar-



ried Maria Catharine Boehm (Boehm), who was born in 1739, daughter of Conrad Boehm, a native of Fehrfeld, Wurtemberg, Germany, born about 1705, who came to America in 1732. George Hartlein and wife had the following children: Jost (or Yost), born Jan. 8, 1767, died Dec. 21, 1852, and is buried at Oley church, and by his side is buried Sarah Hartlein, born Oct. 18, 1780, died Sept. 24, 1873 (it is not known whether she was his wife or his sister); George, Jr., was born Jan. 11, 1781. There were perhaps other children, but the names of these two alone are of certain record.

George Hartlein (the name George is very common in this family), grandfather of George W. Hartlein, was a farmer in Berks county, where he died, at Spangsville. His wife, whose maiden name was Mosser, bore him the following children: Isaac, who died in Michigan; Joseph; Jared; George, living in Philadelphia; and Mary, who married Samuel Brosius and is living at Stonington, Northumberland Co., Pennsylvania.

Joseph Hartlein was born Dec. 15, 1829, in Berks county, and when a young man came to Northumberland county, settling in the Mahantango Valley. He was a wheelwright, and followed the trade for many years, in time moving to Paxinos, where he lived for a while before coming to Shamokin. After settling in the latter borough he followed mining and the lumber business until 1890, from which time until his death he lived retired. He married Lydia Rebuck, who was from the Mahantango Valley, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Maurer) Rebuck, and she died Nov. 28, 1881. Mr. Hartlein died July 9, 1893, and both are buried in the Shamokin cemetery. They had a large family, viz.: Mary married Gabriel Snyder and they live in Shamokin; they have had seven children. Amelia married Harvey Maurer, of Shamokin, and has had sixteen children. Abbie married Charles Kerstetter, of Shamokin, and has had fifteen children. Jared died in infancy. Elmira married John Drummheller, of Shamokin, and has had twelve children. Margaret married August Ross and they are living at Shamokin; they have had ten children. Harry died in infancy. George W. is mentioned below. Alice, who died in Shamokin in 1895, was the wife of Frank Sheetz and had five children. Frona, who lives in Indiana county, Pa., married Joseph Powell and has had eight children.

George W. Hartlein received his education in the public schools of Shamokin, but his educational advantages were limited, for when only seven years old he began picking slate at the Bear Valley breaker. He continued this work until he reached the age of fifteen, when he commenced mining, at which he was engaged until 1900. Meantime, on Oct. 21, 1899, the United Mine Workers of America organized in this district

(No. 9) at Mount Carmel, forming District No. 9, which includes the counties of Northumberland, Schuylkill, Dauphin and Columbia, with the main office at Shamokin. Mr. Hartlein was elected secretary-treasurer at the time of the organization, and has filled that office continuously since. As there are over fifty-one thousand mine workers in the district, his duties are varied and heavy, but he has discharged them to the satisfaction of all concerned. Besides his membership in the mine workers' body he is associated with the P. O. S. of A., having been a charter member of Camp No. 187 and later transferred to Camp No. 149.

Mr. Hartlein married Elma Drummheller, daughter of Levi T. and Lydia (Daniels) Drummheller, of Northumberland county, and they have had six children: Grover C., who died in infancy; Lydia, who died in 1902, when sixteen years old; Clarence W., of Shamokin, who married Hattie Neihart; Nola, at home; George O., at home; and a daughter that died in infancy. Mr. Hartlein has three grandchildren.

In political sentiment Mr. Hartlein is a Democrat, but he votes independently. His religious connection is with the Reformed Church.

**MILLER.** The brothers John L. Miller and J. Adam Miller, of Sunbury, are natives of Germany who came to this country in boyhood, the former taking up his residence in the borough in 1879, the latter in 1890. The family came to America in 1860, landing at Baltimore, Md., after a most thrilling experience. They had taken passage for New York, but were captured en route by a man-of-war and taken to the island of Saint Thomas, one of the West Indies, where they were obliged to pay three hundred dollars' ransom before released. The Millers proceeded from Baltimore to Ashland, Pa., where the family settled, the father, Andrew Miller, finding work in the coal mines, as did also his son John. As soon as they became old enough the sons all had to work in the mines. There the mother died in 1862, and the family of six children consequently became scattered.

**JOHN L. MILLER,** son of Andrew, was born March 19, 1848, in Würzburg, Bavaria, Germany, and came to this country with the family as related. Though only a boy at the time of the Civil war he enlisted in the Union service, becoming a member of Company H, 79th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, with which, among other experiences, he participated in Sherman's famous march to the sea. Upon his return to civil life he began to learn the trade of carpenter, at Williamsport, Pa., from which place he came to Sunbury in 1879. He has been connected with a number of important business enterprises in the borough during the thirty and more years of his residence there. He has been extensively engaged in contracting and building, and became senior partner of the firm



of Miller & Heim, manufacturers of extension tables. Mr. Miller has had many large and responsible contracts in Sunbury and the surrounding territory, among others the interior fitting of the present First National Bank building. Mr. Miller has acquired extensive interests in the Adams Clay Mining Company, of New Jersey, which operates extensively in the manufacture of buff brick, and he has been a director of the concern for a number of years. His activity and success have made him an influential member of local commercial circles, his ability having been demonstrated in a number of prosperous undertakings. Moreover, he has taken prominent part in other local affairs of interest to those who have the welfare of the community at heart, having served most efficiently as school director. During his service the schools of East Sunbury were raised to a high standard, and his good judgment and disinterested labors were highly appreciated by his fellow citizens. Mr. Miller also took a conspicuous part in securing the establishment of the Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home near Sunbury, and in 1897 became its first president and superintendent, resigning that position in 1901 when his duties in connection with the Adams Clay Mining Company demanded so much of his attention that he did not feel he could do justice to both.

Mr. Miller is also widely acquainted in Masonic circles, being a thirty-second degree Mason, and he is also an active member of the Odd Fellows fraternity. At the Odd Fellows convention held in Sunbury April 26, 1905, he was grand marshal, and as such deserves high credit for the successful manner in which the affair was conducted.

J. ADAM MILLER, son of Andrew Miller, was born Aug. 11, 1853, in the kingdom of Bavaria, Germany, and attended school there for six months before the family came to America. Since his mother's death he has lived in Northumberland and Lycoming counties, Pa., principally the former, however. He acquired an excellent practical education, sufficient to enable him to enter the teaching profession, which he began in Shamokin township, this county, in 1872. He taught sixteen terms in all, fourteen in Northumberland county and two in Lycoming county. For ten terms he was engaged in Rockefeller township, where he was licensed by Prof. Saul Shipman. For one term, after he began teaching, he was a student at Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport. Mr. Miller carried on farming in Rockefeller township for two years before his removal to Sunbury, in 1890, at which time he took a position in the clerical department of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. He was thus engaged for fourteen years, giving up the work on account of his health, and for a time solicited insurance. Then for six years he was employed at the Susquehanna Silk Mills, in

Sunbury, in May, 1910, commencing the grocery business in which he is now interested.

Mr. Miller has always taken the interest of a public-spirited citizen in matters affecting the general good, served as assessor for three years while a resident of Rockefeller township, and since settling in Sunbury has served as borough auditor. He does not give his allegiance to any particular party, voting for the candidates he considers most suitable. Socially Mr. Miller holds membership in the Knights of Malta at Sunbury.

While in Rockefeller township Mr. Miller met Miss Conrad, whom he married. They have had one daughter, Mabel Grace, who is at home. Mr. Miller and his family are Lutherans, and while living in Rockefeller township he served as deacon of the Eden Evangelical Lutheran Church.

WILLIAM KNAPP is engaged in the furniture and undertaking business at Trevorton, carrying on the business established some fifty or more years ago there by his father, who was one of the first men in his line to settle at the place. Mr. Knapp was born in 1843 in Wurtemberg, Germany, son of John Michael Knapp, who brought his family to America in 1857. The voyage was made in a sailing vessel, and they landed at New York after a voyage of forty-three days. Locating in Trevorton, Northumberland Co., Pa., Mr. Knapp, who was a skilled cabinet-maker, followed cabinetmaking and undertaking, being one of the first here to pursue that kind of work. He was successful, and was so engaged until his death, which occurred in December, 1871. He married Margaret Ebbling, and they had the following children: Michael, Fredericka, Christiana, Margaret and William.

William Knapp came to America with the family and has lived in Trevorton ever since. Under his father's able instruction he learned the trade of cabinetmaker, and upon the death of his father himself assumed the business. At one time he made all the caskets himself, but of late years he has obtained them from the factories. Undertaking is his specialty, but he also deals in furniture, of all kinds, and has a lucrative patronage in both lines, being one of the leading business men of the town. His store is located on Shamokin street. He is a citizen who holds the esteem and confidence of his fellowmen, and has been chosen to fill various local offices, having served as school director, tax collector and overseer of the poor of Zerbe township. Politically he is associated with the Republican party.

In 1869 Mr. Knapp married Eva Rosina Pfesterrer, who was born June 29, 1845, in Germany. They have no children. Mr. and Mrs. Knapp are members of the Evangelical Church.

JOHN DAVID PFESTERRER, father of Mrs. Knapp, was born Aug. 11, 1810, in Wurtemberg, Germany,

and came to America in 1854, making the voyage in a sailing vessel which brought him to New York City. His first location in the New World was at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., from which place he came to Trevorton in the early days of that town. Here he followed his trade, that of carpenter, and was an industrious and respected citizen until his death, which occurred May 6, 1889. His wife, whose maiden name was Susanna Margareta Ott, followed him to America in 1856 with four of their children. She died in 1890. They had the following family: John George is living at Trevorton; Margareta married John Ross; Christiana married George Walter, who was killed at a breaker at Trevorton; John David was killed in the mines at Trevorton; Eva Rosina is the wife of William Knapp.

**JAMES COOPER**, proprietor of the well known "Cooper's Hotel" at Trevorton, is conducting practically the same business which his father entered forty years ago, and is a worthy successor of that much respected citizen of Trevorton. His son, Alexander Cooper, is engaged in the bakery and general store business, and has been otherwise prominent in the life of the town, where the name is associated with public-spirited citizenship in all that term implies.

William and Susan (Jones) Cooper, grandparents of James Cooper, never came to America. Their son, James Cooper, born Jan. 26, 1818, in Staffordshire, England, lived in his native land until 1863, following mining from the age of ten years. Coming to America in the year named, with his family, he landed at New York City and was soon settled at Trevorton, Northumberland Co., Pa., where he found work at mining. Later he removed to Shamokin, this county, where he was employed in the mines until 1869, when he returned to Trevorton, working at the mines. In 1870 he went to Mahanoy City, but the following year came back to Trevorton, in 1872 becoming proprietor of the hotel known as "The House of All Nations," which he had bought in 1869. From that time until his death he was successfully engaged in the hotel business, becoming one of the best known men in his section. He was one of the oldest miners of the region, a man respected and trusted by all who knew him, served as supervisor of Zerbe township, and stood high in the community as a man of sterling qualities. He was a Republican in politics, and socially held membership in the I. O. O. F. and the K. of P. He died in 1899.

On Nov. 15, 1845, Mr. Cooper married Jane Sunderland, of England, who died May 26, 1885, the mother of seven children, all now deceased but James and Mary A., the latter the wife of Otto Lout, of Trevorton. On Nov. 17, 1885, Mr. Cooper married (second) Mrs. Betsy Whittle, a

native of England, whose parents, Abraham and Jane Roper, were also born in that country.

James Cooper, son of James and Jane (Sunderland) Cooper, was born Nov. 18, 1850, in Staffordshire, England, and came to America with his parents. At an early age he commenced mining, and in 1879 he made a prospecting tour in the Black Hills, where he was associated with Colonel Cody ("Buffalo Bill") and had many interesting experiences. But he returned to mining in Pennsylvania, being long in the employ of Baumgardner & Douty, at Shamokin. In 1899, after the death of his father, he took over the hotel business, which he had purchased, and this business he has since continued. For some time Mr. Cooper was in Clearfield county, this State, engaged in the horse business, and he is still interested in that line, which he carries on in connection with his hotel business. Mr. Cooper has a notably fine array of mounted birds, the collection of which has been a hobby affording him much interest and pleasure. He is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle and of the Knights of Malta, and in political matters he is identified with the Republican party.

Mr. Cooper married Isabella Matheason, daughter of Alexander Matheason, and they had a family of seven children: Alexander; James W., who is employed at the North Franklin Colliery (he is a leading member of Trevorton Fire Company No. 1, of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and of the Trevorton band); Isabella, deceased; Jennie, deceased; Clara E.; Bertha M., and Charles. The mother of this family died April 4, 1909, and is buried at Trevorton.

**ALEXANDER COOPER**, eldest child of James and Isabella (Matheason) Cooper, was born at Trevorton March 10, 1872, and there obtained his education in the public schools. Like his forefathers he began work in the mines, as a slate picker, and continued to follow mining, of both soft and hard coal, until 1904. In 1905 he bought out the baking business of A. C. Fisher, who is now cashier of the Trevorton Bank, and he has continued this business to the present time, having a large and steadily developing trade. In addition, he has dealt in groceries, notions and general merchandise, building up a profitable trade, which reflects great credit upon his management and enterprise. He is considered one of the five business men of the town, and has the good will and respect of his many patrons and friends.

Outside of his private business concerns, Mr. Cooper's special activity has been in the interest of the Trevorton Fire Company, which he organized in 1900, being its chief promoter and becoming its first president and first chief. It is practically through his efforts that the town is able to boast of so efficient an organization, and he is still its leading member. It is a valuable factor in the



business life of the town, and is thoroughly appreciated by all the progressive citizens of the community. Mr. Cooper is a member of the State Firemen's Association. He assisted in organizing the Trevorton business men's association in 1906, and has served as its president ever since. He is quite prominent in local fraternal circles, being a past officer of the Knights of the Golden Eagle and the Woodmen of the World. In politics he is a Republican.

On Dec. 28, 1904, Mr. Cooper married Jennie C. Zartman, daughter of S. S. Zartman, of Shamokin, this county. They have one daughter, May Elizabeth.

**JACOB R. DEIBLER**, who follows farming in Shamokin township, having a fine property at Snyderstown, is a well known member of a family which has been settled in that section of Northumberland county for several generations. He was born in Shamokin township March 6, 1857, son of Jonathan Deibler, and grandson of George Deibler, the pioneer settler here.

George Deibler was born in Dauphin county, Pa., and came to Northumberland county about 1812, locating in Shamokin township, where he purchased land in 1813 and followed farming the remainder of his active days. He was one of the substantial and respected residents of his section, and Deiblers Station, in Shamokin township, was named for him. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Bastian, are buried at the Brick church, at Reed's station. They had children as follows: Daniel, Mary, Jonathan, Hannah, George, William, John, Catharine, Elizabeth, Harriet and Rebecca.

Jonathan Deibler, son of George, was born in 1825 on the old homestead at Deiblers station, which farm is now owned by R. S. Aucker, of Shamokin. He was reared to farming, and always followed that vocation, becoming a well known and highly respected citizen of his district. He died Aug. 27, 1887, at the age of sixty-two years, and is buried at Reed's church in Ralpho township. His widow, Elizabeth (Reed), daughter of Jacob and Hannah (Duttinger) Reed, now (1911) eighty-three years old, makes her home with her son Jacob at Snyderstown. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Deibler, namely: Flora A., who is married to S. Ellis Klase and lives in Snyderstown; Jacob R.; and Emma C., who is married to Wallace Hoover and lives at Riverside, this county.

Jacob R. Deibler received his education in the public schools of the home locality. When a young man he taught for one term, at the American school in Shamokin township, but he did not care for the profession and decided to devote himself to farming, in which he has been very successful. He bought the old Jones homestead, at Snyder-

town, having a tract of 135 acres under excellent cultivation. Mr. Deibler has been progressive and thrifty, and has shown such good judgment in the management of his own affairs that he has been called upon to participate in the administration of public matters, having served as township auditor, school director and borough councilman; he is still filling the latter office, which he has held for seven years. He has taken an active part in the work of the school board and council, having been president of the former and secretary of the latter body. Politically he is a Republican. In religion he is a Lutheran.

Mr. Deibler married Rachel A. Zimmerman, daughter of George and Sarah (Fasold) Zimmerman, and they have had four children: Helen E., Wallace H., Luther E. (who died in infancy) and Warren E.

**JOHN CUMMINGS MOORE** is the foremost dealer in his line, confectionery and cigars, in Shamokin, conducting an up-to-date establishment on Independence street, in the Parnley building, which is one of the most popularly patronized places in the borough. His quick perception of the demands of the public, his readiness to adopt new lines and install new conveniences for the satisfactory service of his patrons, have brought him the best and largest trade in Shamokin. Though handicapped by a lack of early advantages he has made his way to the front, and he has made up in ability and enterprise for any such deficiency.

Mr. Moore was born March 20, 1871, at Selinsgrove, Snyder Co., Pa., son of Henry and Annie M. (Rarich) Moore, the latter a daughter of Amos Rarich, of Snyder county. His father was born at Selinsgrove in 1850 and died there in 1873. He was a saddler by trade. John C. Moore was a child when he and his mother moved to Shamokin, and here he attended public school until he commenced work, as a slate picker at the mines. He was employed about the collieries for about fifteen years in all, and then commenced railroading in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Company, with which he continued for a period of twelve years. Having met with an accident, Aug. 17, 1891, at Locust Summit, whereby he lost his left hand, he began his present business on a humble scale the following year, and throughout his business career has been located in the same block on Independence street, his present number being 132, in the Parnley block. He has been there since 1903. His line of business naturally makes Mr. Moore one of the best known men in Shamokin, but it is his excellent methods and high-class management which make him one of the most popular. He has an attractive and modern store, well equipped, his soda fountain being the finest in Shamokin, and he is constantly making changes and improve-



ments to facilitate the work of his employees or increase the conveniences of the establishment. His stock of confectionery and cigars is complete and attractively arranged, and everything about the store betokens the management of a man who foresees the demand of his patronage and is willing to forestall it. It is this faculty which has drawn to him the best class of trade in the city. His windows are always the best dressed in town, and all the appointments at Moore's are typical of the proprietor. In addition to this place he conducts the cafe at Edgewood Park, and there, too, has made a fine reputation, for the excellence of his meals and service. He deserves all his success, for it is the result of his individual efforts, and he is a credit to his community as well as to himself.

Mr. Moore is quite prominent in the ranks of the Republican party in Shamokin, served five years as jury commissioner and was committeeman of the Eighth ward for ten years. He is a well known member of the Elks and Odd Fellows fraternities.

On Jan. 12, 1892, Mr. Moore married Mary Walker, daughter of Thomas Walker, of Shamokin, and they have one daughter, Dorothy, who is now in school. The family belong to the Methodist Church.

**WILLIAM R. KUTZNER**, late a successful and enterprising merchant of Shamokin, Pa., was born in Sunbury, Northumberland Co., Pa., Dec. 18, 1835, and died in Shamokin May 24, 1885.

Edward A. Kutzner, father of William R., was a well known citizen of Northumberland county. He was three times married. By his first wife, Anna Robins, who died at Minersville, he had three children, Rebecca, William R., and a son that died in infancy. His second marriage was to Susan Lawrence, of Schuylkill county, and they had two children, Mary and George. He married (third) Margaret Simington, who died at Princeton, Mo., in 1908, the mother of Gertrude, Simington, Preston and Harriet. Mr. Kutzner died aged ninety-one years, eight days.

William R. Kutzner was but twelve years old when his parents went West, and in his Missouri home he grew to manhood. His first employment was at clerking. In 1857 he returned to Northumberland county, and locating in Shamokin the following year became one of the pioneers of this little city. He clerked in a drug store, and later was a member of a drug firm. In the spring of 1861, with John B. Douty as a partner, he entered upon a drug and general store business which they carried on until 1864, when the partnership was dissolved. Mr. Kutzner then conducted on his own account a drug and hardware store until August, 1883, when he sold out to Peter E. Buck and retired. He had amassed a considerable for-

tune in his business, and his investments had proved his farsightedness. At his death he left his family in very comfortable circumstances.

On June 12, 1861, Mr. Kutzner was married to Anna M., adopted daughter of John B. Douty, and she is still a resident of Shamokin. The children born of this union were: William R., who died in infancy; John D., who lives at Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Anna Laura, wife of Dr. J. M. Maurer, of Shamokin; Lavinia G., who died unmarried; Kathrina, wife of Edward K. Evert, of Shamokin; William Edward, who died in West Virginia, in 1909, aged forty years, leaving a daughter, H. Ethel; Harriet S., who married Howard Bertolette, and lives in West Virginia; Edith C., of Shamokin, Pa.; Charles P., who was superintendent of three collieries at Lansford, Pa., now with the Mineral Railroad & Mining Company, of Shamokin, Pa. Politically Mr. Kutzner was a staunch Republican, and while he was never active in politics he was nevertheless greatly interested in the public welfare. He was a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard, and during the labor riots of 1877 held the rank of major. He was a Presbyterian in religious faith. Fraternally he was a Mason, belonging to Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M. As a man, both in the business world and in private life, he commanded the respect of all who knew him, and his death was sincerely mourned.

**HENRY MILLER**, a farmer of Shamokin township, has owned his present farm for over a quarter of a century. He has been particularly active in public affairs in his connection with the school board, of which he has been a member since 1896, and is also assessor of his township, where he is a much respected citizen.

Mr. Miller was born Jan. 5, 1842, son of Isaiah Miller and grandson of Isaiah Miller, who was one of three brothers, Isaiah, Daniel and Jacob, who came to Northumberland county at an early date. Daniel, who settled in Shamokin township, was a shoemaker by trade; he died unmarried. Jacob, who also settled in Shamokin township, where he died, married Mary Saylor, a sister to his brother Isaiah's wife, but left no children. The family is of German origin, and the first of its members to come to America settled in Berks county, Pa., before the Revolution.

Isaiah Miller, grandfather of Henry Miller, came to the site of Shufftown, near Paxinos, in what is now Shamokin township, in 1800, making the journey from Berks county by team, and bought forty-eight acres of land, which he cleared and cultivated. In Berks county he had learned the trade of tailor, which he continued to follow in connection with farming, and he became one of the best known residents of his section. Upon his farm he built a store house in 1814, and it is

still standing and in good repair, though the oldest house in the district at present. He died upon his farm in May, 1861, at the age of eighty years, and is buried in Ralpho township at the Blue church, in whose welfare he was deeply interested. He was a member and official of the Reformed congregation there, and helped to build the church. In politics he was a Democrat. His wife, Susanna (Saylor), born in 1787, died in April, 1878, at the advanced age of ninety-one years. They had children as follows: Daniel, who died young; Isaiah; Susan, Mrs. Samuel Schrock; Jacob, who died in Ralpho township; Mary, Mrs. John Rothermel; Peter, who died in Shamokin, Pa.; and Godfrey, who died at the old homestead.

Isaiah Miller, son of Isaiah, was born in the stone house upon his father's farm in 1817, and died June 12, 1853, at the comparatively early age of thirty-six. He is buried at the Blue church. Mr. Miller learned the trade of shoemaker, which he followed in Shamokin township, and for a year before his death carried the mail from Shamokin to Mount Carmel, a distance of eight miles, which he walked; for this service he received eight dollars a month. He married Sarah Himmel, daughter of Abraham and Barbara (Hoffman) Himmel, and to them were born these children: Daniel, who died in infancy; Elizabeth, who died in infancy; Mary J., who married Charles Brown; Susanna, wife of George Dentzer; Henry; John J., living at Mount Carmel; Maria, who married Jacob Farnsworth; and Charles W., who died in Brooklyn.

Henry Miller attended the township schools. He lived with his grandfather until twenty-two years old, meantime working for his clothes and board, and then went to Shamokin, where for two years he was employed around the old Lambert colliery. For the next seven years he was engaged in repair work on the Pennsylvania railroad, and he has since been engaged in farming. In 1883 he bought the old homestead, which he has since cultivated. He now has seventy-nine acres of land, and makes a specialty of trucking, attending the Shamokin markets. His success has been the reward of well directed industry and the exercise of good judgment in his work, and he is regarded by his neighbors as a man of excellent business ability. His barn was built in 1868, and is in first-class condition, in keeping with everything else about his property.

Mr. Miller has held various local offices, having served as road supervisor and assessor, which latter position he still holds. In 1896 he was elected to the school board, and has done good work for the community in his capacity as a member of that body, which he has served as secretary, treasurer and president, at present filling his second term as president. The cause of education and proper public school facilities have always been pet ob-

jects of his attention and have been measurably benefited by his devotion. He is an active member of the Democratic party, and has made many friends in all the associations of life.

Mr. Miller married Sarah A. Price, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Weeks) Price, and they have five children: Ezra, member of the firm of Mifflin & Miller (his partner being J. W. Mifflin), manufacturers of brick at Paxinos, where he resides, married Malissa Slegel; Charles G. lives at Paxinos; Jackson makes his home in Fort Wayne, Ind.; George L. lives in Ralpho township, Northumberland county; Nora married W. E. Snyder and lives in Shamokin township.

DANIEL N. BERKHEISER, who is engaged in business at Trevorton as hotel owner and proprietor of the Pleasant View Poultry Yards, was born at that place Oct. 16, 1860, son of Isaac Berkheiser. As Isaac Berkheiser died when his children were young, Daniel being a boy of ten at the time, little is known of the early history of the family, except that it is of German origin.

Isaac Berkheiser was one of the early settlers at Trevorton, and was a miner by occupation. He met his death when fifty years old in 1870, during the time of the W. B. A., at the hands of the Mollie Maguires, being shot while sitting up at night with a sick friend. The first shot fired struck the window sill, but the second hit Mr. Berkheiser in the head and killed him. He is buried at Augustaville. Mr. Berkheiser was a soldier during the Civil war. His wife, Elizabeth (Haupt), daughter of George Haupt, of Irish Valley, Northumberland county, survived him many years, dying in 1900 at Trevorton, where she is buried, in Greenwood cemetery. They had children as follows: Josephine, who was drowned in a spring when a child; George, who lives at Freeburg, Snyder Co., Pa.; Elizabeth, deceased, who was the wife of Albert Brosious; Daniel N.; Alice, wife of Frank K. Getcher; and William, of Pittsburg, Pa., who is yard foreman in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Daniel N. Berkheiser received his education in the public schools. When a boy he began picking slate at the North Franklin colliery, and subsequently, in turn, was employed at door tending and driving, loading cars and mining, remaining at the same colliery for a period of about twenty years, from the age of ten until he was thirty. Since then he has been in business on his own account. For about fifteen years after giving up mining he had a store, dealing in groceries, fish, oysters, etc., and enjoyed a profitable trade. For five years he conducted the "Central Hotel" at Trevorton, selling it in June, 1907. In 1908 he put up a fine, substantial, four-story building at Trevorton for hotel purposes, containing twenty-one rooms with modern improvements and conveniences. Mr.



Berkheiser is also interested in the poultry business as proprietor of the Pleasant View Poultry Yards, breeding the single comb Rhode Island reds, and has met with considerable success in this line, as he has in his various ventures. He is a stockholder in the First National Bank of Trevorton, and by his industry and excellent management has become one of the substantial residents of that place, where he is highly respected for his integrity and honorable life. Politically he is a Republican, and in 1908 he was elected a member of the board of school directors of Zerbe township. In religion he is a Methodist, in fraternal connection a member of the I. O. O. F.

On May 26, 1887, Mr. Berkheiser married Anna M. Edwards, daughter of Henry and Catherine (Pengally) Edwards, the former of whom came from England May 26, 1881. Mrs. Berkheiser was born in England, and was twelve years old when she accompanied her parents to America. Mr. and Mrs. Berkheiser reside next door to his hotel property above mentioned. They have no children. Her parents had a family of six: Richard H. (of Trevorton), John, Margaret, William, Jesse and Mary A.

**HARVEY SHINDEL ROBINS**, now living retired at Mount Carmel after a long life of business activity, was for many years identified with the coal industry, in West Virginia, the leading characteristic industry of that section. But the members of the family generally have been specially noted for their honorable connection with the medical profession. Mr. Robins's father was the first physician to settle permanently at Elysburg, this county, and three of his brothers adopted the profession.

Aaron Robins, grandfather of Harvey S. Robins, was a bricklayer and followed his trade at Sunbury, where he lived and died. He is buried there. He married Rebecca Richardson, and to them were born five children, namely: William, Joseph Craven, David (who died near Union Corners, this county, and whose son died at Burlington, Iowa), John K., and Anna (who married Ed. Kuttner and lived at Milton, this county). Three of these sons became physicians, William, Joseph Craven and John K.

Dr. William Robins, born at Sunbury in 1804, received his academic education at Northumberland under Robert Connor Grier, and at the age of eighteen years began the study of medicine with Dr. John Kennedy. He furthered his medical studies at the University of Pennsylvania, began practice at Sunbury shortly after attaining his majority, and remained there for eighteen years, holding an excellent patronage. Thereafter, until his death, which occurred in December, 1863, he was settled at Minersville, Schuylkill county. He married three times, and had seven children.

Dr. John K. Robins was the first resident physician of Shamokin after that place assumed the proportions of a village. He was born at Sunbury April 14, 1820, and began the study of medicine at the age of twenty, graduating from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1842. In April of that year he began practice at Shamokin, where he was located for nearly four years, thence removing to Catawissa, Columbia county, in January, 1846. He made a permanent home there and established a lucrative practice, following his profession there until his death. He had two sons and three daughters, William, Joseph, Mary, Ada and another daughter.

Dr. Joseph Craven Robins, son of Aaron, was born at Sunbury June 1, 1806, and there attended the common schools, later going to the academy at Northumberland, which was then conducted by Robert C. Grier. He first read medicine with his brother William at Sunbury, completing his professional preparation at the University of Pennsylvania, and in 1828 began practice at Sunbury. The following year he removed to Elysburg, at which point he was the first physician to locate permanently, and he was in active practice there for forty-two years, his field covering all the eastern part of Northumberland county and the adjoining portions of Montour, Columbia and Schuylkill counties. He was one of the old "saddle-bag" doctors, and in spite of the hardships of a physician's life in his day survived all his fellow practitioners who were in practice at the time his career began, living to the advanced age of eighty-seven years. He retired from active professional life in 1870, and in 1877 removed to Shamokin, where he lived until his wife's decease, in 1881. After that he lived among his children, and his death occurred in Harrisburg in 1893, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Swallow. He was buried in the family plot at St. Jacob's church, at Reed's station, Northumberland county. Dr. Robins was one of the most widely known men in the county in his day, and his reputation extended far beyond the limits of his own community. He was one of the charter members of Elysburg Lodge, No. 414, F. & A. M.

Dr. Robins married Leah Shindel, daughter of Peter Shindel, and to their union were born seven children, five sons and two daughters, namely: Galen S., Edwin S., Harvey S., Annie M. (who died shortly after her marriage to S. A. Bergresser), Lorenzo D., Rebecca (wife of Rev. Silas C. Swallow, a prominent Methodist minister at Harrisburg, Pa.) and Joseph (who died young). Three of these sons became physicians, and we give a brief record of their lives.

Galen S. Robins was born Oct. 4, 1830, began to read medicine with his father, and completed the course at the Pennsylvania College of Medicine, from which institution he was graduated,



After a year's practice at Elysburg he located at Shamokin, in 1852, and was there in active and successful practice until his early death, Oct. 9, 1856. He was for a time associated in practice there with Dr. J. J. John, and afterward with his brother, Dr. Edwin S. Robins, who at the time of his death was the oldest physician at Shamokin.

Edwin S. Robins, M. D., was born June 3, 1832, in Elysburg, and there grew to manhood, receiving his early education in the common schools. Later he attended Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport, Pa., returning to his native place in 1851, when he began reading medicine with his father. In 1852-53 he attended lectures at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, and in 1853-54 attended lectures at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated March 10, 1854. He commenced practice at Elysburg with his father, in October, 1855, settling at Shamokin, where he was in partnership with his brother, Dr. Galen S. Robins, until the latter's death in 1856. Dr. Robins built up a large practice, and held a creditable place among the progressive members of his profession, being one of the most successful physicians of his county and one of the best known medical men in his section of the State. He made a particularly fine reputation as a surgeon, performing successfully some of the most difficult amputations, and his services in this branch of practice were in wide demand. He served as surgeon of the 116th Regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania, for several years during Governor Harriman's administration. Few men in any line of work enjoy a longer career of unbroken activity than did Dr. Robins, who continued his practice to an advanced age. He died in 1907. On Oct. 10, 1853, he married Matilda Gulick, daughter of William Gulick, of Elysburg, and they had eight children, five of whom reached maturity, namely: Frank A., Lizzie (wife of F. A. Thomas), Ella (wife of William Brice), Edwin S. and Josephine. The family belong to the Episcopal Church. The Doctor was a Democrat in politics and a Mason in fraternal affiliation.

Lorenzo D. Robins, M. D., began practice with his father at Elysburg. During the Civil war he served as a surgeon in the Union army, and at the close of that struggle returned to Elysburg, where he continued in practice until his death, in 1875.

Harvey Shmuel Robins, third son of Dr. Joseph Craven Robins, was born July 5, 1836, at Elysburg, and obtained his schooling in that locality. For a time after he began to make his own way he was employed at farm work, was later engaged as clerk by Jonas Stine, when only a boy of fourteen, and then began farming, in 1859. Later he engaged in merchandising on his own account. He

came to Mount Carmel March 26, 1885, and investing in considerable land became extensively engaged in real estate dealing, in that connection building a number of houses. He made a success of this line, as he did also in the coal business. With his son Joseph he became interested in the soft coal business in West Virginia, and he named the field of their operations in Fayette county, that State, Alaska. He was also associated with the Lawtons and Brown in the Greenwood Coal & Coke Company, of Lawton, W. Va., and met with considerable success before he sold his interests in this concern. Though he has now retired from active business pursuits Mr. Robins still retains his place on the board of directors of the Union National Bank of Mount Carmel, of which he was one of the organizers and original directors. He has done much traveling in his day, and in 1909 made a trip to California. He has long ranked among the most intelligent and progressive citizens of his portion of Northumberland county, a worthy representative of a name which has for almost a century been held in the highest esteem here.

In April, 1859, Mr. Robins married Elizabeth Hefley, daughter of Charles Hefley, at one time a merchant of Bloomsburg, Columbia county. Mrs. Robins died Dec. 10, 1901, the mother of three children: (1) Joseph graduated from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and is now located in practice at Charleston, W. Va., where he is a prominent citizen, being president of the National City Bank of that place. He married Anna Knapp and they have three children, Margaret, Joseph E. and Hugh B. (2) Margaret, who died in September, 1908, was the wife of H. B. Young, of Mifflinburg, Union Co., Pa., and the mother of two children, William R. and Harvey. (3) Charles H., who lives at Mount Carmel, is in the real estate business. He married Cynthia Hughes, of West Virginia, and they have had four children, Elizabeth, Margaret, Harvey and Charles.

Socially Mr. Robins holds membership in the Elks and in Elysburg Lodge, No. 414, F. & A. M., having been made a Mason in 1870. He is a Republican in political sentiment and a Presbyterian in religious connection.

CLAYTON S. SCOTT, managing editor of the Shamokin *Dispatch*, was born Dec. 1, 1858, in Wilson, Niagara Co., N. Y., almost within the sound of the roar of Niagara's world-famous cataract. Rev. Milo Scott, his father, at that time one of the prominent Methodist clergymen of western New York, came from Pennsylvania state, being a son of Cephas and Polly (Winslow) Scott, of Smethport, McKean Co., Pa. His mother, Ann Eliza Barrett, was a native of New York State but came from the staunch old New England Barrett family, which settled in Vermont, and who

were in direct line of descent from the Barretts of England. Rev. Milo Scott died in 1864, when his son was but five years of age, and his mother a few years later located at Brockport, N. Y., where is located one of New York State's most prominent normal schools, from which Mr. Scott was graduated in 1879, after which for several years he engaged in public school work in his native State, filling high school principalships at Byron, Churchville and Cohocton. While located at Cohocton he was united in marriage with Etta M. Haynes, of Binghamton, N. Y., who was also a graduate of the State normal school at Brockport and was the preceptress of the Cohocton high school, of which Mr. Scott at the same time was principal. Their marriage occurred June 24, 1884, at Binghamton.

The following year Mr. Scott embarked in newspaper work, locating at Owego, N. Y., the county seat of Tioga county, where he purchased the *Tioga County Record*, a well established weekly paper. A year later he sold a half interest in the business and a daily edition, called the *Owego Daily Record*, was started, which from the first was a marked success and so continued for twenty years under the same firm of publishers, Scott & Watros, until their sale of the business on Oct. 1, 1906. Mr. Scott remained with the new owner as managing editor of the paper until May 1, 1907, when he resigned, and after a few months' rest came to Shamokin and began his duties as managing editor of the *Shamokin Dispatch*, the oldest daily newspaper in the borough. It is issued daily except Sundays. In 1910 Mr. Scott became one of the stockholders of the Leader Publishing Company, which corporation publishes the *Dispatch*, and at the company's annual meeting that year he was elected its secretary.

While a resident of New York State Mr. Scott was one of its most prominent members of the Masonic fraternity, filling the Master's chair five years. For nearly twenty years he was almost continuously a member of the Grand Lodge of that State, serving on the staff of eight of its Grand Masters, filling the offices of District Deputy Master, Grand Standard Bearer, and other important positions. He is also a Royal Arch Mason, with the rank of Past High Priest, and a member of Malta Commandery, No. 21, Knights Templar, of Binghamton, New York.

ROBERT MUIR, of Mount Carmel, is a leading business man of that place and also has important interests elsewhere. His connection with the financial affairs of the borough has extended over a long period, and he has been prominent in the establishment of a number of local institutions which have not only afforded opportunities for the profitable investment of local capital, but have proved highly beneficial to the general welfare.

He was born in 1856 in Schuylkill county, Pa., and is of Scottish descent, his grandfather, David Muir, having lived and died in Scotland. He had three sons who came to America, William, Michael and David.

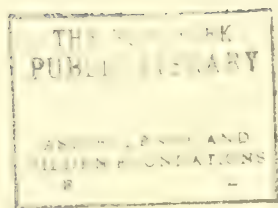
Michael Muir, father of Robert Muir, was born in Scotland, and came to America in 1851 with his wife and family, which then consisted of three children. Locating at Branchdale, in Schuylkill county, Pa., he followed his trade, that of engineer. Before the Civil war, however, he moved to Mount Carmel, where he was among the early residents, and there he followed mining as well as engineering. He also lived in the borough of Shamokin for a number of years. His death occurred in March, 1885, at Mount Carmel, and he is buried in the Shamokin cemetery. During the Civil war he served as a private in Company E, 48th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was a member of the Presbyterian church. Michael Muir married Elizabeth Muir, daughter of Robert Muir, also of Scotland, and they had a large family, namely: (1) Elizabeth married Thomas Wardrop, and their children are Thomas, Mary E., David, John, Robert, Elizabeth, Walter, Andrew, Agnes, Isabella and Jean. (2) Mary died young. (3) David married Annie Fulton, daughter of David Fulton, and they reside in Shamokin. Their children are David, Gilbert, Robert, John, Anna, Donald, Elizabeth, Marion, Laura and Mary. (4) Margaret died young. (5) Robert is mentioned later. (6) William died at Scranton, Pa. (7) Andrew is living in Colorado. (8) John, of Shamokin, married Jennie Anderson and their children are Helen, Andrew, John and Jean. (9) Jean married Harry Minnier and their children are Allen, Russell and Grace. (10) Dal. died when two years old.

Robert Muir attended school at Mount Carmel. In early boyhood he began picking slate at the breaker, and was employed about the mines for several years. In the spring of 1877 he went West, prospecting for a time in the Black Hills and in Colorado, and then proceeding to California. He remained in the West about seven years, and upon his return to Mount Carmel engaged in mining at the Green Ridge colliery, near the borough. He continued mining until 1891, since which year he has given much of his time to the real estate business, in which line he has interests at Mount Carmel, in Hazleton, Luzerne Co., Pa., and at Brooklyn, N. Y. The greater part of his attention is given to a large tract of land which he owns at Hazleton, known as Hazleton Heights, the development of which property is in a most promising condition. Various local enterprises have had his influence and support. He was one of the organizers of the Mount Carmel Iron Works, of which he is now president; was one of the organizers of the Mount Carmel Gas Works, of which he is



*Robert Muir*





now vice-president; and is a director of the Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Company, of Mount Carmel, of which he was the first secretary. Mr. Muir has taken considerable interest in the administration of borough affairs, for thirteen years served as tax collector of Mount Carmel and is now borough treasurer. His fellow citizens have the fullest confidence in his judgment and integrity, and his services have in every way justified their high opinion of him.

On April 25, 1883, Mr. Muir married Mary S. Jeffrey, daughter of Andrew Jeffrey, who came from Scotland. Mrs. Muir was born in California. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Muir, namely: Helen; Elizabeth, who died at the age of seven years; Anna; Roy, who died in infancy; and Robert, Jr. Mr. Muir and his family unite with the Presbyterian Church. He is a Republican on political questions.

SIMON P. SAVIDGE, of Sunbury, at present serving the borough as tax collector, is one of the respected residents of his community, a faithful official and a useful citizen. He was born Nov. 22, 1817, in Lower Augusta township, this county, son of Henry Savidge, and is a great-grandson of George Savidge, the founder of the family in Northumberland county.

George Savidge probably came from New Jersey, and settled in this county in pioneer times, living in what was then Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, in the vicinity of the Plum Creek Church. He was a farmer and stonemason, and built the present stone church at Augustaville, receiving the sum of one hundred dollars for his work. The excellent condition in which the walls of this church are still found is the best testimony as to the honesty and thoroughness of his work and mechanical skill. He was a Lutheran, and is probably buried at that church. He had the following children: George, grandfather of Simon P. Savidge; Zinn, who was drowned while building the Sunbury dam in the Susquehanna river; Valentine, an able penman and school teacher, who moved into Lancaster or one of the other lower counties of Pennsylvania; Joseph, who became a farmer in Upper Augusta township; Samuel, a farmer, who lived in Upper Augusta township; Lydia, Mrs. McGee (she and her husband were Catholics and lived on the priest's farm in Chillisquaque township); and John, lived in Lower Augusta township and was a farmer (he died upon his farm and was buried at Eden Church).

George Savidge, son of George, was born in Lower Augusta township, was a blacksmith by trade, and a prosperous farmer, owning a farm of almost three hundred acres, located near the Plum Creek Church. He was a leading man in his district, and managed his business affairs so well that in his time he ranked third among the most

substantial citizens of Rockefeller township. He died in October, 1867, at the age of seventy years, five months, sixteen days, and is buried in Plum Creek at the Eden Church, of which he was a foremost member, serving as elder for many years. He married Catharine Raker, who died Dec. 20, 1870, aged sixty-nine years, eleven months, seven days, and to them were born children as follows: Henry; William, who died aged eighteen years; Dr. Aaron, who lived in Chester county, Pa.; Hiram, born Nov. 27, 1832, who was a farmer of Rockefeller township and died Aug. 30, 1909 (his wife, Mary A., born July 30, 1842, died June 30, 1875; four of their children were Irene, 1864-1887; Johnson; Minnie, 1868-1890; and Oliver, 1871-1895); Lafayette, a farmer of Rockefeller township, who lived retired some years and died April 23, 1900, aged sixty-five years, two months, ten days (his wife, Margaret, died Dec. 16, 1888, aged fifty years, nine months, three days; they have a large monument in the Eden Church cemetery); Barbara, Mrs. Samuel L. Keefer, who died early in the sixties; and Mary, Mrs. Reuben Sholl.

Henry Savidge, son of George and father of Simon P. Savidge, was born Dec. 14, 1822, on the homestead farm, and died Oct. 21, 1878. He was a potter by trade, and carried on a pottery for many years, turning out all kinds of earthenware, colored as well as white, and earthen ornaments of various kinds. He owned a farm which he cultivated, and was an energetic and successful man, prosperous in his business and useful in all the associations of life. A prominent member of the Democratic party, he and Judge Abraham Shipman were the leading political factors of that faith in this district in their day, deciding its policies for many years and wielding a wide influence in this region. Mr. Savidge was also prominent in church work as a member of the Eden Church at Plum Creek, where he filled all the offices, serving many years in the church council. He is buried at that church. His wife, Gertrude (Heilman), born Nov. 28, 1823, died Jan. 26, 1901, was a daughter of Daniel Heilman, and they were the parents of ten children, namely: Maria married Andrew Burns and (second) Dr. David Shipe; Catharine married William Clark; Simon P. is mentioned below; George W. died in Rush township; Isaac lived on the original Savidge homestead; Elizabeth married Ira Reed and they lived out West (she died 1883); Morris A. is of Mount Carmel; Daniel H. lives at Shamokin, Pa.; Russia married Harry Harbold, of Mount Carmel; Wilson A. is a resident of Dornsife, Northumberland county.

Simon P. Savidge received a common school education and was reared to farming, which he followed until he went to learn the trade of stonemason, at the age of eighteen years. He also learned stone-cutting, and with the exception of

twelve years during which he was employed as clerk in a store at Sunbury he has followed his trade, in which he has made a high reputation as a skillful and reliable workman. In August, 1906, Mr. Savidge was appointed tax collector of Sunbury by the court, served three years under that appointment, and was then elected to the office, the present (1910) being the second year of his term. He had had considerable previous experience in this line, having held that office in Rush township for two years, and served as tax collector in East Sunbury during 1893-94-95-96. He is a member of Augustaville Lodge, I. O. O. F., and in religious connection belongs to Zion's Lutheran Church, with which his family are also identified.

Mr. Savidge married Jane Isabella Evert, daughter of John C. and Sarah (Weiser) Evert, farming people, who lived near the Plum Creek Church. Mr. and Mrs. Savidge have had two children: (1) Eugene M. served eight and a half years as clerk in the register's and recorder's office at the courthouse, Sunbury, and is now money order clerk in the Sunbury post office. He is a member of Maclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M., the Conclave, and the Temple Club. He married Mary E. DeHaven. (2) Mary M. married O. N. Conrad and they reside at Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

PROF. NORMAN W. H. SCHAFER, teacher of piano, organ and theory at Shamokin, Pa., and is well known to the musical profession as a thorough musician and conscientious instructor, is one of Pennsylvania's own sons. He was born at Petersville Church, Petersville, Northampton Co., Pa., son of John D. Schafer, organist and teacher.

Professor Schafer is of French and German extraction. Valentine Schafer, his great-great-grandfather, came to America from Germany early in the eighteenth century, and settled in Lehigh county, Pa., his home being near Mauch Chunk, the Little Lehigh. He became a very prominent man in his settlement, and in 1750 assisted in the building of the Little Lehigh church at Mauch Chunk, of which he was one of the organizers. He is buried there. He married Margaret De Schotte, who came from France. They had nine children, among whom were George, Peter and John.

John Schafer, son of Valentine, was born in November, 1773, near Klecknersville, and became a large landowner. He was quite prominent and held the office of justice of the peace. During the war in 1812 he held a captain's commission. He died in November, 1831. His wife, Sarah B. Schafer, born July 1, 1779, died in November, 1832, and both are buried at Moorestown. Their children were: Catherine, born May 14, 1803, who died May 14, 1898; Elizabeth; Jacob; Dewalt; Peter, and Solomon.

John D. Schafer, son of John, was born in North-

ampton county in 1807. In early life he learned the stone-mason's trade, and for many years held the office of justice of the peace in Moore township, Northampton county. He died in 1870. He married Sarah Michael, of Northampton county, and they are both buried at Moorestown. Their children were: Jacob; Sarah; John D.; Mary; Stephen, a soldier of the Civil war who suffered in Libby prison and died of weakness shortly after his release; and Francis, living at Kreidersville, Pennsylvania.

John D. Schafer, son of Jacob, was born May 13, 1834, at Klecknersville. He taught school in early life, and served as organist at Petersville and Indianland, and Cherryville, in Northampton county. He was the organizer of the Heimback Slate Company (which is still in existence), and also a steam mine at Walnutport, of which he was president and superintendent. He opened six quarries. He is very well informed in this work, and is now often consulted, though he has been retired from active business since 1900. He resides on the homestead at Danielsville, Northampton county. In politics he is a Democrat, and he has served as trustee of schools in the Walnutport and Danielsville districts. He is a member of the Reformed Church. Mr. Schafer married Mary L. Henry, who was born Jan. 5, 1839, daughter of David Henry; her mother's maiden name was Brown. Mrs. Schafer died Jan. 2, 1896, and is buried at Slatington. Mr. and Mrs. Schafer had children as follows: Norman W. H.; Laura J., deceased wife of Nathan Haas; Augusta L., deceased wife of Paul Fennel; Charles Osborn, who died in infancy; and David H., a merchant at Danville, Pennsylvania.

Prof. Norman W. H. Schafer was reared in an atmosphere of music, his first teacher having been his father. Later he studied with the Rev. Dr. Orland Professor Bannard, an old Lehigh graduate. In 1877 he went abroad, and entered the Royal Conservatory at Stuttgart, Germany, where under Professors Schuler, Krueger and Speidel he studied the piano; under Professor Fink, the organ; and under Professor Seppien, theory. He also for several years studied harmony, counterpoint, fugue, canon and composition under Dr. S. N. Penfield, of New York City. After his return from Europe he accepted the position of director of music at Pennington Seminary, Pennington, N. J., where he remained four years. He then accepted a similar position at the Danville (Va.) College for Young Ladies, also acting as organist for the Main Street Methodist Episcopal Church of that town. At the end of six years he was obliged to resign on account of ill health and return North. He came to Shamokin in 1873, and since 1895 has been organist of Trinity Lutheran Church, besides conducting a large private class. He has given a large number of high-class organ



recitals, and was the organizer of the Shamokin Choral Society, which under his direction has given a number of oratorios. As the former president of Danville (Va.) College, Prof. R. H. Sharp, M. A., wrote of him: "Scrupulously conscientious, he will work beyond his strength rather than neglect any known duty. With such a spirit to animate him, it is not surprising that he achieved a success with us beyond anything known before in our music department." Professor Schafer has also made his mark as a composer.

In 1881 Professor Schafer married Emma C. Gable, daughter of Capt. William Gable, and the following children have been born to them: Myrtle, who married William Albert Moore, in business in Philadelphia; Norman W. H., Jr., a graduate of Shamokin high school, 1903, Lehigh University, 1907, now a civil engineer stationed at Reading, Pa., as supervisor of the W. & N. branch of the Reading railroad (he is a member of the University fraternity); Clara, who died in infancy; Pauline; Carolyn G., and John R. Prof. Schafer was made a Mason in Cyrus Lodge, No. 118, at Pennington, N. J., and transferred his membership to Roman Eagle Lodge, No. 121, at Danville, Va. He belongs to the Temple Club at Shamokin. He is a man of strong personality, enthusiastic in his profession, and thorough in all that he undertakes. Thomas Hanlon, D. D., LL. D., president of Pennington Seminary, said of him: "He is very competent, very trustworthy, faithful, a Christian gentleman," and it is safe to say that such high praise is fully approved by those who have long known him in Shamokin.

JOHN A. SIPE, of Herndon, is a resident and business man of long standing there, being the senior member of the firm of Sipe & Son, tailors, who have the only tailoring establishment in the borough and do an extensive business, having a large patronage in the territory from Sunbury to Millersburg. He is a veteran of the Civil war, in which his father also served, dying of starvation in Libby Prison in 1864. Mr. Sipe is a native of York Springs, Adams Co., Pa., born May 5, 1847. The family is of German extraction, his grandfather, Martin Sipe, having been born in Germany, whence he came to America before his marriage, locating at Clear Springs, in Adams county, Pa. He was a laborer and owned a small home in a glen. His wife, Sarah, was from White Hill, Cumberland Co., Pa., and lived to the age of eighty-six years. She was the mother of twenty children, Martin Sipe being her second husband. Her children by him were: Jacob, Peter, Sallie, Leah, Jeremiah, Hettie, Maria, William and Lena. Jeremiah, now (1910) seventy-six years old, lives at Mechanicsburg, Cumberland Co., Pa. He served in the Civil war under two enlistments, in the 43d Pennsylvania Infantry and the 11th Pennsyl-

vania Cavalry. He was captured at the battle of the Wilderness and was held at all the noted Rebel prisons. When he went into the service he weighed over two hundred pounds, but his weight when discharged was only seventy-one pounds. His sister Leah's husband, Nelson Day, was a soldier of the Mexican war, in which service he died.

Jacob Sipe, son of Martin, was born in 1819 in Adams county, Pa., and lived near York Springs. He was a laborer, and owned a small home in Latimore township. During the Civil war he was drafted for the Union service, but he said he would never go to the front as a drafted man and accordingly enlisted. He was drafted one Thursday, and was to report at Gettysburg the following Monday. On Sunday night he bade his family good bye and walked to Harrisburg, where he enlisted in Company B, 13th Pennsylvania Cavalry, asking to be credited to his native township as a volunteer. He had been in the service only three weeks when captured at Sulphur Springs, Va., and thrown into Libby Prison, where he died in 1864, after fourteen months' confinement. He is buried among the other unfortunate soldiers who perished there. His wife, Ruth, was a daughter of Nelson Day, a native of Lancaster county, Pa., who lived to be ninety-six years old. By her first marriage Mrs. Sipe had a son, William Ickes, who served in the Civil war as a member of the 95th Pennsylvania Volunteers. To Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Sipe were born children as follows: Jacob H., who served during the Civil war in Company I, 165th Pennsylvania Regiment (he was corporal); John A.; Jennie, who married Monroe Chronster and lived at Hampton, Adams county (he was a veteran of the 93d Pennsylvania Volunteers); Adaline, who married Hiram Jacobs and lives at York Springs (he was a soldier in the Civil war, serving with the 99th Pennsylvania Regiment); Annie, who married Emerson Fickel and lived at Lattimer, Pa. (he is now deceased); and three who died in infancy. Mrs. Ruth (Day) Sipe died in 1881, aged fifty-eight years, six months, four days.

John A. Sipe was reared to farm life in the vicinity of York Springs, working thus until he was thirteen years old, when he began to learn the tailor's trade. He served his apprenticeship in the old-fashioned way, doing anything around his employer's house that was to be done, for the first six months of his term, cutting wood, looking after the children, or attending to any other work given to him. Then another new apprentice came, and he commenced work at the bench, after his three years of service doing journeyman work at various places in this State, Pittsburg, Altoona, Hollidaysburg, Newport, Harrisburg, Baltimore, Carlisle, Shippensburg, and Church (Cumberland county), where he remained seventeen months with a German named Cooney Draker. From

there he came to Georgetown (Dalmatia), Northumberland county, and thence after a seven months' stay to Herndon, which has since been his home. He arrived in Northumberland county on Whitsunday, 1867, and he was one of the earliest settlers at Herndon, which was then all woodland. He is one of the four oldest residents of the town. Mr. Sipe has seen many changes in domestic as well as civil life in his day. When he learned his trade the sewing machine was unknown, and he purchased the first sewing machine brought to Herndon. His business underwent the various changes of custom work and merchant tailoring, and he has always kept abreast of the times in his line, being a first-class tradesman. In 1902 he admitted his son Harry to a partnership in the business, and Sipe & Son enjoy the best trade between Sunbury and Millersburg. They are the only tailors at Herndon. By industry and good management of his affairs, honorable dealing and intelligent use of his opportunities, Mr. Sipe has become a substantial man, and his prosperity has been wholly the result of his own efforts. He began his career at Herndon in the most modest way, commencing housekeeping in a one-room house 16 by 16 feet in dimensions, and advancing his fortunes by diligence and commendable thrift. He was married Oct. 24, 1869, to Eve Vanaman, daughter of George and Annie (Comfort) Vanaman, formerly of Lancaster county, Pa., later of Jersey Shore, Lycoming county, and finally of Reward, Perry county, where Mr. Vanaman lived for fifty-four years in one house, dying Dec. 3, 1899, at the age of eighty-three years; he is buried near that place, as is also his wife. Mr. Vanaman was a molder by occupation. His father, Jacob Vanaman, was a native of Lancaster county, and moved to Jersey Shore on a canal boat, living there the rest of his life; he followed the trade of molder. Three of George Vanaman's sons served in the Civil war, Thomas, George and David, one in the 11th Pennsylvania Cavalry.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sipe were born children as follows: George died aged eighteen months, four days; Annie E. died in infancy; Mamie died in infancy; Bessie V. married C. M. Troutman and they live on Mr. Sipe's farm in Jackson township; Harry C., born April 1, 1882, at Herndon, was educated in the public schools and at Central Pennsylvania College, which he attended for four terms, afterward learning the trade of tailor under his father, with whom he is now in partnership (he is a member of Lodge No. 267, P. B. O. Elks, Sunbury; of Polaris Lodge, No. 765, I. O. O. F.; General Sickles Camp, No. 57; and John B. Packer Council, No. 154, Jr. O. U. A. M.; he married Feb. 23, 1904, Jennie A. High, daughter of W. H. High, and they have two children, Carrie V., Mildred M., and one that died in infancy); Jennie A. married Harry

A. Glace, who is a weaver in the silk mills at Sunbury, where they reside, and they have one child, Geraldine.

During the Civil war, though only a boy, Mr. Sipe was very patriotic, and he ran away from home to Chambersburg three times trying to enlist, when only sixteen. He was refused because he was under size and too light, but later, when troops were needed and the conditions were not so rigid, he managed to get into the service, joining Company I, 205th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Aug. 2, 1864, at Harrisburg, where Camp Curtin was established. He was discharged June 1, 1865, after the close of the war. Mr. Sipe saw considerable active service, participating in the operations at Fort Steadman, Va., March 25, 1865; and was with his regiment when it led the charge of the 2d Brigade, 3d Division, 9th Army Corps, on Fort Monroe, April 2, 1865, in front of Petersburg. On Dec. 10, 1864, the 3d Division of the 9th Corps made a raid, called the Weldon raid, on Hatcher's Run, having several skirmishes with the enemy. He served under Capt. J. C. Machan, of Hollidaysburg, Pa., and Lieutenant Colonel Walters, of Lancaster county. He is a member of John J. Arnold Post, No. 407, G. A. R., and of the Sons of Veterans at Herndon (Sickles Camp, No. 57), and he is also associated fraternally with Lodge No. 551, I. O. O. F.

SPENCER H. DREHER, of Shamokin, who is interested in the coal business but not as a local operator, was born in that borough Sept. 8, 1858, and comes of a family of German origin which was founded in Pennsylvania during the early days. His paternal great-grandfather lived in both Schuylkill and Northumberland counties, and died in Sunbury, in Northumberland county; he is buried at the Stone church. His family consisted of ten children, viz.: John, who is mentioned below; Samuel and Joseph, who died in the West; Isaac, who died in Shamokin township; Sophia, who married George Falck; Sallie, Mrs. Fasold; Tyson; Susan, Mrs. Renn; Rachel, Mrs. Kramer; Polly, Mrs. Joseph Shipman.

John Dreher was born in 1801 in Schuylkill county, and while a resident of that county followed farming and was engaged on the old canal boats. In 1855 he moved to Mount Carmel, Northumberland county, where he was employed at the collieries, and there he died in 1873. His wife, Sarah (Kreiger), daughter of Christian Kreiger, died in 1868, and both are buried in the Mount Carmel cemetery. Their children were as follows: Mary A. married Fred Fahrian and died in Missouri; Jacob is mentioned below; Andrew J. was killed by the Molly Maguires, it is supposed, he having disappeared from Mount Carmel and never been heard from afterward; Edward died in Mount Carmel; Daniel died in the West; John died near



Richmond, Va., while serving in the Civil war; Sarah J. married John Roup and is living in Mount Carmel; Aaron is a resident of Mount Carmel; Eliza married William Stillwagner and is living in St. Louis; Eli lives at Mount Carmel.

Jacob Dreher, son of John, was born March 12, 1830, at Plum creek, near Stonington, Northumberland county, in Shamokin township. He was well educated, and followed teaching during his earlier manhood, being thus engaged for a period of twelve years, in Shamokin and Mount Carmel. Later he became inside foreman at the Gap colliery (where David Llewellyn was then outside foreman) and was employed there for several years. He died Oct. 8, 1865, at his home in the Irish Valley, in Shamokin township, and was buried at the Summit church in that township. An intelligent, industrious, Christian citizen, he was a leader in his community and thoroughly respected for his upright life. He married Elizabeth Sober, daughter of Michael M. Sober, and she survived him, after his death marrying Lewis Chamberlin, of Shamokin township. She passed away April 8, 1905, at the age of seventy-one years, and is also buried at the Summit church. To Jacob and Elizabeth (Sober) Dreher were born the following named children: Mary E., wife of Lemuel Tharp; Harris M., who is living in Shamokin township; Spencer H.; William H., of Shamokin township; Clara, wife of O. C. Wilson, of Philadelphia; and Jacob G., a teacher, of Shamokin township.

Spencer H. Dreher attended school in Shamokin township and was reared upon a farm. When he started work on his own account he followed farming in that township and also engaged to some extent in the dairy business, owning a fine tract of 100 acres in the neighborhood of the Summit church, upon which property he erected a fine residence in 1898. In time he sold this farm to Mr. Yordy, the present owner, and on Oct. 22, 1908, he settled in Shamokin, where he has established his home. Since 1894 he has been interested in the coal business, as part owner of three collieries in Quinnimont, W. Va., all of which are in a thriving condition, yielding an abundance of soft coal for which a ready market is found.

Mr. Dreher married Hannah Lawton, and they have one son, Charles Edgar, who is a member of the class of 1912 at Bucknell University, at Lewisburg, Pa. Mr. Dreher is a Republican in politics and in religion a member of the M. E. Church.

JOSEPH LAWTON, father of Mrs. Hannah (Lawton) Dreher, was born in England and came to America when a young man, and lived for a time in the Irish Valley in Northumberland county. He became interested in the coal business in West Virginia and met with success in that line. In

1893 he moved to Carlisle, Pa., where he made his home to the end of his days. He died while making a trip to his West Virginia mines, in 1896. His wife, Mary (Mathews), died in 1910, and they are buried at Carlisle. The following children survive them: Catherine, William, George, Hannah (Mrs. Dreher), Elmer, Sallie, Walter and Albert.

THOMAS M. LAWLER, late of Sunbury, was filling the office of prothonotary of Northumberland county at the time of his death, June 5, 1907. He was one of the most popular men in that community, a typical representative of his race, genial, sociable, friendly, known to many and liked by all who met him.

Mr. Lawler was born Nov. 30, 1857, in County Wicklow, Ireland, son of William Lawler, a native of the same country, who came to America with his family in the year 1867. Thomas M. Lawler was ten years old when brought to America by his parents, the family settling in Sunbury, Northumberland Co., Pa., where the boy attended public school. When twelve years old he started to learn the printing trade in the office of the *Sunbury American*, at that time owned and edited by Emanuel Wilvert, and he completed a five years' apprenticeship with the *Northumberland County Democrat* and *Sunbury Daily* in 1875. The next two years he spent in Pittsburg, returning to Sunbury to become foreman in the establishment of the *Democrat and Daily*, which he held for over ten years, until March, 1888. For the following years, until October, 1898, he was in the Government printing office at Washington, D. C., after which he was engaged on the *Washington Post*, having charge of the mechanical work on the advertisements. In September, 1894, during Cleveland's second administration, he was appointed foreman of the night bill force in the printing office. He received the appointment on recognized merit and ability, and held it until the administration changed. Though he had done well at the printing business, Mr. Lawler upon his return to Sunbury did not return to that occupation, but entered into the restaurant business on Market Square, the Park Restaurant being one of the most popular places of the kind in Sunbury. Mr. Lawler was "Tom" to the many who knew and loved him, and his wide circle of acquaintances extended beyond the limits of Northumberland into neighboring counties. His personality will not be readily forgotten. The *Sunbury Daily Item* of June 5, 1907, said: "He was a man whom you liked to meet; he put sunshine into the day by his kindly greeting and enjoyed a bit of pleasantry that eased many a heart with his ready wit and humor." His genial disposition, thoughtfulness, fidelity to his friends, sincerity and naturalness won him a last-



ing place in the hearts of all with whom he came in contact.

Mr. Lawler was a staunch Democrat and always active in politics, and on June 12, 1905, he was nominated for the office of prothonotary, to which he was elected the following November. At the time of his death he had served seventeen months of his term of three years. He filled the office with credit to himself and to his constituents, though for some time he suffered so with rheumatism that he was unable to attend to its duties personally. However, he recovered sufficiently several months before his death to return to its activities, and although he was far from being a well man he kept up so well that his friends were hopeful his recovery would be complete. But he succumbed to a sudden relapse and grew rapidly worse until his death. The *Evening Standard* of Milton, this county, in an editorial written by one of Mr. Lawler's friends, said:

"Few people perhaps, either in public or private life, in central Pennsylvania, were more generally known or more universally beloved. In many respects he was a most remarkable man. Of commanding presence and genial disposition, he quickly enlisted the lasting good will of all with whom he came in contact. Endowed with a high order of natural intelligence, his acquired information, coupled with that unflinching fund of humor so characteristic of the people of his race, attracted to him a multitude of friends and admirers.

"His open handed charities (oft abused) were dispensed with a lavishness wholly disproportionate to his means. A partisan, in political warfare, his powerful personality was a tower of strength to those whose cause he so unselfishly espoused. But when the storm of conflict subsided, if, as sometimes occurred, his was the portion of the vanquished, he never failed to greet the victor with a warmth of feeling that at once established an 'entente cordiale' which no future embroilments could dissolve. His public life was characterized by the same distinguishing traits that made him such a conspicuous figure in private life. His captivating manners and graceful courtesy made him easily approachable at all times.

"Fidelity to duty, strict integrity and thoroughness in method in his official duties, establishes a record in the important department over which he was called to preside. \* \* \* The standard of his sterling manhood was never lowered. Purity of thought and action were the high ideals ever before him, such indeed was the active principle of his life, the shrine of his devotion.

"To the bereaved wife, the venerable mother, the sorrowing sister and brothers, the full measure of public sympathy will go forth. Some solace for them will be found in the knowledge that an entire community shares their grief, and most

profoundly regret the passing of one whose like they will never see again."

Mr. Lawler was a member of the Elks, the Eagles, the Typographical Union, Good Intent Fire Company and the Board of Trade, which latter body had been newly organized just before his death and with which he had been actively identified. His active association with labor organizations began in 1875, when he joined the International Typographical Union, and he was mainly instrumental in starting the Knights of Labor in Sunbury in 1876, serving as first president of the local organization, No. 400. He was a regularly commissioned organizer of the American Federation of Labor. For two terms he was vice-president of the Washington Typographical Union, which he represented at Louisville, Ky., in 1894, and just before his death he had been chosen as a delegate to the approaching convention of the Union to be held at Hot Springs, Ark., in August, 1907.

In 1886 Mr. Lawler married Virginia Mills, daughter of Henry and Mary (Brown) Mills, the former a native of England, who, at the age of sixteen, upon coming to this country, first settled in Baltimore, Md., in 1823, coming to Sunbury, Pa., where he resided until his death in 1886. Mrs. Mills is also deceased, and they are interred in Pomfret Manor cemetery. They were the parents of eight children, all of whom died young except Virginia, Mrs. Lawler. Mr. Lawler was a member of the Catholic Church, to which his widow also belongs. He is buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery.

Besides his wife, Mr. Lawler was survived by his mother, sister, Miss Mary Lawler, and brothers William, John, Charles and James Lawler, all of Sunbury.

**SMITH.** This family has been identified with Lower Augusta township and that vicinity for over eighty years. Robert Smith, whose parents came from Ireland, lived at Lewisburg, Pa., then called "Derrstown," until 1830, when he came to Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county. Here he lived and died. He was born in 1777, and died Sept. 24, 1844, aged sixty-seven years. He was a tall, heavily built man, very strong, and was engaged as a boatman. His wife, Mary, died Jan. 13, 1861, aged sixty-six years, nine months, three days. They are buried at the Mountain Presbyterian church in Lower Augusta township. Mary Smith was a daughter of James and Barbara Ann (Weinhold) Smith, both natives of Berks county. They were Germans, and spoke German. Robert and Mary Smith had children as follows: James, Washington, William, Sarah, Charles, Robert, Mary, Barbara Ann and John.

Robert Smith, son of Robert, was born at Lewis-

burg, Pa., Aug. 29, 1822. When he was eight years old his parents settled in Lower Augusta township, where he was reared to manhood, and there later he purchased 300 acres of land. This has now been divided into a number of tracts, some of which are still in the family name. He was a stonemason, and reputed to have been one of the very best mechanics of his time. He built the County jail at Sunbury, the law office of Simon P. Wolverton, Esq., the residence of the late Judge Rocketteller, and many more of the most notable structures in Northumberland and surrounding counties. In Connecticut he erected a large granite railroad bridge. He died Jan. 1, 1896, in his seventy-fourth year, and is buried at Mount Zion U. B. church, in Lower Augusta township. His wife, Isabella St. Clair, was born Oct. 11, 1823, and is still living, the oldest woman in her township. She has her home with a son. She is exceptionally well preserved, and has a remarkably clear memory. She was a daughter of Casper St. Clair and granddaughter of Daniel St. Clair, who was a Drum Major in the Revolutionary war. Robert and Isabella (St. Clair) Smith had eleven children: Charles (a stone mason), Kate, James H., Henry C., Newton, Wellington (who died in infancy) and Oliver (a stonemason), twins, Matilda, Andrew J., William, Henrietta (the two last named died in infancy).

Andrew J. Smith, son of Robert, Jr., was born Feb. 29, 1861. When he was seventeen years old he began teaching school, and in 1889 began working at Honey Pot Scales, at Nanticoke, for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, with which he remained in all fourteen years, being their chief clerk there eight years. In 1903 he moved to one of his farms, a tract of 116 acres located in Rockefeller township, formerly the Andrew Gonsor homestead. Mr. Smith has another farm of 120 acres, near Fisher's Ferry in Lower Augusta township. He and his family are members of the German Reformed church. He married Carrie E. Heilman, and they have a family of nine children: Ada (a school teacher), Edna, Harold, Maud, Helen, Robert, Walter, Lillian and Albert.

James H. Smith, son of Robert, Jr., was born Nov. 20, 1847. He worked for his parents until twenty-one years old, and then for eleven years farmed on shares in Lower Augusta township where he has always lived. In February, 1882, he purchased his present 120-acre farm, which was the Joseph Shipman tract. For the past thirty-eight years Mr. Smith has attended the Sunbury markets. He is a Republican, was school director for twelve years, and has been overseer of the poor for the past twelve years. He and his family are members of the Mountain Presbyterian Church, which he has served officially for the past twenty years. In 1871 he married Matilda Snyder, and they have the following ten children: Martha, Benja-

min, Cora, Lottie, Florence, Peter, James, Mary, John and Sarah.

HENRY J. MAIER, merchant at Locust Gap, Northumberland county, was born July 27, 1867, at St. Clair, Schuylkill Co., Pa., but has lived at Locust Gap from early boyhood. His father, Henry Maier, came from Breitenbach, Germany, when a young man and settled first in Schuylkill county, where he followed mining at St. Clair and Girardville before his removal to Locust Gap, in 1871. There he also followed mining. He died in 1887 at Ashland, Schuylkill county, and his wife, Margaret (Schwartz), died in 1880. Their children were as follows: Louisa (Mrs. John Knauf), Jacob, Mary, Margaret, Henry J., Frank, John, Nicholas, Elizabeth (deceased) and Peter (deceased).

Henry J. Maier was reared and educated at Locust Gap. When only fourteen months old he met with a misfortune which disabled him physically, a doctor administering medicine which was too strong for him and which so affected his nerves that the greater part of his body is paralyzed, though he does not suffer. He has the use of his right arm and left leg, however, and he has not allowed the unfortunate accident to check his ambition or impair his usefulness to society in any way. In 1888 he began the grocery business on his own account, in the basement of the McCarthy hotel, and later removed to his present location, carrying a well selected and comprehensive general stock, chosen to meet the demands of his trade, which has increased steadily. In 1905 he built his home at Locust Gap, and he is one of the substantial and respected citizens of that place. His fellow citizens have shown their confidence in his integrity and ability by electing him to various local positions of trust, he having served Mount Carmel township seven years as school director and filled all the offices of the board, and he was township auditor for a term. He is a Democrat in political connection and a Catholic in religion, belonging also to the Knights of Columbus, the Holy Name Society and the Foresters.

On April 21, 1904, Mr. Maier married Mary Ruffing, daughter of Lambert Ruffing, and they have had seven children, four of whom, Catherine, Helen, Estella and Henry Joseph, Jr. (who died July 2, 1910), are deceased. The survivors are: Florence, Mary and Margaret.

JOHN WESLEY HENRIE, of Shamokin, Northumberland county, manager and part owner of the "Windsor Hotel," is well known to the local and traveling public there in that connection as well as in his capacity of assessor, in which position he has served for the past twelve years, from the Second ward. Mr. Henrie is a native of Shamokin, born March 9, 1870, at the old family home, No.



120 North Shamokin street. His father, Harrison Henrie, was a well known contractor and builder of the city in his day, and his grandfather came to this county many years ago.

George Henrie, the grandfather, was born in one of the lower counties of Pennsylvania, and on coming to Northumberland county settled near Elysburg. He died at the comparatively early age of thirty-five years. He and his wife, Kate, had six children: Samuel, Harriet (married Jacob Swank), Margaret (married a Mr. Kelly and a Mr. Startzel), Harrison, William and George.

Harrison Henrie, son of George, came to Shamokin when a young man and here spent the remainder of his days. He began his business career following his trade, that of bricklayer and plasterer, and in time became a contractor, building many of the substantial residences and churches in that place. He was a prominent Democrat, and in 1875 was elected to the office of county commissioner, being re-elected in 1877, at the close of his first term. But he died shortly afterward, and Philip Hile was appointed his successor. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Henrie married Mary J. Bird, daughter of Ziba Bird, and to them were born the following children: Margaret, wife of Charles F. Huth, an attorney practicing at the Northumberland county bar; Edward, who died young; William, of Bloomsburg, Pa.; George, of Trenton, N. J.; Emma, wife of William Mutchler; Samuel, who died in infancy; John W.; Edna, who died in infancy; and Jennie, wife of William Harpel, of Rochester, New York.

John Wesley Henrie received his education in the common and high schools of his native place. After commencing work he was employed by the Philadelphia & Reading Company for a period of six years, part of this time in the office of the superintendent. He then engaged in business, as a dealer in men's furnishings, continuing thus until May 12, 1902, when his connection with the "Windsor Hotel" began. He was clerk for several years, until the Windsor Hotel Company of Shamokin was incorporated, April 16, 1906, when he became a member of the company and manager of the hotel. His success in this incumbency has been sufficient evidence of his fitness for the work. He is popular with the traveling public as well as with his fellow townsmen, both for his enterprise in conducting a satisfactory hotel, one that is a credit to Shamokin, and for his high character as a man. Socially he is well known, having been one of the organizers of the Clover Club, in 1888, and a charter member, and he has filled all the offices in that body. He is a member of Elks Lodge No. 355 and of the Liberty Fire Company and for a time served as president of the Liberty Hose Company; he is a mem-

ber of the Pennsylvania State Firemen's Association. In politics Mr. Henrie is a Republican, and for the past twelve years has been assessor of the Second ward of Shamokin.

The Bird family, to which Mrs. Mary J. (Bird) Henrie, widow of Harrison Henrie, belongs, has been quite numerous and well known in this region since her grandfather, James Bird, came hither from New Jersey.

James Bird was born in Warren county, N. J., and was married in his native State, moving to Northumberland county with his family and settling in Rush township in its pioneer days. He purchased a large and uncultivated tract of land on Little Roaring creek, and died in Rush township, on the farm where he first settled. His children were: John, Joseph, James, William, Sylvanus (born in 1796), Ziba, Susan (married William Kimball), Sarah (Mrs. Scott), Rachel (married Jacob Shipman) and Nancy.

Ziba Bird, son of James, was born in Warren county, N. J., and came with his parents to Northumberland county. He assisted his father in the development of the farm in Rush township and also learned the carpenter's trade. He followed farming for a time on Little Roaring creek, but later went to Shamokin to take charge of the mining operations there of John C. Boyd, a prominent citizen of Danville, and he became quite prominent in the early days of the town. He was one of the first settlers there, and erected the first two buildings in what is now Shamokin. He also did considerable building later, two double houses on the south side of Commercial street, between Franklin and Pearl, and probably others, being of his construction. He continued to be interested in coal operations for several years, but retired from that line when the town and business began to settle down to a level after the first wave of prosperity, and he then returned to Rush township, where he established himself as a farmer. He subsequently moved to Red Point, on the Susquehanna river, just on the Montour and Northumberland county line, below Danville, purchasing a home there in which he passed the remainder of his life. He died there at the age of sixty-five. His activity and usefulness in promoting Shamokin's interests in the early days of the town entitle him to be classed among the real founders of the place.

Mr. Bird married three times, and had in all nineteen children. His first wife, Hannah Metz (Mentz or Metze), was the mother of six children: Annie; Joseph, born in 1814; Catharine; Sarah; Elizabeth, born in 1818, who married William Burkenbine and is still living, making her home in the borough of Northumberland; and James, who died in infancy. By his second wife, Elizabeth Farley, Mr. Bird had the following children:



John, Hannah, Ziba, Jr., Kellop (who died in infancy) and Susanna (who died in infancy). His third marriage was to Margaret Mutchler, by whom he had eight children: Mary J. (widow of Harrison Henrie, of Shamokin), William, Nelson, Montgomery, Eliza, Emma, Samuel and Margaret.

Mrs. Mary J. Henrie, widow of Harrison Henrie, was the first girl born in Shamokin, one John Snyder being the first boy. She was born Oct. 11, 1835, at the corner of Commerce and Shamokin streets.

WILLIAM DALIUS, who lived from early manhood until his death in Upper Augusta township, Northumberland county, was born Feb. 16, 1800, in Berks county, Pa. On coming to this county he settled on a small farm, a tract of eighteen acres, which he cultivated, and where he passed the remainder of his long life, dying April 21, 1882, at the age of eighty-two years, two months, five days. He is buried at Lantz's church. He was a Lutheran in religious faith. Mr. Dalius married Elizabeth (Betsy) Arnold, who was born Aug. 11, 1805, in Berks county, and whose father died when she was a child. She was reared in the family of her elder sister, Mrs. Komp. Mrs. Dalius died Dec. 10, 1869, aged sixty-four years, three months, thirty days. Seven children were born to their union: (1) Caroline, born April 1, 1827, died July 26, 1896, unmarried, and she and her sister Sarah are buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery, at Sunbury, where a large monument has been erected to their memory. (2) Sarah, born May 3, 1830, died Aug. 23, 1896, unmarried. (3) Eliza married Benjamin Lake and lives at Shamokin, Pa. (4) Mary, who resides at No. 324 Market street, Sunbury, is a member of Zion's Lutheran Church in that borough. (5) Louisa died when thirteen years old. (6) Catharine and (7) Margaret, twins, died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Dalius also reared another girl, Louisa, who took their name and made her home with them. On Aug. 28, 1893, she was married in Buffalo, N. Y., to Walter T. Keiner, and their home is in Sunbury, Miss Mary Dalius residing with them. Mrs. Keiner became the legatee of the Dalius estate.

WALTER T. KEINER was born in Danville, Montour Co., Pa., and has for a number of years been engaged as a hotel clerk. He was formerly connected with the "Aldine Hotel," in Sunbury, in that capacity, and is now at the "Hotel Normandy," in Philadelphia. He also conducted the "Westmount Hotel," at Atlantic City, N. J., for one year. Mr. and Mrs. Keiner have no family.

THOMAS J. McCAFFERY, of Shamokin, a teacher of almost forty years' experience in Coal township, Northumberland county, is naturally one of the best known citizens of that region. He

holds the respect and friendship of a wide circle, including his fellow educators and those who have come under his instruction.

Mr. McCaffery was born in 1853 at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., son of Dennis and Elizabeth (Doyle) McCaffery, natives of Ireland, the former of whom came to America when a young man, in 1846, the latter when she was a girl of fifteen. Dennis McCaffery first located at Pottsville, in 1853 coming to Shamokin, where he passed the remainder of his days. He followed mining, and was killed at the mines Oct. 7, 1863. His wife survived many years, dying at Shamokin in 1906. She left many friends, being particularly well known among the older residents of the borough.

Thomas J. McCaffery was the only child of his parents. He attended public school in Shamokin, but began work before his school days were over, as a slate picker. Later he followed mining for a time, but his mind turned to more congenial occupation, and he took up his studies again, going to the Eastman Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and also to the State normal school at Millersville, in Lancaster county, Pa. He began teaching in 1872, and has followed that profession ever since, having been engaged in Coal township throughout that long period. He is one of the teachers at the Morse building. Mr. McCaffery resides at the old family home, No. 429 West Spruce street, Shamokin. He is a Democrat and has done some local party work, and for three years he served his ward as member of the borough council.

On May 27, 1884, Mr. McCaffery married Mary Sweney, of Shamokin, daughter of Michael and Mary (Mitchell) Sweney, and they have one daughter, Elizabeth, who is at home with her parents. Mr. McCaffery is a member of St. Edward's Catholic Church and of the Knights of Columbus.

HENRY WILSON LARK, senior member of the firm of Lark & Lark, manufacturers of overalls, shirts and coats, of Shamokin, is one of the enterprising and progressive young business men of Northumberland county.

Mr. Lark was born in this city May 9, 1881, son of Emanuel S. Lark, sketch of whom is given in full elsewhere in this work. He attended the public schools, graduating from the high school in 1899. For a short time after leaving school he did clerical work, and then became a traveling salesman for D. K. Haas & Co., with whom he continued for four years. After leaving the road he was bookkeeper for the Shamokin Hardware Company until April 18, 1903, when he formed a partnership with C. C. Malick, under the firm name of Lark & Malick, for the manufacture of overalls, coats and shirts, and they established their factory at No. 27 Carbon street. In 1908 Mr. Malick withdrew from the firm, and Mr. Lark's

younger brother, Thomas F. Lark, was admitted in his stead, the firm name becoming Lark & Lark. The business has been continued with a steadily increasing trade, and from thirty-five to forty people are now employed all the year round.

Mr. Lark married Grace A. Aucker, daughter of Jacob and Sallie (Deibler) Aucker, of Shamokin, and their children are: Henry W., Jr., Emeline Boyer, Sarah Elizabeth, Jacob Aucker and Frederick Emanuel. Mr. Lark is a member of St. John's Reformed Church, and is also a member of the consistory. He is a director of the Central Building and Loan Association of Shamokin, was one of the organizers and original directors of the new Dime Trust & Safe Deposit Company, of Shamokin, and is looked upon as one of the substantial citizens of that borough, highly respected by all who know him.

**THOMAS FREDERICK LARK**, junior member of the firm of Lark & Lark, manufacturers of overalls, coats and shirts, is one of the rising young business men of Shamokin. He was born in that city April 18, 1883, son of Emanuel S. and Emeline (Boyer) Lark, his father being the present superintendent of the Shamokin cemetery.

Mr. Lark was educated in the public schools, attending until the close of his second year in high school. He then began the serious business of life as a bookkeeper for Warren Unger, with whom he remained for a period of seven years. In May, 1906, he entered the firm of Lark & Malick, and in 1908, on the retirement of Mr. Malick, the name was changed to Lark & Lark. Mr. Lark has devoted his entire time to business, and he is highly regarded by those who have come in contact with him. He has high principles, and is careful and conscientious in his dealings.

Mr. Lark was married to Blanch H. Sowers, daughter of C. L. Sowers, a well known merchant at Shamokin. To this union have been born two children, Thomas Chester and Dorothy Blanche. Mr. Lark is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Triple Links Club. His religious connection is with St. John's Reformed Church.

**DAVID H. SNYDER**, who has resided in the borough of Snyderstown since he gave up farming, in 1909, was born Sept. 25, 1845, in Schuylkill county, Pa., and comes of a family of German origin which has long been settled in Pennsylvania.

Frederick Snyder, grandfather of David H. Snyder, was a farmer, and lived and died in Eldred township, Schuylkill county. He was twice married, and among his children were Gideon, Isaac, Samuel, Peter, Benniville, Israel, and some daughters.

Isaac Snyder, son of Frederick, was born Jan. 9, 1813, in Eldred township, Schuylkill county,

and there passed his youth and early manhood. About the year 1855 he came to Northumberland county, locating in Ralpho township, where he bought the old Daniel Haas farm of 136 acres, besides 121 acres of woodland known as the Little Mountain. His farm was near the Blue church. He carried on agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred upon his farm March 31, 1886, when he was aged seventy years, two months, twenty-two days. His wife, Elizabeth (Herb), daughter of Daniel Herb, was born in Schuylkill county near the Northumberland county line, Oct. 3, 1819, and died Dec. 23, 1909. They had children as follows: Hannah, who married Samuel Savidge; Lydia, who married Fisher Klase; David H.; Amelia; Gabriel; Joseph; Charles; Mary E., who married J. E. Ponsyl; and Sarah J., who married Isaac Klase.

David H. Snyder, son of Isaac, remained with his father until he attained his majority, meanwhile obtaining his education in the local public schools. For the next four years he was in the employ of Boughner & Fredericks, making powder, and at the end of that time began farming, buying part of the old homestead, a tract of seventy acres upon which he settled, following farming there until a short time ago. He made a success of his agricultural operations, and was a citizen of standing and enviable reputation, active in the affairs of his township, where he served as school director and overseer of the poor. He was also well known in his connection with the Methodist Church, where he served as class leader for a period of twenty years. In politics he gives his support to the Prohibitionist party. In 1909 Mr. Snyder gave up active farm work and moved into the borough of Snyderstown.

Mr. Snyder married Ursula Repley, who was born Sept. 26, 1845, daughter of Henry and Mary E. (Scout) Repley, and died Nov. 12, 1907; she is buried at the Oak Grove church. One daughter was born to this union, Eulalia, wife of George W. Cook; they reside in Ralpho township. On Feb. 13, 1910, Mr. Snyder married (second) Clara E. Martz, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Kusman) Martz.

**BERNARD E. ADAMS**, proprietor of the "Artistic Hotel," at No. 118 South Market street, Shamokin, and one of the best known residents of that busy city, was born in Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, in 1837, son of Gideon and Sarah (Eshman) Adams.

There are numerous representatives of the Adam or Adams family in Northumberland county. Its history in America goes back to the first half of the eighteenth century, when Anthony Adam, a potter by trade, emigrated to these shores. He sailed from Rotterdam on the snow "Molly," commanded by Capt. John Cranch, which



vessel arrived at Philadelphia, and the passengers, having taken the oath of allegiance to the English sovereign, were qualified to land Oct. 26, 1741. Anthony Adam's age is entered on the passenger list as twenty-five years, and one account says he was born in the Fatherland, another that he was a French Huguenot. On Feb. 7, 1748, he received from the proprietaries of the Province of Pennsylvania a warrant for a tract of 136 acres, 146 perches of land in Albany township, Berks county, then a part of Philadelphia county. This land was surveyed for him by the surveyor general of the Province, June 6, 1752. It is probable that he settled in Albany township immediately after his arrival in the New World, as he was a settler there in 1752, and he witnessed and participated in the trying times of the French and Indian wars. His farm is now in the possession of Nathan Weisner, of Round Top, Albany township, Berks county. On Feb. 7, 1748, he also received a warrant for a tract of 135 acres, 47 perches "above Maxatawny," and in 1761 he sold 140 acres of his land in Albany township to John Reinhard. He was administrator of the estate of Albrecht Stimmel, of Albany township, in 1766, being the chief creditor. His administration account was audited and approved in December, 1768. The date of death of Anthony (or Andoni, as he wrote his name) Adam, of Albany township, is not known. Neither do we know the name of his wife, but it is known that he had sons: Abraham, Anthony and Bernhard, who moved to Schuylkill county, Pa.; and Peter.

Nicholas Adam, the ancestor of a large number of this name, possibly another son of Andoni, was a native of Berks county, born July 5, 1756, and coming to Northumberland settled in the Swabian Creek district, in what is now known as Washington township. He was a farmer, owning the farm which later became the property of Isaac Tryon, a large tract, and he also owned what are now the farms of Nathan Adams, Mrs. James Troutman, Cornelius Adams and Galen Stepp, besides land along the deep creek. In fact, he was one of the most extensive landowners in his section. He died April 11, 1836, and is buried at Himmel's church. His death was caused by consumption. His wife, Anna Maria, nee Kaler, born March 3, 1763, died Aug. 4, 1839. His sons were: John, who left children, Gabriel and Nathaniel; Gideon; Absalom, mentioned below; Nicholas, who left children, Abraham, Nicholas, Adam and daughters: Adam, who died unmarried; Bernhard; and several daughters.

Absalom Adam, grandfather of Bernard E. Adams, was evidently a son of Nicholas, was born at Greenbrier, and lived to an advanced age, dying about 1849. He was a farmer, owning property which is still in the family name, the farm

now owned by his grandson, Nathan Adams. He was a pioneer in Washington township, where he came to live when the land was nearly all covered with timber, settling in the hills because he thought good hay could be grown in the valleys. The house in which he lived, near the mountain, stood for many years, being torn down by Nathan Adams in 1908. Mr. Adam and his family are buried at the Himmel church. His wife, whose maiden name was Wentzel, died before him, being stricken with paralysis while engaged in sweeping. She was advanced in years at the time. Ten children were born to this couple: Leah married Mr. Williams; Eliza married James Anders, of Minersville; Rebecca married Abraham Bressler; Sallie married Peter Howerter; Jestina married Peter Baer; Hannah married Henry Schroeder; Gideon lived in the Mahantango Valley, but died in Shamokin, when over eighty years old; Nicholas is mentioned elsewhere; Adam lived many years in Shamokin, where he died when nearly seventy; John, who had lived in Illinois, died on the field of battle during the Civil war.

Gideon Adams, son of Absalom, was born on the homestead in 1807, and died at Shamokin in 1890. He came to Shamokin about 1866, and led a retired life. He married Sarah Esiman, who died aged sixty-five years. Their children were: John H., mentioned below; Bernard E.; N. Albert; Harriet; Elizabeth, and Charlotte, all now deceased except Bernard.

Bernard E. Adams has been the architect of his own fortune. His early life was spent on the home farm, and at the age of fourteen he went to live with Jacob Maurer as hired boy, and nine months later came to Shamokin, where he found work at the mason's trade, building bridges for the Northern Central Railroad Company between Mt. Carmel and Sunbury. He next went to Stone Valley, where he was employed in a lime quarry, after which he worked for Gabriel Herb for some time. For several years he was engaged in huckstering. In 1853 he went to Locust Gap, and there worked at the stone mason's trade until he came to Shamokin in 1865. From 1867 to 1876 he worked at his trade in Freeburg. For thirty-five years he has been in the hotel business at Shamokin, and is justly popular with his patrons. He also operated one of the largest marble yards in Shamokin for several years.

In 1862 Mr. Adams enlisted in his country's service, becoming a member of Company K, 172d Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served ten months. He is a member of Lincoln Post, G. A. R.; Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M.; Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M.; Shamokin Commandery, No. 77, K. T.; Bloomsburg Consistory, thirty-second degree; Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading; and the Red Men. In politics he is a



Republican. With his family he attends the Reformed Church. His home is on South Market street.

On Feb. 22, 1858, Mr. Adams was united in marriage with Anna Arnold, a native of Snyder county, Pa., daughter of Henry and Anna Arnold, of that county. Eleven children blessed this union: Henry Franklin, deceased; Arthur R., at home; Percival A., deceased; J. Elmer, deceased; Charles O., a carpenter in Philadelphia; William Clyde, who died April 3, 1911; Bernard E. Jr., of Portland, Oregon; Sylvia, who married W. H. Happer; Warren E.; Anna J., wife of Howard Knapp, of Portland, Oregon; and Mabel F., who married Merton K. Sausser, of Shamokin. The mother of this family died May 9, 1911, at the age of seventy-two years. Shamokin was her home for over fifty years, and she was one of the oldest and most respected residents of that borough, well known to many and beloved of all who enjoyed her acquaintance. She was a member of Chapter No. 77, O. E. S., of Milton, of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights Templar, and of Trinity Lutheran church. She left twenty-five grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

JOHN H. ADAMS, elder brother of Bernard E., was born in Upper Mahanoy township in 1834, and received his education in the public schools. From 1857 to 1863 he was engaged in the hotel business in Upper Mahanoy township, but in the latter year he moved to Freeburg, Snyder county, and became a traveling salesman for John S. Lentz, wholesale liquor dealer. In 1871 he came to Shamokin, and for two years was engaged in a mercantile business. He then became a member of the firm of Adams, Haldeman & Co., wholesale liquor dealers, of Philadelphia, and in this he continued for five years. In 1878 he again came to Shamokin, and embarked in the mercantile business, part of the time alone and part with partners, being thus engaged until he sold out intending to retire. In a short time he again found himself drawn into the business world, and after a brief connection with the wholesale liquor firm of Charles F. Stadiger & Co., of Philadelphia, he established a business of his own on Market street, Shamokin, where he continued until his death.

In 1856 Mr. Adams married Ellehna H., daughter of Peter Beisel, and they had three children: John Q., attorney at law, now deceased; Emma R., widow of Thomas F. Foltz; and Martha J., wife of Francis A. Miller. Mr. Adams was a staunch Republican in politics, and held the office of justice of the peace. On June 6, 1859, he was commissioned a major in the State militia. Socially he belonged to Sunbury Lodge, No. 22, F. & A. M.; Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M.; and Prince of Peace Commandery, K. T., of Ashland, Pennsylvania.

SAVIDGE. Benjamin Savidge was a native of New Jersey, and came to this part of Pennsylvania at an early period, settling in Montour county, below Washingtonville. He was a farmer by occupation. In church connection he was a Baptist and he is buried at Turbutville. His wife, Esther Bond, came with him from New Jersey. They were the parents of fourteen children: Hunter, John, Samuel, William, Thomas, Robert, Catharine (married Lambert Jarett), Charlotte (married James McCarthy), Margaret (married Alfred Haycock), Nancy (married James Watts), Maria (who never married), and three who died young.

William Savidge, son of Benjamin, was born near Washingtonville, Montour Co., Pa., and died in July, 1876. He was a merchant at Turbutville many years, having begun clerking at Milton and later engaged in business for himself, following the same line until four years before his death. He also served as postmaster. In politics he was a Democrat, and served as school director. He was one of the organizers of the First National Bank at Milton, and served as director of same until his death. In religion he was a Baptist. His wife, Elizabeth (Staton), was a daughter of John Staton. Her death, in September, 1870, was caused by a lamp explosion in their residence at Turbutville, her clothing catching fire; she died four hours later. Mr. and Mrs. Savidge had three children: Sarah, who married P. W. Opp (both are deceased); Benjamin; and Esther H., who married Jacob McFarland.

Benjamin Savidge, son of William, is a well known merchant of Turbutville and a director of the Turbutville National Bank. He was born Aug. 20, 1852, was educated in the local schools and began clerking in his father's store at an early age. After assisting him until 1886 he began business for himself, succeeding his father at Turbutville in the general mercantile establishment, and he now has the leading store and stock in town. He has the homestead property at Lewistown of 200 acres, and is one of the substantial men of his district. In 1910 he helped to organize the Turbutville National Bank and is one of its directors; he is also a director of the First National Bank of Milton, Pa. Mr. Savidge is a Democrat and has served as borough auditor. He and family are members of the Baptist church, which he has served as deacon for many years.

In May, 1879, Mr. Savidge married Sophia Runyon, daughter of G. B. Runyon, of Limestone township, Montour Co., Pa., and they have had six children: Elizabeth, Barton R., William, Hunter, Ruth and Myron.

HENRY RICHARD, of Ralpho township, has passed practically all his life on the farm near

Elysburg where he still makes his home. It has been owned by three successive generations of the Richard family, his grandfather, Andrew Richard, having owned and lived on the place before this section was known as Ralpho township. He had a tract of 120 acres, followed farming successfully, and was one of the substantial citizens of his day. He is buried at the Blue church in Ralpho township.

George Richard, son of Andrew, was born in 1802 in what is now Ralpho township, and spent all his life upon the farm, dying in 1875. His wife, Mary (Polly) Kulp, born in 1811, died in 1883, and they are buried in the cemetery at the Blue church, where both were members. They had children as follows: Sallie, William, David, Mary Jane, Lettie, George, Henry, John, Hannah and Elizabeth.

Henry Richard, son of George and Mary (Kulp) Richard, was born July 8, 1833, in Ralpho township, near where he now resides. He obtained his education in his native township and remained upon the farm with his father until the latter's death, after which the property came into his possession. He is a well known and highly respected man, one of the oldest farmers in his township, and has the good will and friendship of all with whom he associates. In his political views Mr. Richard is a Democrat, but he has never taken any active part in party affairs or public matters. He has never married.

LORENZO D. CHERRY, who has a butcher business and farm at the Weigh Scales, in Shamokin township, is a son of the late Alba B. Cherry, who founded the butcher business and carried it on for twenty years. Mr. Cherry was born in Shamokin township Feb. 2, 1873. His great-grandfather came to America in the early days of the development of this region and settled in the lower part of Northumberland county, Pa., passing the remainder of his life here. Beyond the fact that he died when a young man little is known concerning him. His son, John Cherry, was the grandfather of Lorenzo D. Cherry. There was also a son James, who settled in Center county, Pa., besides two daughters, Mary and Elizabeth.

John Cherry lived at Hollowing Run, near Fisher's Ferry, in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, and there followed his trade, that of blacksmith, throughout his active years. He died there when comparatively a young man, and is buried along the river bank near Fisher's Ferry. His wife, Elizabeth (Persing), died Feb. 22, 1876, aged seventy-seven years, three months, thirteen days, and is buried at the Blue church in Ralpho township. Her father, Philip Persing, lived to be 101 years old. The Persing family is an old and prominent one in Northumberland county. Mr. and Mrs. John Cherry had the fol-

lowing children: Catharine married David Moyer and had children, Mahlon (deceased), John (deceased), Mary A., Clara, Sarah and Henry; Elizabeth married Jonas Himmel and had children, Mary A., Alice, Sarah, Isabella, John and Grant; Hannah married Solomon Haas and they had children, Annie, Hattie, Ella, Louis, Ben, Fienna, Charles and John; Jemima married Jared Kating and their children were Thomas, John, Annie, Mary, James, Joseph, Laury and Alice (they removed to Dushore, in Sullivan county, Pa.); Solomon married Mary Krick and they had Agnes, Dellie, Mazie, Solomon and Grant; Samuel married Salina Campbell and (second) Maria Higgins, and there were three children by the first union, Theo, John and Elizabeth; Alba B. was the father of Lorenzo D. Cherry.

The following is taken from a history of Northumberland county published some years ago: "The Cherry family was early represented in this locality (Shamokin), and is said to have suffered in the Indian depredations of the Revolutionary period. The name of James Cherry appears as a taxable in Shamokin township in 1788; he was probably the first settler, and cleared land at Luke Fidler, Springfield and elsewhere, residing at a house subsequently known as Irich's. By the division of the Clark tract in 1803 John Cherry was assigned the lower or western portion. Joseph Cherry settled on the plat near Eagle Run brewery, where vestiges of his improvements were visible long after his residence there had terminated. Prior to the war of 1812 Abraham Cherry built a sawmill on Shamokin creek opposite the Cameron colliery, and near it stood an old dwelling house, for many years a landmark in this section. Another member of this family had a distillery on the hill east of Shamokin."

Alba B. Cherry, son of John Cherry, was born in 1834, and died April 25, 1905, aged seventy years, nine months, nineteen days. In early life he followed railroading, and later engaged in farming in Irish Valley, in Shamokin township, where about 1870 he commenced the butcher business now conducted by his son. He himself carried it on until 1890, after which he resumed farming, devoting all his time to that calling until his death. He married Lavina Moyer, who was born in 1831, daughter of Jacob Moyer, of Shamokin township, and died May 30, 1900, aged sixty-eight years, ten months, twenty-one days. Mr. and Mrs. Cherry are buried at the Upper Methodist church in Shamokin township, of which church they were active members. They were the parents of four children: Malissa, Emma, Edward and Lorenzo D., all of whom are deceased except Lorenzo.

Lorenzo D. Cherry attended the public schools of his native township and subsequently learned the butcher's trade with his father. In 1890 he took charge of the business, which he has since



continued, having a general wholesale and retail trade which has shown a steady increase under his efficient management. In 1909 he bought the Isaac Herb farm, upon which his shop is located, at West Scales along the Paxinos road (his post office is Paxinos). All the buildings upon the property, including the butcher shop, are up-to-date and a credit to the owner. Mr. Cherry is an able business man, and he has worked hard to achieve his success, which is well deserved.

On Oct. 11, 1892, Mr. Cherry married Clarissa M. Zimmerman, daughter of Michael and Clarissa (Snyder) Zimmerman, and they have three children: Francis E., Mary E. and Dewey A. Mr. Cherry votes independently, giving his support to the men and measures he likes best. He is a member of the United Brethren Church.

LEVI M. SHOOP, grocer and dry goods merchant of Shamokin, is a native of that city and has spent almost all of his business years there. He has had his present establishment since 1897, and is now the leading merchant in the west end, where his honorable and progressive methods have gained him favorable standing.

Mr. Shoop is a great-grandson of Michael Shoop, who was born in the Mahantango Valley, in Dauphin county, Pa., and there followed farming. He died at Berrysburg, in Dauphin county. Michael Shoop married Elizabeth Kanarr, daughter of Rev. George Kanarr, an Evangelical minister who had two sons, Isiah and Josiah, who were also ministers. To Mr. and Mrs. Shoop were born children as follows: Eli died at Berrysburg, Pa.; Caroline married Israel Reed and resides in Nebraska; Levi was the grandfather of Levi M. Shoop.

Levi Shoop, son of Michael, was born Sept. 13, 1830, in Dauphin county, Pa., and died in December, 1891, in Shamokin, Pa., where he is buried. He came to Shamokin in 1859 and followed the plastering business as a contractor, building up a steady patronage in that line, in which he was long successfully engaged. He was well known among the older residents of Shamokin, where he had many friends. In 1884 he erected a handsome home, now occupied by his grandson, Levi M. Shoop, on the three-story building at the corner of Pine and Market streets. For a time he was engaged in mercantile pursuits in connection with this other business. In politics he was a Republican and interested in local affairs, serving as assessor, Burgess of Shamokin and also as a member of the council. He was a liberal contributor to the support of the Evangelical Church, and later on was a Mason, belonging to Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M., and also a member of the I. O. O. F.

On Jan. 3, 1854, Mr. Shoop married Lydia H. Dinger, who was born in the Mahantango Valley,

in Schuylkill county, daughter of Rev. John and Elizabeth (Dinger) Hepler, and a descendant of Casper Hepler, who came to America from Germany and settled in Schuylkill county. Casper Hepler's children were: Henry, George, Stoffel and John. John Hepler, son of Casper, had the following children: John, Jacob, George, Peter, Sarah, Lydia, Eliza and Mary. Rev. John Hepler, son of John and grandson of Casper, married Elizabeth Dinger, and they had children as follows: Emanuel, John, Madeline, Susan, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Catherine, Lydia (Mrs. Levi Shoop) and Rachel.

To Levi and Lydia (Hepler) Shoop were born eight children, viz.: Emma Jane died when eight years old; Rev. James M. is the father of Levi M. Shoop; Sarah A. married David Zaring, and died at Philadelphia; Elizabeth E. (twin of Sarah A.) died when three years old; George O., who lives with his mother, is engaged in the fire insurance and real estate business at Shamokin; Charles O. is engaged as a plasterer at Shamokin; William E. died at the age of thirty-one years; Robert C. is engaged in the insurance business at Shamokin. As intimated, the mother of this family is still living, at the age of seventy-six years, making her home with her son George O. in Shamokin.

Rev. James M. Shoop was born Aug. 14, 1854, in Dauphin county, Pa., at Valley View. He began to attend public school before he came to Shamokin with his parents, when nine years old, and here continued his education, later studying at the New Berlin Seminary, from which he was graduated. The Evangelical Board sent him to Marshalltown, Iowa, on his first charge, and he returned East after a year there. He has since been located at different stations of the church in Dauphin, Schuylkill and Berks counties, being now at Dauphin, Dauphin county, about eight miles from Harrisburg. He still has interests in Shamokin, being a large property holder in that city.

Mr. Shoop married Lillie A. Werntz, of Schuylkill county, and they have had five children: Levi M., of Shamokin; Catharine, wife of Rev. Walter Wagemuth, a Lutheran minister of Fairfield, Iowa; John E., a mining engineer of Shamokin, one of the rising young men of that city (he is a member of Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M.); Effie, who died in 1891, aged ten years; and Frederick, who is engaged in the piano business in Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

Levi M. Shoop was born at Shamokin Nov. 19, 1875. He attended public school at the different places in which his father was stationed. His first work was in a squire's office in Shamokin, where he was employed as stenographer, and after nine months in that position he engaged in the insurance business. Only six months later he received promotion, becoming assistant superintendent for the Prudential Company, in which capacity he was



located at Sunbury for a period of fourteen months. He has since been in the grocery and dry goods business, which he began in 1897, and which in the intervening years he has built to profitable proportions, his trade being constantly on the increase. He is now the leading merchant in his line in the west end of the city, and is very well known. Still a young man, he has made a reputation which should pave the way for continued success.

Mr. Shoop married Gertrude Seitz, daughter of William A. and Eliza M. Seitz, and they have a family of three children: Walter A., Holden B. and Russel S.

Fraternally, Mr. Shoop is a prominent Mason, being a past master of Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M.; past high priest of Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M.; past eminent commander of Shamokin Commandery, No. 77, K. T.; a member of Williamsport Consistory (thirty-second degree); a member of Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; and a member of the Temple Club, of Shamokin, and of the Acacia Club, of Williamsport, Pa. Mr. Shoop had the unusual honor of making his father, an uncle and a brother Masons. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F., the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Red Men.

**SAMUEL L. GARINGER**, deceased, contractor of Sunbury, had a number of contracts for public works in that borough, and served as street commissioner, a position for which his special experience well qualified him. He was a native of Upper Augusta township, this county, born Oct. 1, 1852, son of Charles Garinger and grandson of Samuel Garinger. He died in Sunbury, Pa., Jan. 3, 1911.

Samuel Garinger was born July 3, 1799, in Albany township, Berks Co., Pa., and in an early day came to Northumberland county with one Michael Arnold. He lived in what is now Upper Augusta township, having a farm of over one hundred acres at the end of the Narrows, where he caught many shad, which were plentiful there in his day. He died Oct. 22, 1876, on his farm near Lantz's Church, in what is now Rockefeller township. Mr. Garinger was a Democrat in politics, served as supervisor of his township, and was a popular man in his district; he was a Lutheran, and an official member of Lantz's Union Church. His wife, Sarah (Conrad), born Sept. 22, 1801, died Nov. 20, 1855. They had children as follows: (1) Reuben, born Dec. 23, 1822, lived in Upper Augusta township, where he developed and improved the farm he owned, putting up the buildings on that property, which is now owned by Elias Boyer. He married a Miss Malick, and their children were Thomas (who was drowned), Ira, Jane, Julia and Frank. Reuben Garinger

met an accidental death April 21, 1878, falling through the Shamokin bridge, below Sunbury, on his way home from council meeting at Sunbury. (2) Charles is mentioned below. (3) John lived in Rockefeller township. (4) Samuel. (5) Mrs. George McCarthy. (6) Hettie married John Shipe, of Rockefeller township. (7) Susan married Lafayette Haas, of Danville.

Charles Garinger was born in June, 1822, in Rockefeller township. Locating in Upper Augusta township, he followed milling for a time, and later became a contractor, making a great success of his business, which reached important proportions. He was given many large contracts, doing considerable railroad work and much public construction work, including the Northern Central double track from Sunbury to Selinsgrove, the Pine Grove bridge, bridges in Connecticut and other large undertakings. In 1857 he was engaged in railroad building. He gave employment to a large number of men, and while at work in Connecticut kept fifty-six horses for the work in hand, besides four or five yoke of oxen; it cost him thirty thousand dollars to start his work there. Mr. Garinger was a man of forceful character and energy, and he continued in active business until his death, which occurred in December, 1880. He made his home in Sunbury for a number of years, served as a member of the borough council, and was at one time a nominee for county sheriff, but withdrew his name. In politics originally a Democrat, he eventually became a Republican, and he was a Lutheran in religious faith. Mr. Garinger married Deborah Haas, daughter of Frederick Haas, and she survived him but two weeks, her death occurring in the year 1881. They had children as follows: George F.; Emma Alice, who married R. A. Gass, of Purdytown, this county; Samuel L.; Mary Catharine, deceased, who was the wife of Wesley W. Jarrett, of Sunbury; two who are deceased; Charles A., of Sunbury; Margaret L., married to J. William Bartholomew; Adelia Flora, wife of Dr. R. H. Savidge, dentist, of Sunbury; and Sarah J., deceased, who married Ammon Aurand.

George F. Garinger, M. D., was born March 5, 1850, in Upper Augusta township, and received his literary education in the Sunbury schools. He began reading medicine there with Dr. D. W. Shindel, and later attended Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, graduating in 1873, since when he has practiced his profession with continuous success. He first located for a short time in Snyder and Lebanon counties, settling in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, in 1876. In 1873 he married Sadie Smith, daughter of George Smith, of Troxelville, Snyder county, and they have had one child, Mary Adia. The Doctor and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church, and he is a Republican in politics.

Samuel L. Garinger attended the public schools and Sunbury Academy, spending his boyhood and youth in Sunbury, where the family settled when he was very young. In young manhood he learned the butcher's trade, which he followed for about ten years in Sunbury, but in 1881 he took up contracting, which he has followed successfully ever since. The substantial qualities of his work have been well proved in the numerous public contracts he has filled in his home locality. In 1892 he built the River Bank in Sunbury, an immense undertaking, over nine thousand perches of stone having been used in the construction work. He built the Sunbury reservoir, in which work he employed eighty-five men, twenty-six horses and carts and a six-horse plow. Most of the streets in Sunbury have been improved by him; he built two streets for the borough by contract, and has done the rest of that kind of the public work by the day. At Riverside he was given the large contract for cutting away the hillside, in which he employed as many as seventy-five men. Besides, he has had many lesser jobs, has built two double houses and one single residence for himself, and has left many creditable evidences of his ability and reliability in construction work all over this vicinity. The nature of the contracts intrusted to him shows the confidence he has won in his honorable fulfillment of every enterprise he undertakes. He is a Republican in politics and has served as street commissioner in Sunbury.

Mr. Garinger married Mary Louisa Miller, daughter of John C. Miller, of Sunbury. They had no children. Mrs. Garinger died in 1891, at the age of forty-two years, and is buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery. He died Jan. 3, 1911, and is buried beside his wife.

**BYRON W. KRINER**, of Mount Carmel, Northumberland county, is one of the most prominent members of the Masonic fraternity in central Pennsylvania and engaged in the business world as private secretary to William R. Reinhardt, superintendent of the Mineral Railroad & Mining Company, whose offices are at Shamokin. Mr. Kriner was born Sept. 9, 1860, at Williamsport, Pa., and is a son of Hugh Wilson Kriner and grandson of Henry Kriner.

Henry Kriner came to this country from England and located in the Warrior Run Valley, in Delaware township, Northumberland Co., Pa., where he followed farming. He died in 1878, aged eighty-two years, and is buried at the historic Warrior Run Presbyterian Church, of which he was a member. His wife died when yet a young woman, and Byron W. Kriner has two silver spoons which he treasures as mementoes of his grandmother, both bearing the letter "C," one of the initials of her name. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kriner: Richard, who lives

near McEwensville; Anna (deceased), Mrs. Hammond McKee; Mrs. Scott, whose husband and family live in Ohio; and Hugh Wilson.

Hugh Wilson Kriner was born in 1834 in the Warrior Run district, near Muncy Hill, and is jokingly called by his children the "Muncy Hill scout." With the exception of two years, he has lived in Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., since 1869. Learning the trade of carpenter in his early life, he has continued to follow it, from 1869 to 1877 being foreman at the William Buechley planing mills at Pottsville. He then moved to Williamsport, where he was connected with the old Otto mills in the same capacity two years, at the end of that period returning to Pottsville to start up the machinery of the Saylor planing mill. Later in the same year he set up the machinery of the car building department of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company's Pottsville shops and assumed charge of same, and has been thus engaged continuously since. Mr. Kriner makes his home on Eighth street, Pottsville. He is a man of the highest personal standing, a good citizen, and held in universal esteem. At one time he held membership in the Lutheran Church. Mr. Kriner married Susan Wise, who was born Jan. 22, 1834, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Ott) Wise, of Williamsport, and died Nov. 7, 1895. She is buried at Pottsville. Mr. and Mrs. Kriner had a family of three children: Jennie, married to John R. Mortimer, who has charge of the job printing department of the *Eagle*, at Reading, Pa.; Byron W.; and Henry, who died when eighteen months old.

Byron W. Kriner was educated in the public schools of Pottsville and at Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, after which he began work as shipper at Pottsville for the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company. He was then private secretary to E. F. C. Davis, mechanical engineer of the same company, for some years, and when the management changed, in 1891, he continued in the same capacity with John Wood, the present superintendent of the company's shop, until 1893. In that year he was appointed purchasing agent of the Union Coal Company, being thus engaged until that company was absorbed by the Susquehanna Coal Company, in 1904, when he became private secretary to Mr. Reinhardt. He has served in that capacity since, his long experience and efficiency making him a valuable assistant. The office of the company is at Shamokin, but Mr. Kriner makes his home at Mount Carmel. He served in the capacity of School Director of his town for a period of twelve years from 1897, being president of the board for two years.

Mr. Kriner's activity in the Masonic fraternity has made him widely known in central Pennsylvania. He is a member and past master of Mount Carmel Lodge, No. 378, F. & A. M., was secretary



of that lodge for six years and from 1904 to 1911, when he resigned, was secretary of the Fraternity Club, in which he has held membership since 1904. He is also president of the Masonic Hall Association, holding that position from the first meeting held to talk over the building project. He is a member, past high priest, and member of the board of trustees of Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M.; member, past eminent commander and member of the board of trustees of Shamokin Commandery, No. 77, K. T.; a member of Adoniram Council, No. 26, R. & S. M., of Williamsport, Pa.; a member of Williamsport Consistory, No. 4, thirty-second degree; a member of Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading; and a charter member of the Temple Club of Shamokin. He was appointed to office in the consistory, but could not serve because of the inconvenient location. In 1909, at Lancaster, he received appointment as grand marshal of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania from R. W. Grand Commander John F. Laedlein. He has also been active in the Elks and the Odd Fellows, being a past grand of Miners Lodge, No. 20, I. O. O. F., of Pottsville, and past chief patriarch of Franklin Encampment, No. 4, of Pottsville, and he was elected exalted ruler of Lodge No. 355, B. P. O. Elks, of Mount Carmel, at its institution.

The Presbyterian Church at Mount Carmel counts Mr. Kriner among its active workers, he being secretary of the board of trustees at the present time. The ceremonies at the laying of the corner stone of this church, which were public, were held Oct. 27, 1907, and were largely attended, the affair being one long to be remembered; the corner stone was laid by Lodge No. 378, F. & A. M., of Mount Carmel, Hon. Frederick A. Godcharles acting as R. W. Grand Master on this occasion, and Mr. Kriner as deputy.

In 1884 Mr. Kriner married Kate Geier, daughter of Thomas and Lavina Geier, of Pottsville, Pa., and they had one child, Thomas, who died in 1886. Mrs. Kriner died Jan. 3, 1890, at the age of twenty-nine years, and she and her son are buried in the Charles Baber cemetery at Pottsville. In 1893 Mr. Kriner married (second) Margaret S. Cascaden, daughter of John J. and Elizabeth (Sproul) Cascaden, of Phoenixville, Pa. They have had three children, George C., Eleanor W. and Margaret E.

GEORGE CASCADEN KRINER, born at Mount Carmel May 25, 1894, received his education in the public schools of that place and was a member of the 1911 graduating class—the first class under a four years' term.

On April 20th a competitive examination was held at Bloomsburg for candidates for the Naval Academy at Annapolis, and George won the appointment of principal. His parents sent him to

Werntz preparatory school at Annapolis, where he had six weeks of preparatory work, and on June 21, 22, 23 and 24 underwent a most rigid mental examination, on July 3d finishing with his physical examinations, both of which he passed successfully and entered the Naval Academy July 5, 1911, as a midshipman. He is a fine specimen of manhood, six feet, one inch in height and weighing 170 pounds.

FRANK ZIMMERMAN, a representative young business man of Shamokin, was born Oct. 30, 1868, in Wayne township, Schuylkill Co., Pa. He is the son of Abraham Zimmerman, Jr., and grandson of Abraham Zimmerman, Sr., both deceased.

Among those who emigrated to America from Germany in the Colonial period was one Michael Zimmerman, the present Mr. Zimmerman's great-grandfather. He settled in the upper part of Berks county, Pa., and lived in that section until his death. There Abraham Zimmerman, Sr., son of Michael, was born. Later he removed from Berks county to Schuylkill county, locating at what is known as Sculp's Hill, this locality being about one and a half miles southeast of Landingville. In later years the Zuber family came into possession of the Zimmerman farm. Both Abraham Zimmerman and his wife, who before marriage was Maria Greenawalt, are buried in the Red Church cemetery, situated in East Brunswick township, Schuylkill county. Seven children blessed the home of this couple, viz.: Polly, who became Mrs. Daniel Dewalt; Fiaetta, who became Mrs. Daniel Freeman; Caroline, the wife of Charles Warmkessel; Sarah, wife of Hiram Moyer; Isaac, who died in Schuylkill county; Daniel, whose death occurred in Upper Bern township, Berks county; and Abraham, Jr.

The last named was born Feb. 3, 1818, and died May 28, 1897. His vocation was that of cobbler, at which occupation he worked during his entire active life. Eliza Weaver, whom he married, was born July 5, 1838, and died Feb. 6, 1897. They are buried at Auburn, Schuylkill county. They were the parents of the following children: Frank, referred to in the following paragraphs; Charles, of Shamokin, married to Susan Berger and father of two children, Vesta and Lottie; and Susana, wife of William H. Ketner, of Shamokin, and mother of two sons, John H. Ketner, city editor of the *Shamokin Dispatch*, and Clyde E. Ketner, a reporter on the *Shamokin News*.

Frank Zimmerman, referred to at the beginning of this article, came to Shamokin in 1887, from Landingville, Schuylkill county, and entered the employ of W. J. Feldhoff, wholesale liquor dealer, as a clerk and bookkeeper, serving his em-



ployer always faithfully, conscientiously and to the best of his ability. He occupied his spare time and evenings studying business methods in the Shamokin business college. This time, which was so valuably passed, yielded an ample reward in later years. The young bookkeeper soon won the favor and confidence of his employer through his progressive tactics, and by dint of hard toil, faithful and diligent application, and business acumen, a combination of qualities destined to make itself felt in the Shamokin business world within a few short years. This constant attention to business warranted the young man's employer in placing sufficient confidence in him to make it his last request that his business should be continued under Mr. Zimmerman's management, making him the responsible manager of the business. In 1895 Mr. Feldhoff died and his interests have since been retained by his widow, who at present resides at Allentown. Mr. Zimmerman was then admitted as a partner, the duties of the management devolving upon him. The firm is known as Feldhoff & Zimmerman.

During the administration of the new partner's employer, the establishment had been known for its excellent facilities, its reliability and complete line of stock. However, it was only a short time before the new manager made decided improvements. A heavier and more complete stock of imported and domestic wines, gins, brandies, cordials, straight and blended whiskies, etc., was secured, and the facilities were made the very best, enabling the firm to supply the constantly and rapidly growing trade in the largest quantities on the shortest notice, and to quote prices and terms which made it possible for Mr. Zimmerman to canvass this section of the State and vie with the largest and best houses in Pennsylvania with his stock of goods. The trade now extends over a radius of one hundred miles from Shamokin, covering all the territory in this section of the State. The house has been so long established, and the firm name so well known, that its reputation as to reliability, to the age, value and quality of its supplies to-day is accepted without question by many who have dealt with the establishment for years. In this State the house has a reputation second to none.

Several years ago Mr. Zimmerman's business instinct made him realize that the quarters occupied for so many years by the firm, the site of the present federal building, were inadequate to meet the growing demands of the business. He accordingly negotiated a deal whereby he purchased the large three-story brick, brownstone front building and other valuable property. Here it was possible to carry out more thorough ideas, to modernize and greatly increase the business. The brownstone front building is located at No. 326 East Second street, and, as well as being one of the

largest of Shamokin's business structures, is one of the handsomest.

Mr. Zimmerman is also a member of the board of directors of the Dime Trust and Safe Deposit Company, one of Shamokin's solid banking institutions, and is an active worker in the interests of this company.

He married Katie, daughter of Simon Dunkelberger, and has five bright children, Helen, Lee, George, Ralph and Catharine. The family attend the Lutheran Church.

Fraternally Mr. Zimmerman is affiliated with Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M.; Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M.; the Temple Club; Lodge No. 355, B. P. O. E.; Tahgahjute Tribe, No. 415, Improved O. R. M.; and Camp No. 30, P. O. S. of A.

**KETNER.** The records of Zion's Kirche (the Red Church), in West Brunswick township, Schuylkill county, one and a half miles southwest of Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county, tell of the firing, in 1755, by the Indians, of the first log church just completed by the settlers, the massacring of the people and the laying of their homes in ashes. Those who could escape, among them Heinrich Adam Ketner and his wife Katharine, who came there in 1755, fled across the Blue mountains into Berks county; subsequently returning with others, they built the church and reestablished their homes. It was at this date that a frightful massacre occurred at the site of what is now Orwigsburg. The old Red church, near Orwigsburg, was burnt in 1754, and has since been rebuilt four different times.

John D. Ketner, a moderately wealthy resident of Pueblo, Colo., is a descendant of these pioneers. One of his sons, William H. Ketner, resides in Shamokin, Pa. The son of the latter, John H. Ketner, is at present employed in the capacity of city editor of the *Shamokin Dispatch*. Another son, Clyde F. Ketner, is doing reportorial work on the *Shamokin News*. Both are graduates of the Shamokin high school, the former leaving that institution in 1909 and the latter in 1911. Mrs. W. H. Ketner is a sister to Frank Zimmerman of the firm of Feldhoff & Zimmerman, Shamokin, Pennsylvania.

These are the only Ketners in Shamokin, with the exception of a Robert Ketner, a distant relation, who lives with a Van Ormer family, at the corner of Chestnut and Market streets, and Mrs. C. C. Leader, whose maiden name was Ketner and who is a relative of W. H. Ketner. Miss Carrie Ketner, sister of Mrs. C. C. Leader, resides at Mount Carmel. Other Ketners are scattered throughout Schuylkill and Berks counties, a number of them being located in Reading, Pottsville, Orwigsburg, Hamburg, Auburn, Pinedale and other places. Several are owners of industrial plants.

The original home of W. H. Ketner and family is at Auburn, Schuylkill county, from which place they came to Shamokin about 1896.

**HARRY LANDAU**, who has been superintendent of the Sunbury Water Company since 1909, is a native and lifelong resident of that borough. He was born Dec. 12, 1870, son of John P. Landau, and grandson of John Landau. His father, a contracting bricklayer of Sunbury, is fully mentioned elsewhere in this work.

Harry Landau was educated in the public schools of Sunbury, graduating from the high school in 1888. The following year he became chief clerk for the Sunbury Water Company, with which concern he has since been identified, in 1909 being made superintendent. Mr. Landau is a citizen of recognized ability and trustworthiness, and the confidence of his fellow citizens has been shown in his selection as city clerk, in which capacity he has served Sunbury for a period of six years.

Mr. Landau married Gertrude L. Hard, daughter of Dr. Hard, of Sunbury, and they have one son, James Hard.

Socially Mr. Landau is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, which he is serving as trustee and secretary, and he is also a member of the Woodmen of the World. On political questions he is a Republican. He holds membership in Zion's Lutheran Church, and has been active in its work as a teacher in the Sunday school.

**DAVID E. SHUSTER**, business man and former chief Burgess of Shamokin, was born in Hummelstown, Dauphin Co., Pa., Dec. 21, 1845, son of Dr. John A. and Mary A. (Brefore) Shuster. His parents were natives of Germany and France, respectively.

When Mr. Shuster was seven years old his parents removed to Shippensburg, Cumberland Co., Pa., where he was reared, securing such education as the schools of the village afforded. Contrary to the wishes of his parents, who desired to educate him for the medical profession, he apprenticed himself to his uncle, John Preston, to learn the trade of shoemaker, and completed his trade with H. F. Snyder, at Newville, Pa. In 1863 he went to Harrisburg, where he entered the employ of George M. Groff, continuing to work at his trade until 1869, in which year he entered the employ of the Northern Central Railway Company, filling the position of passenger brakeman between Harrisburg and Sunbury. He was shortly transferred to the Shamokin Valley & Pottsville division, and promoted to baggage and express agent, which position he filled until 1871, when he was promoted to passenger conductor upon the same division. This position he filled with credit to himself, making hosts of friends among the traveling people, who, as a mark of their appreciation

for his courtesy and attention while filling this position, presented him, Nov. 27, 1875, an elegant gold watch as a testimonial of their regard. Mr. Shuster became a resident of Northumberland county in 1869, locating at Mount Carmel. In 1876 he resigned his position with the Northern Central Railway Company, removed to Shamokin, and purchased an interest in the mercantile business of J. M. Shuman & Company. He is now engaged as special agent of the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company of Newark, N. J. He has been a warm friend to the cause of education, which he has aided by his influence and means, and served as a member of the school board eight years, being president of the same in 1888. In 1881 he served as councilman of Shamokin borough, and in 1903 he was elected chief Burgess, being honored with reelection in 1904 and 1905. In politics he is a Republican. In his religious preferences he is a Presbyterian, he and his family attending the church of that denomination; Mr. Shuster organized the choir and served as chorister a number of years. Socially he is connected with the P. O. S. of A. and the B. P. O. Elks. He is interested in the Hamilton Car and Wheel Manufacturing Company of Catawissa, Pa., and is one of the directors of the same.

In 1876 Mr. Shuster married Kate Weaver, who was born Oct. 13, 1850, died Nov. 30, 1904. By this union there were two children, William W. and Lulu B. The latter married John F. Oram, an attorney, and they have children, Louise, John and James.

William W. Shuster, son of David E. Shuster, was born Dec. 23, 1882. He received his education in the Shamokin public schools, graduating in 1901, after which he entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railway Company in the motive power department, at Sunbury. After fifteen months' service he resigned said position, in September, 1902, to enter Lafayette College, at Easton, Pa., where he was graduated in 1906, with the degree of civil engineer. Then he again entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Company, July 5, 1906, as rodman in the assistant engineer's office on the Sunbury division, being located in Sunbury. He was transferred Nov. 1, 1909, to the Renova division, in the division engineer's office, at Renova, and having served ten months in this office was transferred to the principal assistant engineer's office, of the Erie Grand division, located at Williamsport, Pa. On March 15, 1911, he was promoted to transitman at Philadelphia, in the office of the engineer of maintenance of way.

**THOMAS LEMON**, one of the first settlers in Point township and one of the first justices commissioned for Northumberland county, was born on the Atlantic ocean while his parents were en

route from Scotland to America, two weeks before they landed. They settled at Winchester, Va. They reared two sons, Robert and Thomas.

Thomas Lemon married Margaret Haugh, of Lancaster, Pa., daughter of Matthias and Mary Haugh, who in 1769 deeded a large tract of land in the North Branch valley to Thomas and Margaret Lemon. They settled near that river about five miles above Northumberland, in and around which borough are found a number of their descendants. Their family consisted of four sons and one daughter, Elizabeth, who married Joseph Engle, of Philadelphia. Three of the sons removed to the Genesee valley, in New York, and John, the only one who remained in this county, became the owner of the parental estate in Point township, his home being on the site of Cameron station. He married Rachel Fleming, daughter of George and Martha Fleming, of Middletown, Pa., and his death occurred in 1840. His children were: Pierce, Thomas, James, William, Martha, Rachel, Rebecca and Margaret. Of these, Martha was twice married, first to William Cooke, son of the first sheriff of Northumberland county; and after his death to Jesse C. Horton, well known as a stage proprietor and for some time prominent in the politics of the county.

**MONTGOMERY.** Robert Montgomery, the progenitor of a numerous and respected family of the northern part of Northumberland county, lived in Paradise Valley, and the stone residence he built on his homestead place there in 1799 is still standing, in a good state of preservation, and now tenanted by the sixth successive generation of Montgomerys. The walls are eighteen inches thick. The original Montgomery tract, taken up by his father, John Montgomery, consisted of 900 acres, and belonged formerly to an Indian reservation. John died July 26, 1792, aged fifty-eight years. Of Robert's children, we have record of John and David, the former having been the father of the late Robert Montgomery, who died June 18, 1892, while serving as sheriff of Northumberland county.

Robert Montgomery was born June 1, 1830, on the old homestead of the family in Lewis township. He was educated partly in the local schools, later attending the Tuscarora school, in Juniata county, and still later the military school at Harrisburg, receiving a liberal training. Returning to the farm, he followed agricultural work all his life, and owned the homestead, which now contains some eighty acres. The stone house previously mentioned stands on this tract.

Mr. Montgomery was a member of the State Legislature from 1870-1872, and was school director of Lewis township for thirty years. In fact, he was the foremost man of his district. In 1890 he was elected sheriff of the county, holding the office until his death. He was an active politician

and served as delegate to a number of State conventions. In religion he was a Presbyterian and attended Warrior Run Church. He is buried at McEwensville. His wife, Elizabeth Vincent, born Sept. 17, 1833, was a daughter of Isaac Vincent, of near Watsonstown, who owned and operated the Vincent Mills (now Pioneer Mills) near Watsonstown. Mrs. Montgomery died in July (the 17th or 22d), 1902, aged sixty-nine years. She was the mother of three children, John, Grace (married Robert McKee, and they live in Delaware township, near Dewart) and Harry B.

Harry B. Montgomery, born Jan. 12, 1863, on the homestead, was married in 1888 to Nettie L. Pardo, daughter of Frank and Margaret (Rissel) Pardo, of Chillisquaque township. She died in February, 1910, aged seventy-two years. Mr. Montgomery is a farmer on the homestead, which property he and his brother John own. His family consisted of six children: Margaret, Robert (died young), Elizabeth, Rebecca, Grace and Donald. Mr. Montgomery and his family are Presbyterians in religious faith. He served several terms as auditor of Lewis township and has been a member of the board of school directors since 1906.

John Montgomery, son of Robert and Elizabeth (Vincent) Montgomery, is a farmer of Lewis township. He was born on the homestead March 24, 1855, and like his brother Harry had the advantages of an academic education. For six years he taught school in Lewis township. He was deputy sheriff for four and one-half years, two years under his father; was deputy warden at the Sunbury jail for three successive years, and has since served as such off and on for several years. He has been assessor of Lewis township since 1906. He is one of the active and representative Democrats of the upper end of the county, popular in his locality, and frequently mentioned for public office. He is a member of the State Grange.

David Montgomery, another son of Robert (who built the old stone house on the Montgomery homestead), lived in Paradise Valley, Lewis township, and was a farmer by occupation. His wife was Agnes Shaw, and their children were: David B., who became a prominent public man; John G., Esq., of Danville, Pa., who was a prominent Democrat and was elected to Congress but never served, having been one of several who were poisoned while attending the inauguration of President James Buchanan; William Shaw; Caroline, Mrs. Edward Lyon; Margaret, Mrs. Robert Montgomery (she married a cousin); Nancy, Mrs. Joseph Nesbit; and Mrs. Robert McCormick.

William Shaw Montgomery was born in 1809 on the homestead and he died in Milton in 1882, in his seventy-fourth year. He is buried in the upper cemetery at Milton. His wife was Jane S. Correll (or Caldwell), born 1808, died 1896. They were



farming people, and he was a prominent man in his locality. He had considerable valuable land, which he superintended. His home was in Lewis township. His children were: David C. lived in Minnesota several years and later in Colorado, where he died; Margaret married Capt. James A. Brison; Robert C. is mentioned below; Oliver P., born in 1839, lived on the homestead and there died in 1880; Edward is a resident of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Robert C. Montgomery, of McEwensville borough, was born Dec. 24, 1836, and was educated in McEwensville Academy. He was a farmer in his active years, and for thirty years lived on a 100-acre farm one and one-half miles from McEwensville, in Lewis township. He has another tract, where he now lives, of the same acreage, and there is no better land in the county. He is a Republican; was school director. He and family are Presbyterians; was trustee.

Mr. Montgomery married Mary Lowry, daughter of Samuel and Helen (Cole) Lowry, and they have had six children: William, who is deceased; Helen, who married George Marr and lives at Swarthmore, Philadelphia; Lowrie, of Philadelphia, an attorney; Fannie, a school teacher, who has taught in the high school of Bryan, Ohio, for five years; Jennie, who is at home, and Margaret B., at home.

**JOHN H. EISENHART**, a well known merchant of Shamokin, Pa., has long been a factor in the commercial world, and before entering business on his own account had a long experience in the line in which he has made so distinct a success. Mr. Eisenhart was born in Snyder county, Pa., Oct. 18, 1869, son of Daniel Eisenhart.

Jonas Eisenhart, grandfather of John H., was born in Berks county, Pa., and there followed farming until about 1800, when he came to Northumberland county, settling at Leek Kill. From there he moved to Snyder county, Pa., where he also engaged in farming. There his children grew up. He made his home at Port Treverton, along the river, and there he died in 1883. He is buried at Leek Kill. He married Polly Geist, daughter of Andrew and Christina (Snyder) Geist, and she died at Leek Kill, and is buried there. They had sixteen children, namely: William, who died in Jefferson county; Daniel; John, who died in Nebraska; Jonas, who died in Central America; Gabriel, who died in Snyder county, Pa.; Emanuel, living in Philadelphia; Lewis, who died in Shamokin; Edward, who died young; Lucina, who married Jacob Shankweiler, and died at Shamokin; Sarah, Mrs. Starr, who died near Leek Kill; Caroline, who married John Eyster; Mary, who married John Diehl, and died in Indiana; Harriet, Mrs. Snyder; Catharine, who married Daniel

Thomas; Amelia, who married John Cooper; and one that died in infancy.

Jonas Eisenhart had two brothers, Stephen and Reuben, who both died in Shamokin. Andrew Geist and wife, Christina Snyder, parents of Mrs. Jonas Eisenhart, had children as follows: John, George, Andrew, Daniel, Josiah, Peter, Abraham, Elizabeth (married Isaac Sheaffer), Christina (married Paul Gerhart), Susan (married Frederick Kohler), Lydia (married Mr. Bixler), Polly (married Jonas Eisenhart), Sallie (married Solomon Falck), Rebecca M. (married Solomon Shankweiler) and Molly (married Joseph Feger). Mr. Geist reared his family at Greenbrier, Northumberland county, where he lived and died.

Daniel Eisenhart, son of Jonas and Polly, was born at Leek Kill Sept. 6, 1830, and died in Shamokin Jan. 13, 1906. He was engaged in the mercantile business at Leek Kill with his father-in-law, Peter Beisel, their successor being D. S. Leitzel. When Mr. Eisenhart moved to Snyder county he bought out John Diehl, in Washington township, and was engaged in business there until 1876, when he was elected sheriff of Snyder county. During the three years he held that office he lived at Middleburg. During his incumbency the murderers of Mr. Kintzler were apprehended and convicted. Mr. Eisenhart came to Shamokin Jan. 1, 1879, and engaged in business with his son, R. G. Eisenhart, under the firm name of D. & R. G. Eisenhart. This association continued until 1882, when he sold out to Haas & Sowers and retired from active work. He was a director of the National Bank of Shamokin; of the Shamokin Street Railroad Company; of the Shamokin Light, Heat & Power Company (of which he was one of the organizers); and he was a member of the building committee in charge of the erection of the present St. John's Reformed Church building. He was made a Mason in Selinsgrove Lodge, F. & A. M. Mr. Eisenhart's wife was, in her maidenhood, Sarah Beisel, born Feb. 17, 1830, died Dec. 31, 1887, daughter of Peter Beisel. Mr. Eisenhart and his wife are buried in Shamokin cemetery. Their children were: R. G.; Amelia, who married N. C. Wolverton, deceased, and resides at Shamokin; Emma C., who married B. P. Stroub, and lives in Snyder county; Alice, who married G. M. Shindel, prothonotary of Snyder county; Ella; Martha J., who married J. A. Wert, a merchant at Shamokin; and John H.

John H. Eisenhart was born Oct. 18, 1869, in Snyder county, and came to Shamokin with his father. He attended the local schools, and in 1887 he became a clerk for his brother-in-law, J. A. Wert, with whom he remained until 1893. From that time until 1899 he was engaged in the book and stationery business at Shamokin on his own account, and at the end of that time returned

to his brother in law's store, remaining until 1904. He then bought out his sister, Mrs. Wolverton, at Spruce and Market streets, and he has since conducted a general grocery, having an old established stand, and doing a large business. He is also engaged in job printing. Mr. Eisenhart is one of the rising young business men of the town, and is very popular with a large circle of friends.

In 1895 Mr. Eisenhart married Elsie M. Rupp, daughter of Jonathan Rupp. She was born at Mount Carmel. One son, Leon D., has blessed this union. Socially Mr. Eisenhart is a member of the B. P. O. Elks, the K. of P. and the Modern Woodmen. His religious connection is with St. John's Reformed Church.

JOHN A. WEAVER, of Shamokin, distributing agent for the E. I. Du Pont de Nemours Powder Company, which has two magazines in this locality, one at Paxinos, Northumberland county, and one at Aaska, Northumberland county, has been connected with this line of business for twenty-five years. He has long been one of the foremost citizens of the borough of Shamokin, having served two terms as chief burgess, and as some notable improvements in the management of municipal affairs were inaugurated under his regime he may be said to have made a permanent impression on the life of the place.

The Weaver family is an old one in Northumberland county, having been founded here by Mr. Weaver's great-grandfather, Michael Weaver (the name was originally spelled Weber), a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, who came to America about 1769. He first located in Brecknock township, Lancaster Co., Pa., later in Berks county, and in 1770 in Northumberland county, near Liberty Pole, Rush township, upon land subsequently owned by the heirs of Peter Hughawant. There he died in 1834 and was buried upon the farm. He was a taxable in Shamokin township in 1788. He joined the American army during the Revolution, in which he served seven years under Washington. He married before coming to this country, and was the father of thirteen children.

Michael Weaver, fourth son of Michael, was born in 1779 in Rush township, and died in 1844. He was a farmer by occupation, and also engaged in the hotel business, being for many years proprietor of one of the old-time taverns in Shamokin township, situated eight miles east of Sunbury. He was twice married, first to a Miss Hirsh, of Rush township, by whom he had three children: Joseph, who died in Shamokin; Catharine, widow of Enos Howell, and Elizabeth, who married Jonathan Yarnel (both are deceased). There were five children born to his second marriage, to Catharine (Lodsleger?): Mary, who married Daniel Evert and is deceased; Rebecca, who married Daniel Rote and is deceased; William M.

Reseta, deceased; and Solomon, a resident of Sunbury.

William M. Weaver, son of Martin, was considered the best known citizen of Northumberland county in his day, and in his death this section lost a valuable man. He was born in Shamokin township Aug. 30, 1816, was reared upon the homestead farm, and spent his early life in agricultural work. He also learned harnessmaking, which he followed for some time. In 1837, associated with his brother-in-law, he engaged in the mercantile business at Snyderstown, Pa., continuing in that line until 1841, when he returned to the homestead and resumed farming, remaining there until 1844. In 1845, removing to what was then the village of Shamokin, he leased the "Shamokin Hotel," later known as the "United States Hotel" and the "Hotel Vanderbilt," now the "Granary," and conducted that house for five years. He then purchased what was known as "Weaver's National Hotel," being its proprietor from 1851 until his election to the office of sheriff, in 1863. After serving his term of three years he resumed the hotel business, in the spring of 1867, continuing it until he was again elected sheriff, in 1878. Upon the expiration of his second term he again took charge of his hotel, conducting it until 1886, after which he lived in retirement until his death, which occurred in December, 1896, at his home in Shamokin, on the corner of Pearl and Commerce streets.

Mr. Weaver was one of the oldest residents of Shamokin, and he took an intelligent interest in promoting the development and prosperity of the city throughout his active career. In 1858, in association with C. P. Heltensten and William H. Marshall, he undertook a work for which he will be remembered with gratitude by many, assuming a large amount of unpaid mortgages which were upon nearly all the homes in different parts of the borough and preventing many foreclosures, thus obviating considerable loss and distress. He was one of the organizers of the Northumberland County Bank, and interested in various other enterprises of local importance, among them the purchase and laying out of the Shamokin cemetery. In politics he was always identified with the Democratic party. He was a Mason in fraternal connection, belonging to Lodge No. 255, F. & A. M.

On Aug. 26, 1843, Mr. Weaver married Lydia Smith, who was born April 15, 1823, in Shamokin township, daughter of John Smith, of Snyderstown, Pa., and she died in Shamokin. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver are buried in the Shamokin cemetery. They were the parents of six children: Mary E.; Martin, deceased; Catharine E., born Oct. 13, 1850, who married David E. Shuster (ex-burgess of Shamokin, where he still resides) and died Nov. 30, 1904; John A.; Clara J., widow of Frank



Daniels, living with her brother John; and Rosetta, deceased.

John A. Weaver was born Oct. 15, 1847, at his father's "United States Hotel" (located at the present site of the "Grammar") in Shamokin, and there received his education in the public schools. Until 1879 he remained associated with his father, in the management of the hotel, and he then entered the employ of the Mineral Railroad & Mining Company as their representative in the coal and iron police, filling that position until September, 1885. It was during this time that the notorious Molly Maguires infested the mining region. Resigning, he took the position of superintendent with H. A. Weldy & Co., manufacturers of explosives and powders, who carried on business for some time at the old Paxinos powder mill and later discontinued the manufacture of powder. The concern underwent a change in 1908, becoming part of the Dupont Company, which has two plants in this region, one at Paxinos and one at Alaska. Mr. Weaver acts as distributing agent, a position he has shown himself well qualified to fill, his business and personal standing having been won by long and efficient service, and he has shown ability in the discharge of every responsibility with which he has been intrusted.

Mr. Weaver's connection with the municipal administration began in 1875, when he was elected councilman, serving many years as such. In 1881 he was elected chief burgess, to which office he was again elected in 1889. During his administration many changes were made in the conduct of the various borough offices, and several particularly valuable ideas were put into practice, which gained him the esteem and support of a large number of the best citizens of Shamokin. The first uniformed police force was established during his term. He showed his progressive spirit in numerous ways, winning universal good will by his public-spiritedness and loyalty to the best interests of the borough.

In June, 1872, Mr. Weaver married Clara A. Hanley, daughter of N. A. Hanley, of Shamokin, and they have had two children: Charles Raymond, who is now assisting his father; and Catharine M., who died when eight years old. The family are Presbyterians in religious faith. Mr. Weaver is a Democrat in politics, and socially holds membership in Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M.

CELESTE MENAPACE, proprietor of the "Austrian Hotel" at Atlas, near Mount Carmel, Northumberland county, is the leader of his countrymen in his district and well deserves his popularity, which is not confined to those of his own nationality. He is a native of Tuenno, Austria, born April 13, 1861, son of Bonifacio Menapace, who was a tanner by occupation. Both his par-

ents died in Austria, his father in 1904, his mother in November, 1909.

Mr. Menapace was in his twenty-sixth year when he came to America, landing at New York June 16, 1886. He immediately proceeded thence to Pennsylvania, settling at Green Ridge, in Mount Carmel township, Northumberland county, where he followed mining two years. For the next five years he was engaged at that occupation in Luzerne county, this State, at the end of that period locating in Shenandoah, Schuylkill county, where he remained for three years, engaged in the grocery business. He then established himself in the mercantile business in Shamokin, Northumberland county, at Spruce and Market streets, and from that borough removed to Mount Carmel, where he was similarly engaged on Oak street. In 1898 he built his home at Atlas, near Mount Carmel, moving there May 30th of that year. His residence was the third to be built in the town. Mr. Menapace carried on the grocery business there, for two years, having a thriving and steadily increasing trade from the start. He secured a hotel license in 1901 and since then has conducted an up-to-date and well furnished hotel at No. 200 Columbia avenue. On the night of Oct. 18, 1910, Mr. Menapace's old hotel building, together with eight tenement houses owned by him, was destroyed by fire, but a larger and more modern hotel was immediately erected on the same site, and two blocks of the houses have also been rebuilt. In addition to conducting his hotel business, Mr. Menapace deals in cigars and chewing gum in a wholesale way, and is a building contractor. He is a substantial and esteemed citizen of his section.

Mr. Menapace is a prominent member of St. Peter's Catholic Church, being president and a trustee of the congregation, and he was one of the leaders in the construction of the present fine church, serving as chairman of the building committee. He is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, being especially active in that fraternity, serving as director of the Eagles Home Association; he assisted in the building of the Home, in which he takes deep interest. He is a director of the Miners' and Laborers' Building and Loan Association, and in that, as in every other trust, has proved himself worthy of the responsibility committed to him.

On Aug. 10, 1887, Mr. Menapace married Celesta Pasquim, and to their union has been born a family of twelve children, nine of whom are living, namely: Frank (who assists his father and is also engaged as a contractor), John, Richard, Robert, Mary, Rudolph, Charles, Anna and Edward.

REV. JOHN CH. KONSTANKEWICZ, rector of the Ruthenian Catholic Church at Sham-



okin, Northumberland Co., Pa., was born June 10, 1859. He received his education in Austria, completing the course of four lower normal classes in Przemyśl and eight gymnasial classes in Lemberg, and, passing an examination of maturity, entered the theological department of the University of Lemberg. Completing the theological course in four years, he was ordained by the Bishop of Przemyśl, and then served one year as soldier in the Austrian army, in compliance with the laws of the country.

Becoming assistant in a church of Jaroslaw, he was also appointed, by the minister of war, to the office of army chaplain with the 20th Regiment, Infantry, holding that office for three years. Then he assumed charge of a parish in the village of Lalin, where he remained eight years. Coming to the United States on April 30, 1893, he has since had charge of the Ruthenian Catholic Church at Shamokin. The following history of the church and comments on the Ruthenians were contributed by him:

John Madzela, Moses Domeczko, Phillip Murdza, John Glowa and Anthony Luczkowec were the first immigrants who came to Shamokin, Pa., from Galicia, Austria, in the year 1880. A little later a few more came over. Their number being very small, they were not able to build a church of their own and for that reason they joined the St. Stanislaus Kostka Polish Church and for some time financially assisted this church and helped to maintain the priest thereof. When, somewhat later, more Ruthenians made their home here, they purchased lots on the corner of Pearl and Pine streets, and there in the year 1882 built a church, a small wooden building, which was dedicated by Rev. John Wolanski, the first Ruthenian Catholic priest in America, at that time holding the pastorate of the Ruthenian Catholic Church of Shenandoah, Pa. He administered to this church until 1890.

With the growth of the parish the church proved too small to hold all its members and it was then decided that a new and larger structure should be built. The site of the old church, however, was not suitable for the intended new edifice. Therefore, in 1897, two lots on North Shamokin street were purchased from John Mullen for the sum of \$8,000. On March 11, 1905, a contract was drawn with the East End Lumber Company of Shamokin, which company undertook to build the church for \$46,000. The plans for the structure, which is in the Byzantine style, were drawn by Messrs. E. E. Quaife and Howe, architects, whose offices are in Jersey City, N. J. The marble granite of which the church is constructed was obtained from the Rylston Stone Company of Gouverneur, N. Y. Horsh & Brother, of Allentown, Pa., supplied the copper with which the domes and cornices are covered. The building has come up to the highest

expectations, and the success of its adequate completion is due largely to the efforts of the East End Lumber Company and especially of general manager Mr. A. P. Reitz. When the church is completed it will cost around \$80,000. In 1908 a deal was closed with Miss C. May for \$13,000, whereby the property across from the church passed into the hands of the congregation, to be used as the parish house. Those who by their efforts have helped the progress of the new church most are: John Glowa, Theodore Talpash, Julian Kopyscianski, John Nowak, Alex. Sharshon, Gab. Malinak, Nik. Tehanski, Michael Stelma (deceased) and a few others.

The first permanent rector of the Ruthenian Catholic Church of Shamokin was Rev. Theo. Obushkewicz, who had charge from 1890 to 1891. On May 1, 1893, Rev. John Ch. Konstankewicz took charge of the parish and is the present rector. In closing, two brief explanations should be made:

(1) Here in America the Ruthenians are often erroneously styled "Greeks." They are not Greeks, and among the laboring people not one understands a single word of Greek. They are a branch of the great Slavonic race and the name of the nationality is Ruthenian. There are thirty-two millions of these people, out of which number 2,700,000 inhabit Galicia under the dominion of Austria; over 600,000 northern Hungary, adjoining the borders of Galicia, and 29,000,000 all of southern Russia, under the dominion of the "White Czar." The Russians call the Ruthenians the "Little Russians," thereby endeavoring to assimilate them with themselves and show the world what a great nation Russia is. But such assimilation has no historical foundation whatever.

The reason they are called Greeks arises undoubtedly from the fact that the first immigrants were unable to understand the English language, either in whole or in part, and upon being questioned as to whom they were they would answer, "Greek Catholics." But the word Greek pertains only to the form of their church, because the Ruthenians belong to the Eastern Church, just as other nationalities inhabiting Europe belong to the Western (or Roman Catholic) Church. A German or Frenchman, or any other European, belonging to the Roman Catholic Church might similarly, on coming to this country, in his ignorance of the English language describe himself as a Roman Catholic, but he would not be a Roman any more than a Ruthenian is a Greek.

(2) Many people do not know the meaning of the three-armed cross which surmounts the Ruthenian Church. In that cross are two crosses; one upon which the Lord Christ was crucified, the other upon which was crucified the Saint Apostle Andrew, brother of the Saint Apostle Peter. The cross of Apostle Andrew is in the form of an X. Saint Andrew, before his crucifixion, begged that

he be nailed to the slanting cross, because he felt unfit to hang from such a cross as the one upon which his God and Master was hanged. Saint Andrew was that Apostle who first carried the word and wisdom of Christ into the north and penetrated to the place upon which to-day stands the great city of Kiev, the capital of the Ruthenians, and there on the hills of Kiev he planted the cross of Christ. Therefore the Ruthenians consider him their patron saint and apostle, and his cross was joined with the cross of Christ, the composite cross being erected on the domes of the new church.

**JOSEPH S. KOWALESKI, M. D.**, of Shamokin, a young physician and surgeon of the borough who has already established a good practice, was born there July 2, 1887, son of Michael Kowaleski and grandson of the late Francis Kowaleski.

Francis Kowaleski was a farmer and landowner in Poland, where he died in 1882. His family consisted of two sons and five daughters, the sons being Michael and George.

Michael Kowaleski was born Sept. 29, 1859, in Russian Poland, and was reared upon the farm. Coming to America in May, 1882, he landed at New York City, where he remained but three days, however, continuing his journey to Shamokin, Northumberland Co., Pa., where he has since made his home. After working at mining for twelve years he engaged in the store business, which he conducted about five years, and meantime, in 1892, he entered the hotel business, which he has followed successfully to the present time. His location, at No. 710 North Shamokin street, is well and favorably known, and he has a good trade.

Mr. Kowaleski married Catherine Sinkszda, and to them have been born six children, only three of whom are living: Joseph S.; Volley, who is a clerk in the recorder's office at Sunbury, this county; and Stanley, at school.

Joseph S. Kowaleski attended public school at Shamokin and in 1903 was a student at Detroit College. He then went to the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, Md., in 1906, changing from that institution to the Jefferson Medical College, at Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1907. He continued his studies abroad, entering the University of Vienna, Austria, where he received his diploma in 1908. Returning home, he has since been engaged in general practice in Shamokin, being located at No. 413 Spurzheim street. He is a member of the Northumberland County Medical Society and is a man of excellent standing both personally and professionally throughout this district. He is a member of the St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church.

Dr. Kowaleski married Annie Willoughby,

daughter of John Willoughby, of Shamokin, and they have one child, Meriam.

**MOSES SHIPE**, a retired citizen of Sunbury, belongs to an old family of Northumberland county. The name is also found spelled Shive, Scheib, and Sheib, and the family has been long established in Pennsylvania, where there are numerous representatives at the present day. One Jacob Shive (now spelled Shipe) died in Chillisquaque township, in June, 1815, leaving a widow, Mary, and some children. One Barbara Shive died in June, 1850. The executor of the will she made was John Shive, and she mentions her sons Jacob and John Shive and refers to her other children.

Henry Shipe, grandfather of Moses Shipe, was born Sept. 27, 1798, and lived in Shamokin township, this county, having a farm at Weigh Scales, in the extreme southeastern corner of that township. This farm later came into the possession of William Persing. Mr. Shipe was a farmer by occupation. He died Feb. 13, 1879, and his wife, Mary, died June 3, 1862, aged sixty-seven years, two months, seven days. They had children as follows: John, Henry, Michael, Abraham, Jacob, Betsy (married Jacob Persing) and Polly (married Valentine Hummel).

Michael Shipe, son of Henry, was born June 4, 1807, in Shamokin township, and died Oct. 7, 1878, in Upper Augusta township, where he is buried, at the Mount Pleasant church, as is also his wife. He was a Methodist in religious faith. By trade he was a carpenter, and he helped to cut down and chop timber in the forest. He married Judith Hinterleiter, born Feb. 9, 1806, whose people came from Berks county and settled in Mahanoy township. She died March 27, 1885, the mother of nine children, namely: William, who lives in Sunbury, Pa.; Isaac, of Upper Augusta township (his wife Elizabeth died Dec. 27, 1900, aged sixty-eight years, eleven months, eleven days, and is buried at the Mount Pleasant church); Henry, deceased; Angeline, Mrs. Peter Eckman; Ira, deceased; Moses; Michael, of Virginia; Emanuel, deceased; and Rev. Jonathan R., a Methodist minister, of York, Pennsylvania.

Moses Shipe, son of Michael, was born Dec. 27, 1837, in Shamokin township, and was only a child when the family settled in Upper Augusta township, where he received his education in the "red schoolhouse." He was a soldier in Capt. S. P. Wolverton's Company (E), 18th Regiment, Pennsylvania Reserves, in 1862, and was in active service. During the greater part of his active life he was engaged as a railroader, beginning work for the Pennsylvania Company in August, 1865, and working for them continuously until his retirement, in December, 1908, a period of over forty-three years. He has made his home in Sunbury since May, 1865, his residence being at No.



907 East Market street. Mr. Shipe is a much respected resident of the borough, a zealous member of the Methodist Church, which he served for over fifteen years in various offices, for some years as steward. He is independent in politics, voting as he sees fit.

On Dec. 31, 1863, Mr. Shipe married Rebecca Clark, daughter of John and Margaret (Thomas) Clark, and they have had three children: Isaac P., now deceased; George A., of Sunbury, Pa.; and Herbert C., of Monongahela City, Pennsylvania.

**JOHN W. TIMMES**, attorney, of Shamokin, Northumberland county, is one of the younger element in that borough who have been commendably active in public affairs. He is building up a creditable law practice, is also engaged in the insurance and real estate business, and is well known in local Democratic circles and for his services in the borough council. He was born in Shamokin Aug. 25, 1881.

Joseph Timmes, grandfather of John W. Timmes, was born Jan. 23, 1826, in Prussia, Germany, and coming to America while a young man was among the early settlers at Shamokin, Pa. In 1864 he bought the hotel property at the corner of Shamokin and Independence streets, from William Atwater and wife, and there engaged in the hotel business from that time until his death, which occurred in Shamokin Jan. 16, 1873. He also dealt extensively in real estate, and was a man who succeeded in all his undertakings, possessing intelligence and ability above the average. His wife, Mary, born in 1830, survived until 1887. They were members of St. Edward's Catholic Church. Mr. and Mrs. Timmes had three children who reached maturity: John M., Joseph (who lives in Philadelphia) and Mary.

John M. Timmes, son of Joseph, was born in 1856 in Shamokin, and there passed his entire life, dying in April, 1883, in the prime of his young manhood. After the death of his father he succeeded him in the hotel business, which he followed until his own death. He married Mary Hennes, and they had two children, Catherine and John W. The mother is now the wife of M. G. Steff, of Shamokin.

John W. Timmes received his preparatory education in the parochial schools of Shamokin and took his college course at Georgetown (D. C.) University, graduating from that institution in 1901. He then entered the law school of the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, where he was graduated in 1904. Returning to Shamokin, he entered the office of W. H. M. Oram, attorney, with whom he remained two years, meantime, in 1905, being admitted to the bar of Northumberland county. In 1906 he established offices of his own in the Timmes block, on Independence

street, where he has since been located, following his profession and, in connection therewith, the insurance and real estate business.

Mr. Timmes has been quite active in the Democratic party, served as secretary of the county committee for four years, and on Feb. 10, 1910, was elected chairman of that committee, an honor he has earned by efficient and disinterested service. In 1907 he was elected a member of the borough council, in which he served until 1910.

Socially Mr. Timmes holds membership in the Grand Circle of Shamokin (of which he is secretary), the Kappa Club of Georgetown University, the Knights of Columbus, the B. P. O. Elks and the I. O. R. M.; he has served the latter organization as sachem of Sham-O-Kin Tribe. In religion he is a Catholic, belonging to St. Edward's Church, of Shamokin.

**SHOTZBERGER** (Shotsberger, Schotsberger). The Shotzbergers are a Snyder county family, but Galen Shotsberger is well known in Sunbury as one of the proprietors of the "Fairmount Hotel," one of the best hotels in that borough.

The founder of the Shotzberger family in America came to this country during the Revolutionary war with the rest of his countrymen, Hessians, sold into the British service, and was one of the Hessians captured on Christmas night, 1776, at Trenton. The prisoners were held at Reading, Pa., and after the war, with a number of others who refused to return to the mother country, he settled in territory now embraced in Snyder county. Among his children was a son named Jonathan.

Jonathan Shatzberger, born about 1790, was a resident of what is now Union township, Snyder county, and followed farming, having a tract of 320 acres located three miles south of Fredburg, Pa. He was a tall, well proportioned man, and an intelligent and prosperous farmer. He died in 1857 or 1858, aged sixty-seven years and is buried at Verdilla, Snyder county. He was a Lutheran.

His wife, whose maiden name was Matter, was a German woman, and they had eleven children, all now deceased, as follows: George; Lydia, wife of Jacob Strawser; Polly, wife of John Stahl; John; Elias; Jacob; Catharine, wife of Jacob Hemon; Ann, wife of Henry Auker; Susan, wife of Urias Kratzer; Sarah, wife of Joseph Steffen; and Malinda, wife of Isaiah Haines.

George Shotzberger, son of Jonathan, lived at Fredburg, Pa. He was a blacksmith, by trade, but followed farming during the later years of his life. His wife was Molly Riegel, and they had an only daughter, Elizabeth, who died aged sixteen years.

John Shatzberger, son of Jonathan, lived on the original homestead and followed farming all his life. His wife was Sarah Holtzapfel, and



they had eight daughters and four sons: Emma J., Percival, Amelia, Alice, Anna, Barbara, Katie, Laura, Mrs. Scollly, John, and two sons who died young.

Elias Shotsberger, son of Jonathan, was born on his father's homestead, and lived at Freeburg, Pa. He was a blacksmith, and for a number of years was in partnership with P. S. Riegel. They invented the first hay-fork put on the market. He died in May, 1904, and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery. In religion Mr. Shotsberger was a staunch Lutheran, and he served in the church council many years. He was a Democrat in his political affiliations, and was an overseer of the poor for some years. He married Amelia Nagle, and they had children as follows: Calvin, Charles, William and Harry, all of whom are citizens of Freeburg, Snyder Co., Pa.; Galen, of Sunbury, Pa.; Jennie, wife of George W. Goy, a farmer; Sallie, unmarried, who lives at Freeburg; and Alice, married to G. S. Persing, an employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Jacob Shotzberger, son of Jonathan, lived on part of the homestead of his father after the latter's death and engaged in farming. He is buried at the Grubb Church. His wife was Barbara Gougler, and their children were as follows: Jonathan, now of Elkhart, Ind.; Jacob, of Shamokin Dam, Pa.; Malinda, deceased; Catharine; Alice, and Anna.

**GALEN SHOTSBERGER**, son of Elias and Amelia (Nagle) Shotsberger, was born in 1819 in Snyder county, where he grew to manhood and received his education in the public schools. At an early age he began to give evidence of the tact and enterprise which have made him a successful business man. Since 1901 he has been joint proprietor with Charles A. Conrad, of Sunbury, of the "Fairmount Hotel", in that borough, under the firm name of Conrad & Shotsberger. The hotel is an old established hostelry of Sunbury, built originally by the grandfather of the senior proprietor, but it has been thoroughly remodeled to meet modern requirements and is conducted in the most approved manner. Though it has always been a successful hotel stand, it has never had a more prosperous stage in its career than under the present management, which means that Mr. Conrad and Mr. Shotsberger are both men specially adapted to the hotel business who have developed its possibilities according to up-to-date standards. The location, at East Market street and Fairmount avenue, in a good neighborhood, yet close to the business section and within a few blocks of the Pennsylvania railroad station and post office, is excellent. Mr. Shotsberger was in the cigar and tobacco business at Freeburg before he came to Sunbury, when he became a clerk at the "Parker House," then under the management

of Jere Lower. So he entered his present association with some experience of the business. He is a man of sterling character, and has served as member of the council from the Eighth ward (1903-04) and member of the board of education, in both of which bodies he gave public-spirited and disinterested service. Fraternally he is a member of the Elks (Lodge No. 267), Eagles and Red Men. Though a hotel proprietor so many years he is a total abstainer, having never tasted intoxicating beverages of any kind.

**STRAUSSER.** The Strausser or Strawser family has long been settled in Snyder county and is related to the Shotzbergers, Stahls and other old families of that region.

Honnickel Strausser lived about two miles from the Susquehanna river in Chapman township, in what was then Union (now Snyder) Co., Pa., where he had a farm. He spoke German. He died about 1814, and is buried near Harold, in what is now Snyder county. His death was caused by lightning, which struck the long log house occupied by the family during an electrical storm, at night. Mr. Strausser got up and lighted a pipe and went into an adjoining room, in which his children slept, but he was killed before he got there. His wife, Rebecca (Burkart), was of Irish descent, and was a sister of Philip Burkart. She remarried, her second husband being Philip Lienty, by whom she had one daughter, the latter marrying Andrew Hauser and moving to Clearfield county, Pa. Mrs. Lichty died about 1846 or 1847. By her marriage to Honnickel Strausser she had children as follows: Elizabeth (married Samuel Willard), Mary (married John Laporte), Simon, Jacob and Nicholas; there may have been another son, Philip.

Simon Strausser, son of Honnickel, was a life-long farmer in Chapman township, Snyder Co., Pa. His wife was Catharine (?) Hochmaster, and their children were: Jacob, Samuel, David, George, William, Simon, Elizabeth, Susan and Catharine.

Jacob Strausser (Strawser), born in Chapman township in 1814 (?), died in 1894 or 1895 at Bristol, Ind., to which place he moved in April, 1866, and there he is buried, in Zion cemetery. He was a life-long farmer. He had a 103-acre farm in Washington township, Snyder Co., Pa., which he sold before he left that section. In religion he was a Lutheran, in politics a Democrat. His wife, Lydia Shotzberger, daughter of Jonathan Shotzberger, died in 1871 aged about sixty-seven years. They had children as follows: Mary Ann, who married Henry Kautz; Jonathan S.; Nicholas, who died unmarried and is buried at Northumberland, Pa.; Jacob, who is buried at Zion cemetery, Bristol, Ind. (he had a family); Elias, of Illinois; William W., who died young and is buried in Snyder county, Pa.; and two who died small.

Jonathan S. Strawser, son of Jacob, was born in Chapman township, Snyder (then Union) Co., Pa., March 27, 1839. He learned the carpenter trade in his native locality, and lived in Washington township until 1866, when he and his family moved with his parents out to Elkhart county, Ind. There Mr. Strawser followed his trade of carpenter and joiner for about five years. From 1872 to 1875 he was the baggage-master at the Lake Shore depot in Bristol. He then moved upon a farm of 185 acres, which he cultivated for fourteen years, at the end of that time selling the land and stock and moving into Bristol, where he took up painting. He followed that trade until 1895, when he became salesman for the Deering harvesting machines, and also obtained the district agency for the Perkins windmills. In this line of business he continued until 1899, when he traded his house and lot in Bristol for a fruit tract of three acres, near the town of Bristol, to which he removed. He followed trucking, carried the United States mail from Bristol to Saylor, via Union, for two years. While selling machines and following the painter's trade he had carried the evening mail from the depot at Bristol to the postoffice for sixteen years. In the fall of 1909 Mr. Strawser sold his fruit farm because of the death of his wife and retired to Bristol, where he now lives. In 1910 he returned to Pennsylvania for a visit to the home of his boyhood, where he attended the common schools and mingled with the youth of his neighborhood, most of whom have since passed away. He is related to the Sholtzbergers, Stahls, and other families of Chapman and Washington townships, Snyder county. During the Civil war Mr. Strawser enlisted for nine months in Company I, 172d Pennsylvania Volunteers, and he took part in the battle of Gettysburg.

Mr. Strawser was married Oct. 18, 1863, at Selinsgrove, Pa., to Sallie Steffen, daughter of George and Polly (Shaffer) Steffen, of Washington township. Mrs. Strawser died Oct. 5, 1909, aged sixty-seven years, six months, twenty-eight days. She is buried at Zion Church, Bristol, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. Strawser had six children, as follows: Ethan Allen, who is a resident of Elkhart, Ind.; Sadie C., who married Guy Bardo (they are farming people near Bristol, Ind.); Lydia M., who lives with her father and keeps house for him; Franklin V., of Jackson, Mich.; George W., of Bristol, Ind.; and Cassius W., of Bristol.

**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN MARTZ**, proprietor of the Shamokin Sanitary Milk Company, of Shamokin, Northumberland county, was born there March 24, 1860, and comes of a family of German extraction which has been settled in the county for several generations and has always been represented there by substantial citizens, esteemed for

their worth to the community and a credit to the name they bear.

Benjamin Martz, the great-grandfather of Benjamin Franklin Martz, was a farmer, and spent most of his life in Northumberland county. Here he died, while living with his daughter, Mrs. Michael Kostetter, in Coal township, and he is buried at the Blue church. His children were: Benjamin, Mrs. Michael Kostetter, John (who died in Jefferson county, Pa.), Mrs. George Fetter and Mrs. Maurer.

Benjamin Martz, grandfather of Benjamin Franklin Martz, was born in Northumberland county in 1799, and died Oct. 11, 1884, at the age of eighty-five years, five months, twenty-one days. He is buried at the Blue church. He was a farmer by occupation, and lived for a time in the Mahantango Valley, thence coming to Coal township, where he settled near Shamokin, being one of the pioneers in this region. He followed teaming as well as farming. During his last few years he lived among his children. His wife, whose maiden name was Arnold, died in Coal township at the age of forty-nine years, the mother of a large family, viz.: Sarah married John Eyrich; Elizabeth married Adam Adams; Fiaetta married Jacob Smink; Matilda married (first) George Pensyl and (second) Dan Thomas; Annie married Eli Bressler; Caroline married William Weary; Daniel died in Shamokin; Samuel died in Shamokin; John is mentioned below; Charles died in Shamokin; Jacob died in Shamokin, having been killed in the mines; Benjamin died young.

John Martz, son of Benjamin, was born Sept. 12, 1840, in Coal township, near what is now Glenside Park. When only a boy he commenced work in the mines, where he was employed for about twenty-three years, and upon giving up that occupation went into the milk business, which he followed for twelve years. He made a success of this venture, keeping twenty-seven cows, but after his wife died he sold it out and was engaged in hauling in this district, continuing at this work about two years. He then built a bakery and did a bakery business for about one year, after which he was again in the milk business for a short time. He has since done day's work. Mr. Martz resides at the corner of Second and Pine streets, in Shamokin, of which borough he is an old resident, one of the oldest now living, and he has many interesting recollections of its early days.

On June 5, 1859, Mr. Martz married Eliza Weary, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Diehl) Weary, and her death occurred Feb. 8, 1890, when she was forty-nine years, eleven months, twenty-one days old. She is buried in Shamokin cemetery. On Dec. 18, 1892, Mr. Martz married (second) Fiaetta (Maurer) Kembel, daughter of



David Maurer and widow of Emanuel Kembel, who served in the Civil war. His children are all by the first union, viz.: Benjamin Franklin, born March 24, 1860; George L., born Feb. 3, 1862, who is fire boss in the mines at Shamokin; Calvin E., born Aug. 19, 1867, who is a teamster in Shamokin; and John H., born Sept. 20, 1872, who died Aug. 27, 1904. The father was formerly a member of the I. O. O. F.

Benjamin Franklin Martz received his education in the local public schools, which he only attended, however, until he was nine years old. At that tender age he began picking slate at the Luke Fidler colliery, and he continued to follow mining until October, 1888, when he engaged in teaming, hauling timber for some time for Hon. M. H. Kulp. He commenced the milk business in 1898 in a very small way, having at first one twenty-quart can, but his customers gradually increased until he found himself at the head of one of the most prosperous businesses of the kind in Shamokin. He first put up a small frame building at the location he still occupies, corner of Third and Arch streets, built an addition as the growing business required, and in 1907 erected his present fine building, 25 by 78 feet in dimensions, which is modern in construction and equipment and model in every detail. He has established a thriving wholesale and retail trade in pasteurized bottled milk and cream, running seven teams and disposing of about 1,500 quarts daily. His prosperity is well deserved, being the reward of honest dealing and industry. He is a member of the Merchants' Association of Shamokin, and was one of the organizers and original directors of the new Dime Trust & Safe Deposit Company of Shamokin, which was opened April 1, 1911.

Mr. Martz married Clara Heim, daughter of Harrison Heim, of Shamokin, and they have had three children, William E., Caroline Elizabeth and Charles F. The family reside at the corner of Third and Arch streets, where Mr. Martz erected his comfortable residence in 1909. He is a member of the Reformed Church, and, socially, of the P. O. S. of A.

JOHN P. LANDAU, of Sunbury, is a native and lifelong resident of that borough, where he is engaged in business as a contracting bricklayer. There are many substantial evidences of his work in and around that place.

Mr. Landau's father, John Landau, was born in 1812 in Reading, Berks Co., Pa.; and came to Northumberland county when a young man. Settling in Lower Augusta township, he did farm work and learned bricklaying, which trade he followed until his death. He came to Sunbury before his marriage and here passed the remainder of his days, dying in the borough Sept. 5, 1861, at the age of forty-nine years. His wife was Elizabeth

Bower, daughter of George Bower, who came from Lewisburg, Pa. Mrs. Landau survived her husband a number of years, dying in Sunbury in 1893, at the home of her son John P. Landau, when seventy-three years old. They are buried in the old cemetery. Eight children were born to them, namely: Rebecca married Abraham Brosius, who died in Sunbury; Henry died young; John P. is mentioned below; William died young; Susanna married John Fox and (second) Joseph Hale; Jeremiah lives in Shamokin and is engaged as a miner; George is also a miner living at Shamokin; Edward, who was a bricklayer by trade, died in Sunbury. Mr. Landau and his family were members of the Reformed Church in which he served many years as deacon. He was a Republican in political matters.

John P. Landau was born Dec. 4, 1842, in Sunbury, and received his education in the local schools. When sixteen years old he commenced to learn the trade of bricklayer, which he has followed ever since, with the most gratifying success. Since 1880 he has been engaged as a contractor, and he employs from twelve to eighteen men, as the needs of the business demand. Mr. Landau has always made his home in Sunbury, and most of his work has been done there, though he has done considerable work elsewhere. The brick-laying on a number of the most substantial structures in Sunbury has been done by him, and the quality of his work is its best recommendation. He had contracts on the "Neff House," "Central Hotel," W. L. Dewart block, Presbyterian Church, St. Matthew's Methodist Church, the big store next to the "Central Hotel" at the corner of Third and Market streets, the "Packer House," the "Moore & Snyder House," the Yarnell furniture store, Fisher's jewelry store, the Zettlemoyer building, the Episcopal Church, the Lutheran Church in the Third ward, the Reformed Church (when it was remodeled), the S. P. Wolverton office building, Kurtz & Myer's wholesale grocery building on Chestnut street, No. 1 Fire Engine house; and he has built a number of houses for J. Fred Shaffer, Esq., the "Clement House," the Methodist Chapel on Catawissa avenue, etc. All of this construction work is within the limits of Sunbury, and shows that he has had more than a representative share of work in his line in the locality. He has not only been an active business man, but has also taken some part in municipal affairs, having served one year as constable of the Third ward and two years as member of the council. In politics he has always been a staunch Republican, and during the Civil war he served in Company C, 174th Regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers, for one year; he was on duty in Virginia. When Lodge No. 620, I. O. O. F., of Sunbury, was organized in 1867 he became a charter member and has belonged to that body



ever since. He and his family are members of Zion's Lutheran Church.

Mr. Landau married Harriet L. Kelly, daughter of Samuel Kelly, who lived in Upper Augusta township and they reside at No. 118 Catawissa avenue. Six children have been born to them: Harry is now superintendent of the water company at Sunbury; Elizabeth married William Glessner, of Sunbury; Jennie is the wife of J. Hummel Spear, a salesman, of Sunbury; Daisy died in infancy; Clarence (who died in infancy) and Anne (who died when six years old) were twins.

REV. JOHN ROAN was born in Greenshaw, Ireland, April 30, 1717 (Old Style). He began the study of the languages Sept. 25, 1729. He left Ireland July 6, 1739, and landed in America Sept. 3rd, following; was licensed to preach June 27, 1744; embraced the call from Paxton, Derry and Donegal, May 16, 1745; was ordained Aug. 16, 1745. He married Aug. 21, 1750. His wife, Mrs. Anne (Cochran) Roan, was born March 25, 1724, and was married before, Oct. 31, 1745, to Mr. Leckey, by whom she had a daughter named Margaret, born Aug. 14, 1746, who married David McClure June 20, 1765 (their offspring was a son named Richard). The issue of John Roan and Anne his wife were: Isabella, born July 8, 1751, died Nov. 21, 1758; Jane, born May 3, 1753 (New Style), was married to William Clingan June 11, 1778; Anne, born April 7, 1757, died Sept. 10th following; Elizabeth, born Aug. 14, 1758, married William Clark, June 19, 1787, and died Jan. 21, 1821; Flavel, born July 31, 1760, at half after one o'clock p. m., died February 19, 1817; Mary, born March 26, 1764, married Nathan Stockman, Oct. 10, 1789.

Rev. John Roan died Oct. 3, 1775, about three o'clock a. m., aged fifty-eight years, four months, twenty-one days. Mrs. Anne Roan died April 22, 1789, aged sixty-four years, twenty-eight days. The following inscription is on his tombstone in Derry graveyard, in Dauphin county:

Beneath this stone,  
Are deposited the remains  
of an able faithful,  
Courageous and successful  
minister of Jesus Christ,  
The Reverend John Roan,  
Pastor of Paxton Derry and Mountjoy  
Congregations,  
From the year 1745,  
Till Oct. 3rd, 1775.  
When he exchanged a militant for  
a Triumphant life, in the 59th year  
of his age.

Written on the death of Mrs. Anne Roan, Upper Octoraro, Chester county, April 25, 1789. "On Tuesday, the 22nd of the month, departed this life, in the sixty-fifth year of her age, Mrs. Anne Roan, widow of the late Rev. John Roan, and on

the Thursday following her remains, attended by a numerous concourse of relatives, friends and neighbors, were interred in the Presbyterian burying ground of Upper Octoraro. A sermon suitable to the solemn occasion was preached by the Rev. Robert Smith, D. D., of Pequea, from 1st Corinthians, 15th chapter, 55th verse.

"This amiable person, without flattery, filled all the various stations of life which she passed through with dignity and reputation and adorned the whole with that of a sincere Christian. During a long and tedious sickness she was remarkably patient and resigned to the divine will, and as death approached her prospects of a glorious immortality opened and she changed a world of sin and suffering for the full fruition of God in Christ, eternal life and an immortal crown of glory.

"Whose pious life with social virtue shone,  
O'r death she triumphed, eager to be gone;  
Who pressed the steps her mother first had trod:  
Her life she consecrated to her God;  
In her the name of Sympathetic friend,  
The faithful wife and tender mother joined."

WILLIAM CLINGAN was born in Donegal township, Lancaster Co., Pa., Sept. 28, 1753. His father's name was Thomas and his mother's Christian name was Margaret. Thomas Clingan emigrated from County Donegal, Ireland. He and his wife Margaret and children as follows: William, born Sept. 28, 1753, married Jane Roan; Mary, born Sept. 1, 1755, married James Scott; George, born Jan. 25, 1760, married; Jennet, born April 27, 1763, married James Simpson.

William Clingan was married to Jane Roan June 11, 1778. He died May 24, 1822, and was buried in Lewisburg cemetery; his wife, also buried there, died May 9, 1838. Their issue: Margaret, born Oct. 18, 1779, married John Scott Nov. 15, 1798; Anne, born Sept. 18, 1821, in the fifty-fifth year of his age, in Montgomery township, Franklin county; she died Aug. 2, 1849, about one o'clock, p. m.); John, born April 26, 1781, died Sept. 15, 1841; Anne R., born Jan. 23, 1783, married Joseph Lawson, March 19, 1812; Thomas, born May 19, 1785, married Margaret Lewis, Jan. 5, 1813; Elizabeth, born Jan. 13, 1787, married Thomas Barber, March 26, 1812; George, born Oct. 26, 1788, married Eliza Scott Oct. 7, 1817; Flavel, born March 18, 1795, married Mary Ann Scott, May 25, 1819.

Of these Joseph Lawson (died Feb. 24, 1843, aged sixty-five) and Anne R., his wife, had children: Jane Roan, born Dec. 19, 1813, married Paschal L. Wright, Oct. 18, 1836; Margaret Strawbridge, born Oct. 7, 1815, married Dr. Jacob Schuyler Dec. 6, 1864; William, born Dec. 3, 1817, married Hannah Sanderson Oct. 19, 1843 (she died April 29, 1854); John, born Nov. 30, 1819, married Elizabeth Finney Jan. 15, 1845; Elizabeth was born Feb. 17, 1822; James, born Nov. 14,

1823, married Jane R. Clingan April 27, 1852, and married (second) Jane Finney Feb. 14, 1884.

Thomas Clingan died April 24, 1858, aged seventy-three years, and Margaret, his widow, died Dec. 31, 1861, aged seventy-one years. They had children: Elizabeth Boudé, born June 18, 1811, married Samuel Harris Laird Nov. 15, 1836; William, born March 22, 1816, married Mary E. Dean June 12, 1836; Jane Roan, born March 8, 1818, married James Lawson April 27, 1852 (she died April 8, 1882); Mary Lewis was born March 19, 1820; Adelia Lewis, born May 21, 1822, married John Sterritt Nov. 18, 1868; Sarah Ann, born Dec. 31, 1824, married William P. Dougal, Jan. 2, 1849, and died April 17, 1862, leaving a daughter a week old; Paschal L., born Feb. 6, 1830, married Maria S. Zuber, Feb. 28, 1868.

Thomas Barber (died April 14, 1856, aged seventy-one years, one month, twenty-three days) and Elizabeth his wife had children: Sarah, born March 6, 1815, married John A. Vanvalza Oct. 9, 1844 (he died Aug. 26, 1854); Jane Roan, born May 17, 1817, married Laird Howard, Feb. 2, 1836; Robert, born June 30, 1819, married Martha Ellen Young, Jan. 18, 1841; Margaret, born March 18, 1821, married John Wilson Oct. 2, 1865; William, born July 31, 1823, married Mary Foster, Nov. 11, 1847; Flavel C., born Jan. 30, 1830, married.

George Clingan and Eliza, his wife, had children: William, born in August, 1818; Mary, born October, 1820 (died Sept. 12, 1824); Jane, born September, 1822 (died Sept. 4, 1824); Mary Jane, born Jan. 15, 1825; Martha Ann, born Oct. 4, 1828; Margaretta, born October, 1830 (died Jan. 13, 1834); Elizabeth, born December, 1832 (died Sept. 4, 1843); Clarissa, born November, 1834 (married Scott Clingan Jan. 2, 1870); Flavel, born August, 1837 (died Sept. 10, 1843); Alexander Scott, born October, 1839 (died Aug. 23, 1843).

Flavel Clingan and Mary Ann, his wife, had children: Alexander S., born in August, 1820, died in September, 1821; Jane, born March 28, 1822, married James Hayes Jan. 19, 1847; Mary McKean, born March 1, 1824, died May 1, 1834; William, born June 18, 1826, married Elizabeth Finney May 10, 1864; Scott, born Dec. 12, 1828, married Clarissa Clingan Jan. 2, 1870; Thomas, born Feb. 6, 1831, married Mary Emily Sedam March 25, 1856; George was born in March, 1833; Flavel Roan, born July 26, 1835, died April 21, 1859; Ann Mary, born in July, 1838, married James Finney Nov. 30, 1865; Martha, born Nov. 1, 1840, died Oct. 5, 1841.

Elizabeth Roan married William Clark June 19, 1787. Their children: Roan, born June 9, 1788, married ——— Delaven in July, 1824; Sarah was born Nov. 19, 1789; William, born May 5, 1791, married Hannah Brewster in September,

1824 (he died in 1836); Flavel was born Feb. 9, 1793; Peggy, born Nov. 18, 1794, died Sept. 4, 1795; Walter, born Jan. 27, 1797, married Esther Hill Aug. 5, 1819 (he died in 1835); James, born Sept. 18, 1799, married Jane Sweney Aug. 13, 1824 (she died leaving a daughter named Margaret), and married (second) Sarah Crawford Sept. 13, 1836.

Mary Roan married Nathan Stockman Oct. 10, 1789, and died Jan. 4, 1846, about ten o'clock a. m., at Sharpville. Their children: James, born in November, 1790, married Martha Dryden; Anne, born Jan. 28, 1793, married Mark Clark March 24, 1812; John, born Nov. 4, 1795, married Hannah Dryden July 4, 1820; Isabella, born Sept. 2, 1797, married James Sharp in September, 1822; Joseph Gardner, born July 2, 1800, died at New Orleans in 1835; Samuel Maclay was born Jan. 20, 1902; Laird Harris, born Dec. 7, 1804, died May 2, 1905; Jane Harris, born April 5, 1805, married Mr. Baltzhoover in 1824.

WILLIAM F. GROW, of Shamokin, is well known in that town both in a business way and as assessor of the Fourth ward, which position he has held since 1902. He has been engaged as a barber at No. 114 South Market street for many years.

Mr. Grow was born in Jackson township, Northumberland county, Oct. 18, 1867, son of John Grow, and grandson of Daniel Grow. The grandfather lived and died in Lower Mahanoy township, this county, where he is buried. He was engaged in the crockery business at Swabian Creek and was well known in his day.

John Grow, son of Daniel, was born in Lower Mahanoy township, where he was reared. He was for many years engaged on construction and repair work on the Pennsylvania railroad, being employed on the building of the road between Sunbury and Harrisburg by Richard Malone, who was the contractor, and he was subsequently employed by the Pennsylvania Company on repair work for a period of twenty-five years. He then came to Shamokin, where he was employed by Andrew Robinson, at the mines, until his death. His industry and upright life won him general respect, and he was elected supervisor of Coal township, serving one year in that office. He was a Democrat in politics.

John Grow married Elizabeth Shemorry, of Snyder county, Pa., and to them were born the following named children: Daniel, Sarah J., Mary A., William F., Charles E. (who was killed in the mines), Samuel, George, and Louisa (who died at the age of eleven years).

William F. Grow attended school in Jackson township. His first work was upon the farm, but like many in the region he soon found employment at the mines, beginning as slate picker at the

Excelsior Colliery when he was fourteen years old. However, he did not continue at this line of work for long, only one year in fact after he became a regular miner. In 1887 he took up the barber's trade, which he has followed ever since. For many years he has had his own place of business, being located at No. 114 South Market street, where he also lives. His place has a reliable and profitable patronage, being known for excellent service and unusually good management.

Mr. Grow was appointed assessor in 1902, to fill the unexpired term of Charles A. Zerbe, who had died while in office, and he was regularly elected in 1904, since when he has continued in the position by reelection, in 1907 and 1910. He is a Republican in political sentiment. Fraternally Mr. Grow holds membership in the Royal Arcanum, the Improved Order of Red Men and the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Grow married Emma Dinger, daughter of John Dinger, of Schuylkill county, and they have one son, Lewis E., who is at present a high school student.

**THOMAS H. LIPPIATT**, who has long been in the front rank of the progressive and successful business men of Shamokin, where he is at present engaged as a dealer in furniture and carpets, is a native of Somersetshire, England, born Jan. 3, 1853, son of Henry and Ann (Hodges) Lippiatt.

Henry Lippiatt was a miner in England, where his entire life was passed. He married Ann Hodges, who after her husband's death brought her three children to America, landing at New York City in May, 1864. They first located at Locust Gap, Pa., but in 1865 came to Shamokin. Mrs. Lippiatt, the mother, is still living, now (1911) at the age of eighty-six years, and makes her home with her son Thomas H. Her children were: Elizabeth, who married James Swift, and died in Shamokin in 1908, the mother of Sarah, John, Job, William, Jennie, May and David; James, chief of police at Lewisburg, Pa.; and Thomas H.

Thomas H. Lippiatt accompanied his mother to America and to Shamokin, and here attended the public schools. His first work was in the mines, where he continued to work for seventeen years. In 1881 he began the manufacture of picture frames, and later he took up photography in connection with his frame business. His studio was located on Independence street, where he had a most attractive art room, as well as the leading place of its kind in this section of the State. In 1892 he built a fine four-story building, and bought out the furniture business of ex-County Treasurer Malcolm Farrow in February, 1894. At this time he gave up the photographic part of his business, and by devoting his whole time and energy to the one line has made a great success of it. He is a

man of good executive ability, and his prompt and pleasing method of dealing with his patrons, who have learned to have implicit confidence in him, has won him a leading place in commercial circles.

In 1875 Mr. Lippiatt married Clara Zimmerman, daughter of George and Sarah (Fasold) Zimmerman, of Upper Augusta township, Northumberland county. Seven children have been born to them, as follows: Alice C. married Samuel Harris, of Philadelphia, and has two sons, Clarence and Paul Eugene; Eva E., who was a trained nurse for ten years, is now the wife of M. G. Gonneman, of Shamokin, and has one son, Frederick L.; George died aged nine years; Charles is a member of the firm of T. H. Lippiatt & Sons, having been admitted as a partner in the fall of 1908; Elizabeth married Joseph Jones and has one daughter, Gertrude Elizabeth; John Stanley became a member of the firm of T. H. Lippiatt & Sons in the fall of 1908; Fay is at home.

Mr. Lippiatt has taken a very prominent part in church and Sunday school work, has held all the offices in the Lincoln Street Methodist Episcopal Church, and has served as general superintendent of the Sunday school, a position which he still continues to occupy. Since 1900 he has been president of the Northumberland Sunday School Association. At the time the new church was built he was appointed collector, and in five years' time had raised \$25,000. The church was built in 1883, and Mr. Lippiatt was a member of the building committee. He is a charter member of the Shamokin Business Men's Association, and was elected its president in 1909. Fraternally he is a member of Lodge No. 125, I. O. O. F. In politics he is a Republican. In many ways he has proved himself a very useful citizen, as well as a very genial companion, and he is highly respected as a man and esteemed as a friend.

**LEWIS LEVAN HUNTZINGER** has been stationed at Sunbury in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Company since 1899 and now holds the responsible position of train dispatcher at that point. He has been in the railroad service from youth and with the Pennsylvania Company since Nov. 1, 1894, and has proved able and efficient in the performance of the various duties which have been intrusted to him. Mr. Huntzinger is a native of Shamokin, Northumberland county, born March 17, 1876, and is a member of the fifth generation of his branch of the family in America, being a lineal descendant of John George Huntzinger.

John George Huntzinger came to this country from Germany in 1749 as a passenger on the ship "Jacob," from Amsterdam, which qualified Oct. 2, 1749. He became a taxpayer of what is now Brunswick township, Schuylkill (then Berks) Co., Pa., where he was a pioneer farmer and died in





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1802. His family consisted of nine children, six sons and three daughters: Jacob, George, John, Henry, Michael, Daniel, Rosina, Molly and Catharine.

Jacob Huntzinger, son of John George, lived at Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county, where he was a leading merchant, and he died there during the time of the Civil war, at the age of eighty-seven years. He also owned farm lands, and was a wealthy man for his day. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Holler, were both six feet in height. They had a large family, viz.: Samuel, who died at Pottsville; Jacob, who died at Pottsville; Edward, who died at Schuylkill Haven; Frank, who died at Fairfield, Iowa; William, who died at Schuylkill Haven; Charles, who died at Philadelphia; Mrs. Stephen Balliet; Mrs. John Schoener; and George L., who died in Cuba.

Charles Huntzinger, son of Jacob, was born in 1820 and died Jan. 27, 1902, at Philadelphia, whither he removed in 1864. He was engaged in business at Schuylkill Haven, having a large mercantile establishment there while the canal was at the height of its popularity, and also had farms and a boat yard, being a thrifty, energetic and prosperous man. He married Amanda Kitchen, daughter of William Kitchen, at one time sheriff of Montour county, Pa., and she survived him, dying at Philadelphia Feb. 28, 1903, at the age of eighty-one years. They were the parents of eight children, as follows: Emma married Harry Rothermel; Sue married George Wells, a prominent citizen of Des Moines, Iowa; William C. is mentioned below; Albert died in Philadelphia; Ida married Robert Clark, of New York City; Addie (deceased) married William Folger; Nellie married William Hedley, of Philadelphia; George died young, in Philadelphia.

William C. Huntzinger, son of Charles, was born Feb. 6, 1847, at Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and received his education in the public schools of that place and at the Danville Business Academy. He was employed as bookkeeper by Douty, Reed & Gable, miners, and later took a position as bookkeeper with Heim & Goodwill, of Shamokin, remaining with them for six years, at the end of which time he entered the employ of the Adams Express Company, with which his services cover a period of forty years. He still holds a position with that company, and is one of the most respected citizens of Shamokin, where he has so long made his home. He is well known there in various connections, being a member of Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; a member of the Temple Club of Shamokin; a past noble grand of Mount Tabor Lodge, No. 125, I. O. O. F.; and a past chief patriarch of Susquehanna Encampment, I. O. O. F. He was at one time captain of a military company at Mount Carmel,

this county, and during the Civil war enlisted for service in the navy, Sept. 2, 1863, being assigned to the "Iroquois," under Capt. C. R. P. Rogers. At the time of President Lincoln's assassination he was on the island of Java. He had many and varied experiences while in the navy, traveling all around the world, and was discharged in 1867.

On Oct. 30, 1870, Mr. Huntzinger married Catharine Louise Hoover, daughter of Benjamin and Margaret (Keefer) Hoover, and eight children were born to this union: Frederick Charles and Lewis Levan of Sunbury; Annie, wife of James Schlegel, of Shamokin, Pa.; Arthur B., of Sayre, Bradford Co., Pa.; Margaret, wife of Arthur Hudson, of Shamokin; and three who died young. The mother of this family died Oct. 22, 1908, and is buried at Shamokin.

Lewis Levan Huntzinger attended the public schools of Shamokin and the district schools of Upper Augusta township, this county, graduating from the grammar school at Shamokin and from the Shamokin business college. He was engaged for a year at Shamokin in the Koch bookstore as clerk and circulation manager, and then took a position with the Adams Express Company at Shamokin, since which time he has been in the railroad service. He began as a student of telegraphy on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad at Excelsior, Northumberland county, serving three months while learning, after which he was engaged in the main office at Shamokin under the management of E. G. Markley, until placed as extra operator between Tamaqua and Newberry Junction. He resigned in 1894 to enter the service of the Pennsylvania Company, as night operator at Shamokin, and after only a week's service in that capacity was made day operator at Weigh Scales, this county, continuing for four and a half years under W. W. Evert, weigh master. In 1899 he was transferred to Sunbury as extra operator, was made regular operator here Feb. 1, 1901, and Dec. 20, 1902, became assistant to the train dispatcher. He was himself promoted to the position of train dispatcher May 15, 1905. Mr. Huntzinger was sent by the company to Shenandoah Aug. 6, 1905, to handle Philadelphia & Reading trains over the Pennsylvania tracks caused by Mahanoy Plane breaking down, a trust which he discharged most ably and satisfactorily. He returned to Sunbury Sept. 17, 1905.

Since he has made his home in Sunbury Mr. Huntzinger has taken part in its public administration as a member of the school board from the Eighth ward, in which position he has served continuously since 1906. He has been chairman of the financial committee of the board ever since becoming a member of that body, of which he was treasurer in 1909. Two buildings have been erected during his incumbency, the Lloyd T.



Rohrbach and Frafeis E. Drumheller, M. D. school buildings. Mr. Huntzinger has been very active in the Republican organization, was committeeman of the Eighth ward two terms and was made chairman of the Republican Club of Sunbury organized in 1904. Socially he is a well known Mason, holding membership in Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., of Sunbury (having demitted from Shamokin Lodge No. 255), of which he is the present master, in Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M., and Mount Hermon Commandery, No. 85, K. T., and a charter member of the Temple Club.

On Feb. 28, 1894, Mr. Huntzinger married Mary Rebecca Kramer, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Rhoads) Kramer, of Excelsior, Pa., and they have had two children, Sarah Catharine and William Joseph, the latter of whom died in infancy. The family are members of the Zion Lutheran Church.

FREDERICK CHARLES HUNTZINGER, brother of Lewis Levan, was born in Mount Carmel, Aug. 20, 1844. He was educated in Shamokin schools, graduating from the Shamokin high school in May, 1889. He began as a clerk in a book and stationery store in Shamokin for E. A. Koch and remained here for about two years, and then accepted a position as driver for the Adams Express Company. He then came to Sunbury as messenger for the same company, was transferred to Williamsport, Pa., as depot agent, remaining here three years, then to Harrisburg as receiving clerk, remaining two years, finally coming back to Sunbury as agent of that station in 1903, and he is now filling that position to the satisfaction of the company.

Mr. Huntzinger married Emma G. Garber, daughter of John and Mary Ellen (Search) Garber, of Montandon, and they reside at No. 444 Race street, Sunbury. In politics Mr. Huntzinger is a Republican. He and his family worship at Zion's Lutheran Church at Sunbury. He is a member of Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., of Sunbury.

WETZEL. Among the early immigrants to Pennsylvania were a number of Wetzels, some of them undoubtedly related. One Hans Martin Wetzel arrived on the ship "Brittania" and qualified by taking the oath of allegiance, at Philadelphia, Sept. 21, 1731. His age then is given as thirty-one years. His wife, Maria Barbara Wetzel, was thirty-three years old. On the same ship were the following, probably children: Hans Martin Wetzel, aged six years; Nicholas Wetzel, aged four years; Katherina Wetzel, aged three years. There is also the name of Maria Barbara Wetzel, who may have been a sister of the pioneer (Pennsylvania Archives, pages 29, 34 and 35).

John Jacob Wetzel came on the ship "Charm-

ing Nancy" of London, Charles Stedman, master, from Rotterdam, qualified Oct. 8, 1737.

Philip Wetzel came on the ship "Davy," William Patton, commander, from Amsterdam, qualified Oct. 25, 1738.

Hans Martin Wetzel, who came to the New World in 1731, settled on that territory now embraced in Lehigh county, Pa. Six years later he was followed by John Jacob Wetzel, who located in Hereford township, in Berks county, only several miles distant; and these two, in 1738, were followed by Philip Wetzel. That a kinship existed between these three pioneers cannot be doubted, and it is very probable that they were brothers—another group of the "three brothers" found among the emigrant ancestors of so many American families.

In the list of early settlers in the region of Emaus, Lehigh Co., Pa., in the section of Milford and Longswamp townships, whose names with place of birth appear on the original church record of the Emaus Moravian Church, was that of Catharina Wetzel, who was from "Uppa" Mannheim, in the Palatinate. The genealogist gleams from the above item that the Wetzels were German-Palatinate.

According to family tradition an old Wetzel had settled somewhere on the Ohio river, and had a number of children, among whom were sons: John, Georg, and Louis. It is further stated that this pioneer and his wife were scalped by the Indians, and that when the sons returned home and found their parents thus cruelly murdered they vowed vengeance upon the savages. Louis thereafter devoted himself to the extermination of the Indians. He was a rare marksman, and could run like a deer. The compiler of this article is of the impression that the place of settlement was not the Ohio, but the Susquehanna, river. A large number of Wetzels live in Snyder county, Pa., in the Buffalo Valley, in Union county, and in the Mahantango valley, in the lower part of Northumberland county. They all speak German, and say their forbears spoke of "Der Longswamp, in Bercks County."

The Federal Census Report of 1790 records these Wetzels as heads of families, etc.: George Wetzel and wife had five sons and two daughters, all the sons under sixteen years of age; he then lived in Longswamp township. Conrad Wetzel also lived in Longswamp township and had two daughters. Philip Wetzel lived in Hereford township, and he and wife had then two sons under sixteen years of age, and three daughters. John Wetzel had two sons over sixteen years of age, one son under sixteen, and two daughters; he lived in Macungie township, Northampton (now Lehigh) county. John Wetzel, Jr., lived in the same township as his father, and he and his wife had two daughters. Conrad Wetzel lived in Upper Mil-

ford township; his family consisted of himself and wife, two sons under sixteen years of age, and three daughters. Peter Wetzel lived in Upper Milford township, Northampton (now Lehigh) county, and had one son under sixteen years of age and two daughters. Michael and Conrad Wetzel both lived in Penn township, Northampton county, in 1790; it appears that Michael was a widower, and had a son over sixteen years old, and that Conrad was married but had no children.

John Wetzel lived near the present line of Berks and Lehigh counties, Pa. He had sons: Henry, Peter, Daniel and Hans Georg, who lived in Lehigh county. The old Wetzel homestead is located near St. Peter's Church, in Upper Milford township. It was built in 1740, of logs, and was occupied until 1900.

Peter Wetzel, son of John, was born in 1778 and died in 1870, in his ninety-second year. He owned a thirty-acre tract of land near Red Lion, in Longswamp township, on which he lived. He was a carpenter and coffin maker, being an excellent mechanic and an expert wood worker. In his day he made many coffins. It was then the custom to place the dead on a large covered wagon, to which usually were hitched fourteen horses. The seats were arranged along the two sides of the wagon, and occupied by the bereaved, the coffin being placed in the middle between the two rows of mourners. They now proceeded to the church. "Old Peter" Wetzel, as he was known, was a popular man, personally, and well known in his line. He held many funerals, and taught many the carpenter's trade. His wife, Anna Margaret Gaumer, died when past eighty years of age. Both were members of the Reformed congregation of Longswamp church. They had children: George; Sallie, who married Nathan Heimbach and had children, Amanda, Lovina, Sarah and Henry; and Lydia, who married Henry Heimbach, a brother of Nathan (they had no children).

George Wetzel was born in Longswamp township in November, 1818, and died there in October, 1900, aged eighty-two years. His wife Leah was a daughter of David Conrad, of Longswamp township. She was born in 1821, and died in 1899, aged seventy-eight years. They are buried at the Longswamp Church, of which both were members, belonging to the German Reformed Congregation; he was a deacon and elder. He was a Democrat in politics, and served his district on the school board. He owned his father's homestead of thirty acres, and also bought 120 acres of land, was prosperous, and built an addition to the old barn. He and his wife had eleven children, namely: Peter, Mary, Charles, Caroline, David C., Henry C., Lovina, Sallie, Amanda, Katie and Levi. Of these Mary, Caroline, Lovina, Katie and Levi all died within six weeks' time, from diphtheria, in 1862.

David C. Wetzel, shoemaker at Seisholtzville, in

Berks county, Pa., was born in the adjoining township of Longswamp, Feb. 28, 1847. When seventeen years old he commenced to learn his trade from his brother Charles. When twenty-four he married Amelia, daughter of William and Amelia (Ruth) Meitzler, of Hereford township, and in 1873 they moved to Seisholtzville, where they have since lived. He usually had three or four apprentices, and in a winter season made several hundred pairs of shoes by hand, shoe factories in those days being unknown. He and his family occupy a house that was built about the time of the Revolutionary war, if not earlier; it is of log construction, but is now weather-boarded, and in winter is very warm. Mr. Wetzel and his family are members of the Reformed Church in Longswamp township. He and his wife have two children: Irwin D., now of Norristown, Pa., married Rosa Eiv, and their children are, Ambrose, Herbert, Warren and Minerva; Minnie married Harry O. Moll, of Seisholtzville, Pa., and had Pearl, Verna and George.

Henry C. Wetzel (brother of David C. Wetzel), a retired farmer at Seisholtzville, Pa., was born in Longswamp township, Feb. 17, 1849. When twenty-one years of age he began farming for his father at Red Lion, continuing thus for fourteen years. In 1888 he purchased the Christophel Bittenbender farm on which he has since lived, a tract of 112 acres. The present house on this farm was built by Jacob Bittenbender, Sr. Mr. Wetzel in 1895 built the present barn. He has a valuable property and the excellent condition of farm and buildings testifies to his good management and prosperity. He retired in 1900. He is a Democrat and has held township offices. He and his wife are members of Huff's Church, where he serves as elder. In 1875 he married Hannah, daughter of Christophel and Abby (Rush) Bittenbender, and granddaughter of Jacob and Susanna (Jung) Bittenbender, also of Hereford township. Mr. and Mrs. Wetzel have had one son, Ambrose, who was born in 1876 and died in 1895.

There was a John Wetzel who became an early resident of Packer township, Carbon Co., Pa., as early as 1812, and located on lands still owned by his descendants. He had four sons, John, Valentine, Daniel and David, and four daughters. The sons settled in the township, David living to be very old. The daughters became the wives of Stephen Kerber, James Troy, Lewis Hettinger and Philip Hinkle, respectively.

WILLIAM A. RILAND, of Sunbury, has been engaged in business there as a liveryman for over a quarter of a century, has been prominent in the municipal administration as president of the borough council, in which capacity he served two years, and has been found a valuable and substan-

tial man in all the relations of life, business, social or purely personal. He is thoroughly respected and merits the high position he holds in the estimation of his fellow citizens.

Samuel Riland, grandfather of William A. Riland, was a native of Ireland. On coming to this country he settled in Upper Augusta township, Northumberland Co., Pa., where he followed farming, owning the farm which was later the property of his son H. James Riland and is now in the possession of the latter's son, H. B. Riland. He married a native of Germany, and he was a member of the German Reformed Church. He is buried in the lower cemetery at Sunbury. His children were: H. James; Mary, Mrs. William Snyder; Malinda, Mrs. Rohrbach; Alice, Mrs. Hirst Trego; Martha, who married William Keller and (second) Jeremiah Cooper; and Lucy, who married James Strine, of Milton, Pennsylvania.

H. James Riland was born in 1833 in Upper Augusta township, and passed his active years there, on the homestead farm of 135 acres, succeeding his father in the ownership of that place. He was an intelligent man and influential in the affairs of his day, serving a number of years as school director of his home township, as county commissioner from 1863 to 1866, and as representative of his district in the State Legislature from 1882 to 1884. He was prominent in the work of the Democratic party, and for several years served as county chairman. He was one of the promoters of the Upper Augusta Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of which he was a director for some years. Mr. Riland passed his last years in Sunbury, where he died in 1901, aged sixty-eight years, and is buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery. He was a member of the German Reformed Church, and socially belonged to the Knights of the Golden Eagle and to Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., of which he was one of the oldest members at the time of his death.

H. James Riland married Mariah Woolverton, who was born in 1834, daughter of Dennis Woolverton, of Northumberland county, and died in 1894. Eight children were born to them: Emma, wife of Peter Weiser, of Lower Augusta township; H. B., of Selinsgrove Junction, this county; Laura, who is unmarried; William A.; Samuel D., of Upper Augusta, this county; Charles S., of Herndon, this county; Jordan W., of Sunbury; and Mary, wife of John Miller, of Sunbury.

William A. Riland was born Sept. 15, 1859, in Upper Augusta township, and there received his education in the public schools. He was reared to farm life, which, however, he did not follow long after commencing on his own account. For two years he worked at Berwick, Pa., after which he clerked in a general store at Sunbury for two years and then returned to the homestead, where he was engaged in farming for several years. In

1884 he purchased the livery business in Sunbury which has since been his main interest. He has an excellent location at No. 246 Woodlawn avenue, only a half square from the Pennsylvania passenger station, and does the leading business in his line in Sunbury, keeping fifteen horses for hire, and boarding a large number of horses. He deals occasionally in horses and teams, and, in fact, has built up an all-around profitable trade, which he has handled capably, and which occupies the greater part of his time and attention. He is a director of the North Branch Fire Insurance Company of Pennsylvania, which was organized in 1910.

Mr. Riland has for a number of years been a leader in Democratic circles in Sunbury, and he has served four years as a member of the council, during the last two years of that time having the honor of presiding over that body. He is a member and trustee of Lodge No. 267, B. P. O. Elks, of Sunbury, and chairman of the board of trustees of the First Baptist Church, in the work of which he and his family take an active part.

On May 25, 1897, Mr. Riland married Mary M. Walters, whose parents came from Germany. Three children have been born to them, one son and two daughters, namely: William, Jr., who died in infancy; Mildred M., and Gertrude L.

KRIEGER. The Kriegers of Northumberland county have been settled in this region for several generations, Wilson Krieger, the oldest living native-born resident of the borough of Shamokin, being a son of Daniel Krieger (who was born in Lower Augusta township, this county) and a grandson of John Krieger.

The family is one of ancient record, and the name, variously spelled Cruger and Kruger in the earlier days and by branches of different nationalities, shows that it dates back to the time of the crusades, Cruger being originally Cruciger—the medieval Latin word for cross-bearer. From Cruciger the name became Creuziger and Creutzinger, and finally Cruger, and in Germany and Holland it was written Kruger. The name was first given to a knight in one of the crusades, at the end of the eleventh century, and from him the family spread throughout Germany, Holland, Denmark and England. In 1190 Sir Philip de Cruciger went with Richard I. of England on the third crusade to Palestine. Sir Philip is supposed to have descended from the German baronial house of Von Kruger or Kruger, and from him the line is unbroken down to John Cruger, who founded an American branch of the family. One Caspar Cruciger, a German, helped Luther to translate the Bible in 1532.

The John Cruger mentioned as the founder of a branch of the family in America, an Englishman of good education, appearance and standing, came to New York about 1700, and engaged in business.



He was also prominent in the political life of the city, in 1712 being made an alderman, which office he held for twenty-two consecutive years. Five years after his retirement from this office, in 1739, he became mayor, serving as such until his death, in 1744. He is spoken of as a man of tact and discretion, and such must have been his character, for he succeeded in keeping peace between the people on one side, jealous of their rights, and the governor on the other side, guarding the King's rights.

In 1702 John Cruger married Maria, daughter of Hendrick Cuyler, of Albany, and they had a large family, three sons and five daughters, Tileman, Henry, John, Anna, Maria (who died of smallpox when young), Sarah, Maria (2) and Rachel. Of the sons, Tileman went to Curacao, and returned home to die when he was twenty-five. Henry was the son through whom this line is continued, and John died unmarried. Both the sons who lived to mature years were like their father active in public life and able in many ways. John Cruger showed unusual ability even as a child. From 1754 to 1755 he was alderman, and from 1756 to 1765 he served as mayor. He was the first speaker and president of the first Colonial Assembly, of which body he was a member for seventeen years, 1759 to 1775. He wrote the famous "Declaration of Rights and Grievances" adopted by the Stamp Act Congress in 1765, the first notable piece of political writing in the history of this country, and said to be the model upon which Jefferson based the Declaration of Independence. He also started the movement which led to the establishment, in 1768, of the New York Chamber of Commerce, modeled on the English Board of Trade, and the first mercantile society established in America. He died in 1791.

Henry Cruger, through whom this line is continued, was twice married and had six children. Like his father, he was interested in politics in New York, but he died in England, at the home of one of his children, and was buried there, at the Cathedral of Bristol. In the next generation,

John Harris Cruger, who like his uncle John left no descendants, had a brilliant military record. He commanded Fort Ninety-six in South Carolina when it was attacked, and it was he who forced General Greene to raise the siege. After the war he went to England, where he died. He married Anne, daughter of Brig. Gen. Oliver DeLancey, of New York, an officer in the British army, who when war was threatened raised a brigade known as "DeLancey's Battalions," for the "defense of Long Island and other exigencies"; and he commissioned his son-in-law, who was strongly in sympathy with his mother country, lieutenant colonel.

Tileman and Nicholas Cruger, brothers of John, were West Indian merchants. Nicholas became a

prosperous business man at Santa Cruz, and one of the clerks in his counting-house was Alexander Hamilton. Nicholas Cruger took a friendly interest in the boy, aiding him with advice and encouragement. This Nicholas Cruger was also a great friend of Washington, and his sympathies during the Revolution were with the Colonies, but he never took any active part in the struggle. It is said that on one occasion he was glad to rely on the renown of his brother John as a loyal British subject. He was with one of his boats on the way to Santa Cruz when captured by a British man-of-war. The Captain asked his name, and on hearing it asked if he might by any chance be related to Lieutenant Colonel Cruger. Learning that the two men were brothers, the Captain informed Mr. Cruger that he was bearing messages to the British government reporting on John Cruger's good work, and let let Nicholas Cruger go. He was captured again, however, this time with an incriminating picture of Washington in his possession, and was recommended for severe punishment, but he was freed on parole, and lived with relatives in New York until after the war.

Henry Cruger, brother of John, Tileman and Nicholas, was sent by his father to England to work in a counting-house. There he married twice, his first wife being named Peach, and their son changed his name from Samuel Peach Cruger to Samuel Peach; his daughter married Lord John Murray of Aynsley. By his second wife Henry had six children, who eventually returned with him to this country. He stayed in England until 1790, and had a prosperous career there. In 1774 he and the famous Edmund Burke ran for Parliament, and were elected after a heated campaign. A sample of the campaign literature of those days runs:

You good Bristol folk, an election's no joke,  
But serious indeed is the work;  
Let none represent ye, that do not content ye,  
Vote, therefore for Cruger and Burke.

In 1790 Cruger refused reelection to Parliament and returned home. He was a member of the New York State Senate in 1792.

The arms of the family are: Argent, a bend azure charged with three martlets or, between two greyhounds courant, proper. Motto: *Deo, non Fortuna*. Crest: A demi greyhound salient, gorged or. Beneath the wreath, *Fides*.

Daniel Krieger (father of Wilson Krieger) was born in 1805 in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland Co., Pa., son of John Krieger. He came to Shamokin at an early day, erecting the third house in the town, at what is now Sunbury and Pearl streets, and here he passed the remainder of his life, dying Feb. 9, 1864. He was a carpenter by trade. He married Mary Ann Fasold,

born June 20, 1820, died Sept. 6, 1891, who was the youngest of the seventeen children of Valentine Fasold. To Mr. and Mrs. Krieger were born ten children, namely: Angelina (deceased), who married James Lappitt; Louisa, who died unmarried; Sebella, wife of Enoch Jones, of Shamokin; Sarah, J., wife of Clinton Thomas, of Shamokin; Emma F., wife of Elmer E. Felix, of Shamokin; Ida (deceased), who married William Woolcock; Freeman, deceased; Valentine, deceased; Wilson; and Oliver, of Shamokin.

Valentine Fasold, father of Mrs. Mary Ann (Fasold) Krieger, was born Dec. 6, 1765, in Baden, Germany, son of Valentine Nieman Fasold, a tanner, who had a family of five children, two sons (Valentine and Casper) and three daughters. These five children came to America in 1781, landing at Philadelphia after a voyage of eleven weeks. Valentine remained in Philadelphia with one of his sisters for two years, the other three going to Whitehall township, Lehigh Co., Pa., near Allentown. Valentine followed his brother and sisters thither, the other sister remaining in Philadelphia, where she had married. He had started school in Germany when six years old, attending until he was twelve, after which he served an apprenticeship to the trade of weaver. Then he served the required time in the German army. In Lehigh county he followed the weaver's trade for thirty-five years. While living there he was twice married, his first wife being Sara Saunders, by whom he had six children, three of whom died in childhood, those who reached maturity being Susan, Elizabeth and John. After the death of his first wife he married Catharine Barbara Schriber, daughter of Herman Schriber, and to them were born six sons and five daughters, Jonathan, Peter, George, Joseph, Charles, Henry, Katharine (married Jonathan Kreighbaum), Lydia (married Samuel Haupt, of Frackville, Schuylkill county), Polly (married William Dachenbach, of Allensville, Mifflin county), Sarah (married George Zimmerman) and Mary Ann (married Daniel Krieger). Only two survived Mrs. Krieger, Mrs. Haupt, of Frackville, and Charles, of McKeesport.

In 1816 Mr. Fasold removed from Lehigh county to Northumberland county with his family and settled on the "John Reed" farm in Plum Creek, where he lived the balance of his life. There he followed farming and weaving. In the middle of November, 1824, a dose of quicksilver was given him for medicine by an ignorant servant of a doctor, and he died Nov. 16th, at the age of fifty-nine years. He lived an honest, exemplary Christian life, and brought up his family according to the instruction of Holy Writ, being a firm believer in the proverb, "Bring up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." He was a strong advocate of

the cause of the Colonists, believing that they should depend upon themselves and not upon the mother country. He was a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church of the Reformation, of which all his family were members and under which all received catechetical instructions. He was buried with his wife at Zion Lutheran church near Augustaville, Northumberland county, on Nov. 19, 1824.

WILSON KRIEGER was born Feb. 22, 1849, in Shamokin, and when a young man learned the carpenter's trade, which he has always followed. For many years he has been boss carpenter at Locust Gap for the Philadelphia Coal & Iron Company. He is the oldest native-born resident of Shamokin at the present writing, and has been a member of the Presbyterian Church there for over forty years, having joined it March 2, 1869. His father served on the building committee of this church in 1846. Mr. Krieger is a member of Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M., of Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, of Commandery No. 77, K. T., and of the Carpenters' and Joiners' Union. He married Anne Neely, daughter of Adam and Anne (Gott) Neely, and to this union were born four children, A. Maude (who died young), A. Ralph, Mary E. and Bessie B.

A. RALPH KRIEGER, son of Wilson, was born April 11, 1881, at Shamokin, and there received the principal part of his education, graduating from the high school in 1899. He also attended the local business college, after which he entered the Pierce Business College, at Philadelphia, from which he graduated in 1901. For the two years following he was in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, at Tamara, Pa., under Supt. A. T. Dice, and then with the Shamokin Water Company, at Shamokin, later taking the position of private secretary with Senator W. C. McConnell, with whom he remained for six years. In 1907 he commenced business on his own account, as a shoe merchant at Shamokin, having the store at No. 3 East Independence street which he has since conducted. His trade is good and is increasing steadily, and his methods are such as to make him deserving of success. Outside of business he is particularly active in fraternal circles, belonging to Shamokin Lodge, No. 664, I. O. O. F., Camp No. 30, P. O. S. of A., the Royal Arcanum and the Masonic fraternity; in the latter connection he is a member of Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M.; Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M.; Shamokin Commandery, No. 77, K. T.; Williamsport Consistory, thirty-second degree; Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading, and the Temple Club at Shamokin. He also belongs to the Triple Links Club at Shamokin, the Acacia Club at Williamsport, and Rescue Fire Company. He



holds membership in the Presbyterian Church and is a member of the Brotherhood of that congregation.

**DR. KENNEDY ROBINSON** (deceased), father of Mrs. Annie G. (Robinson) Llewellyn, of Shamokin, was of Irish descent, his ancestors coming from Ireland and settling at Myerstown, Lebanon Co., this State. He became a prominent citizen of Schuylkill county, serving two terms in the State Legislature from that section, and he died in 1887. His wife, whose maiden name was Frances McConnell, was a native of Womelsdorf, Berks county, and a descendant of the famous Conrad Weiser. She died at Pine Grove, Schuylkill county, in 1909, at the great age of ninety-six years, five months. Dr. and Mrs. Robinson had two children, Frances and Annie G., the latter the widow of David Llewellyn.

**WILLIAM HAROLD LEE**, architect, is a young business man of Shamokin who has already established an excellent reputation and patronage in his chosen profession. He is a native of the borough, but his family has long been identified with Columbia county, Pa., where it was established during the eighteenth century by John Lee, Sr., from whom he is a descendant in the fifth generation. It is almost impossible to obtain an accurate account of the ancestry back of the Revolutionary period, for though the John Lee mentioned was a member of the Society of Friends there were many Lees engaged in the Revolutionary war, many also bearing the same Christian names. Tradition states that John Lee, Sr., was a relative of General Lee of Revolutionary fame, and the Pennsylvania Archives, 5th Series, record twenty-four different Lees as having rendered service in the cause of independence. Besides General Lee there was a Colonel Lee, a Major Lee and a Captain Lee in the war; and there was a Fort Lee.

John Lee, Sr., was born in Berks county, Pa., and came thence to Columbia county, settling in Locust township, where a colony of Friends (to whose society he belonged) from Berks county became established. To this day may be seen the old log meetinghouse and burial ground of the Society of Friends in that locality. John Lee, Sr., had a large tract of six hundred acres, on which he built a log house, which gave shelter to four generations. He also cleared some of the land, and the following year, 1787, brought his family to their new home. His wife was like himself from Berks county, where their son was born. They had three children: John, Jr., Martha and Nelly. Neither of the daughters married.

John Lee, Jr., was born in 1782 in Berks county, and was five years old when brought by his parents to Columbia county, where he passed the

remainder of his long life. He became the owner of the homestead, where he made his home for eighty-nine years, dying early in 1876, at the ripe old age of ninety-four years. He is buried at the Friends meetinghouse mentioned, as are also his two sisters. When the Williams family, who hailed from Virginia, settled in this section they took part of his father's 600-acre tract, but John Lee, Jr., retained his father's homestead place. He married Mary Williams, who came to Columbia county with her parents, when only six weeks old, the journey being made on horseback. She lived to be eighty-eight, dying in 1874. In her eighty-fifth year she published a poem which is treasured by her descendants. Five children were born to John Lee, Jr., and his wife Mary (Williams), as follows: Sarah married a Mr. Oliver and (second) David Hauck and died aged ninety-one years; Lewis, who lived in Locust township, Columbia county, died aged eighty-three years (he married Hannah Hughes, daughter of John Hughes, and also member of a family of Friends); Mary E., who lived to be eighty-eight years old, married John Levan, a leading business man of Locust township, Columbia county; William and Susan were twins, the latter dying in infancy.

William Lee, son of John Lee, Jr., was born in January, 1823, at the homestead, and obtained his father's farm, being of the third generation to possess that place. Besides farming he followed his trade of stonemason. He died in December, 1909, at LeMars, Iowa, at the age of eighty-six years, and is buried at Dixon, Ill. He attended the Friends' meetings, and entertained many Quaker ministers from Philadelphia. His wife, Mary Ann (Wintersteen), daughter of Jefferson Wintersteen, died in 1890, aged fifty-nine years. They were the parents of ten children: Beulah A., who married Josiah Rhoads, of a Berks county family; Kimber C.; Sarah E., who married F. P. Llewellyn; Horace G.; Martha M. (deceased), who married Walter Merriman and lived out West; Mahala, who married Ellis Mason and lives near Dixon, Ill.; Elizabeth, who married Carson Herring, of LeMars, Iowa; Ida A., who married Walter Monroe, of LeMars, Iowa; and John and Lydia, both of whom died young.

Kimber C. Lee, of Shamokin, was born in November, 1852, on the Lee homestead, and was reared to agricultural pursuits, which he followed until his removal to Shamokin, in 1880. He has since made his home at that borough, where he is interested in the Shamokin Lumber Company. In 1877 he married Clara R. Creasy, daughter of Elias and Elizabeth (Hower) Creasy, of Briar Creek township, Columbia county, and they have had five children: C. Atwood, who married Natalie Robbins Haas; Clarence C., of Harrisburg, Pa.; William H.; Florence E., who married Conrad R. Graeber; and Ella M. Mr. Lee and his family



are members of the Methodist Church, which he has served as trustee since the year 1895.

William Harold Lee was born Dec. 9, 1884, in Shamokin, and there obtained his preliminary education in the public schools, attending high school. Later he became a student at Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., and studied architecture at the University of Pennsylvania, after which he followed his profession for a time in Philadelphia before settling in Shamokin, in March, 1910. He has a business suite in the building of the Dime Trust & Safe Deposit Company. Mr. Lee designed and supervised the erection of the Masonic Temple, Elks Home and Dime Trust & Safe Deposit Company's buildings in Shamokin; the schoolhouse for the Odd Fellows' Orphanage near Sunbury; the new Majestic theatre at Pottsville; and numerous other buildings in Shamokin and the surrounding territory. He has attained considerable reputation in the comparatively brief period of his business career.

Socially Mr. Lee holds membership in the Cresson Club of Shamokin; the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity; Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M.; the Temple Club; and Shamokin Lodge, No. 355, B. P. O. Elks.

Amos Lee, an early settler in Oley township, Berks Co., Pa., owned a large tract of land on the Manatawny creek. In 1797 he built a barn on his land which is still standing. The Lee farm was in the family name until 1904. Amos Lee and his family were members of the Society of Friends, and he is buried at the Quaker meetinghouse in Exeter township. To him and his wife Sarah were born the following children: Rachel, Mrs. Gergus; Nellie, who died unmarried; Sallie, who married John Lee, of Exeter township, near the Friends' meetinghouse; Fannie, who died unmarried; Thomas Pine; and Amos, of Norristown, Montgomery Co., Pa., who was engaged in the manufacture of brick (his wife Sarah bore him one child, Sarah, who married a Mr. Albertson, of Norristown).

Thomas Pine Lee was born in 1795 and was engaged throughout his active years as a farmer on the homestead. He lived to his eighty-seventh year, and is buried at the Quaker meetinghouse in Exeter township. His wife Rachel was also a born Lee, of Maiden-creek township, Berks county, and died when less than fifty years old. Their children, four sons and one daughter, were as follows: Elmer, who lived in Ohio, enlisted from that State for service in the Civil war, and died of starvation in Andersonville prison, after a long part in many battles; Deborah married Solomon Rly and (second) E. F. Miller; Thomas P. is a merchant of Philadelphia, Pa.; Amos is mentioned below; George W. lives in Ohio.

Amos Lee was born June 30, 1842, on the Lee

farm in Oley township, Berks county, and was brought up there. In 1888 he moved to Friedensburg, Pa., where he is now living in retirement. He married Mary B. Levan, daughter of Joel and Esther Levan, and they have had three children: Anna, of Germantown, Pa.; Hettie, unmarried, who lives at home; and Sallie, born Feb. 4, 1885, who died Feb. 18, 1904.

**SCHLEGEL.** John Christian Schlegel, the American ancestor and progenitor of this family, was a native of Germany, and undoubtedly was the Johannes Schlegel who emigrated on the ship "Brander Townsend," which landed (qualified) at Philadelphia Oct. 5, 1737. On Aug. 16, 1738, and Nov. 7, 1754, he obtained proprietary warrants for land situated in Berks county, Pa. In 1759 he paid six pounds tax in Richmond township, where he had lived since coming to the New World. He was a farmer and owned more than three hundred acres of land, and in 1797 built a stone house which is still standing and in good condition, and is owned and used by his great-grandson, Abraham, and his children and grandchildren. To John Christian Schlegel and his wife Esther were born a number of children, among whom were: Peter; Wilhelm; Christian, born March 25, 1765; Elizabeth, born April 9, 1767; Johannes, born Sept. 7, 1768, and Heinrich, born July 15, 1779. Peter and Wilhelm left this section, traveling on horseback across the Blue Mountains, and settled in the Mahantango Valley (in Schuylkill), then a part of old Berks county. They visited their brother Heinrich at the old home every two, three or four years, coming on horseback and remaining for a week or two. One of the sons of John Christian Schlegel lived with the Indians, liking their manner of life. He was greatly admired by them, because of his courage, strength, and marksmanship, and when he was quite an aged man he and some of his adopted brethren of the forest came to visit his old home near Fleetwood. Because of the great journey on which they came, and the effects of his strenuous life with the red men, he became exhausted at Dreibelbis Spring, and he died soon thereafter, and fills an unknown grave. This account is based on tradition, and the old family papers give brief accounts of it.

There were two brothers, Wilhelm and Peter Schlegel, of Berks county, who settled in Northumberland county at an early date and who, according to the inscription on Peter's tombstone, in the graveyard of St. Peter's Church, Mahanoy, were sons of Johann Christian and Anna Barbara Schlegel.

Wilhelm Schlegel was born in Richmond township, Berks county, near Fleetwood, on the original Schlegel homestead, May 26, 1782. He came to Northumberland county after he was mar-

ried, and settled on the farm now owned by Samuel Zartman. Later he bought the farm now owned by Henry Rebek, in Washington township, and there he died Jan. 14, 1856. This was a large farm and he was a farmer until his death. The house he built is still standing. He went to visit his parents every two years, going horseback or walking. He and his children had to go to mill at Reading until a gristmill was established by John Dunkelberger on the Little Mahanoy creek. His wife, Elizabeth (Wentzel), born June 24, 1785, died April 9, 1871, and they are buried at St. Peter's Church in Jackson township. Mr. and Mrs. Schlegel were Lutherans in religion. They had fourteen children, all of whom grew to maturity and all survived the parents: Peter; Samuel; Benjamin; William, born April 6, 1817, who died March 21, 1903 (his wife, Sarah Ann Mill, born July 25, 1837, died Jan. 31, 1903); Abraham, who died July 25, 1903, aged eighty-three years, four months, nine days (his wife was Emilie Mill, 1826-1870); Daniel; David; John; Jacob; Polly, Mrs. Israel Zartman; Mrs. Adam Herb; Mrs. Peter Fegley; Esther, Mrs. Peter Klock; and Harriet, Mrs. Nicholas Hetrich.

Peter Schlegel, brother of William, was born Oct. 12, 1786; came to Northumberland county from Berks county; and died Feb. 1, 1864. His wife was Elizabeth (Rettinger) born Sept. 11, 1789, died July 16, 1866. They are buried at the Herb (Salem) church. They had sons Peter, David and another. Of these, Peter had five children, Joel, Milton, Elizabeth and another daughter. David's children were Samuel, Peter, and Charles.

John Schlegel, son of William, was born in Washington township, Northumberland county, where he died, aged ninety-two years. He was for many years a blacksmith in his earlier life, and built many iron bridges in his time, among which were the Wrightsville and Ringtown bridges, a double bridge at Reading and a large one at Buffalo, N. Y. Later he bought what is now the James Ferster farm in Washington township, where he farmed some years. Then he sold this tract and bought another farm, in Jordan, of 103 acres, which was an Engel homestead, and there he lived many years. The last seven years of his life he lived with his son Daniel K., at whose home he died. His wife Sarah, daughter of Valentine Klock, died July 13, 1883, aged sixty-eight years, seven months, three days. They had nine children, Wilhelmina, William, Charlotte, Jane, Frank, Daniel K., Sarah, Rudolph and one that died in infancy.

Daniel K. Schlegel, son of John, is a native of Jordan township where he is now a farmer on a 162-acre place. He was engaged as a blacksmith for twelve years, then learned the carpenter's

trade, which he has followed off and on ever since. He also operated a portable sawmill and thrasher for five years. He is a member of the Lutheran Congregation at Urban. In 1884 Mr. Schlegel married Susanna Bower, daughter of Elias Phillips, and they have had children: John A., who married Amy Deppen; Sallie; and Lizzie.

Daniel Schlegel, son of William, was born in Washington township, on the Schlegel homestead, which consisted of about eighty acres. He was a farmer. A leading member of St. Peter's church at Mahanoy, he was a member of the building committee when the present brick church was erected. He died July 16, 1893. His wife, Amanda, was a daughter of Marks and Sarah (Wolf) Leader. They had these six children: Orella, who died unmarried; Samuel, of Lykens Valley; Oscar; Agnes, who is unmarried and has her home with her brothers Oscar and John; Elmer, of California; and John A., who with his brother Oscar owns a large farm in Lower Mahanoy township.

Oscar Schlegel, son of Daniel, is a farmer along the Susquehanna river one mile above Dalmatia, Pa. He was born Jan. 3, 1868, in Washington township. In 1902 he and his brother John came to Lower Mahanoy township, where they own and farm a tract of 186 acres, formerly belonging to Martin Bachman.

John A. Schlegel, brother of Oscar, was born Sept. 7, 1872. Since their father's death the brothers have been partners. They are Lutheran members of St. Peter's church at Mahanoy, and in politics are Democrats. In 1896 John A. Schlegel married Jennie Starr, daughter of Andrew and Susanna (Blasser) Starr. They have three children, Mark F., Walter R. and Elmer A.

E. C. ROGERS, of Sunbury, was born at Danville, Montour Co., Pa., Jan. 11, 1874, and received his education in the public schools at that place, after which he entered the factory of his father, D. J. Rogers, and learned the trade of stone and granite cutting.

In June, 1901, he removed to Sunbury and engaged in the stone and granite cutting business, and there he is now successfully producing high-grade monuments, mausoleums and cut stone trimmings for buildings.

OSCAR W. PENSYL, member of the firm of Paul & Pensyl, butchers of Shamokin, Northumberland county, was born April 20, 1877, in Ralpho township, this county, and is a member of one of the pioneer families.

Jacob Pensyl (Bentzel), his great-great-grandfather, was a native of Germany, and coming to America made his home in Northumberland county, Pa., taking up fifty acres of land at the present site of the borough of Shamokin. His location was where the "Eagle Hotel" now stands. He aft-



ward and moved this place and took up a two-hundred-acre tract in Ralpho township (where his great-grandson, David R. Pensyl, later resided) to which he moved. He had one son, John.

John Pensyl, son of Jacob, was born in 1767 and was nine years old when his father settled at what is now Shamokin. He was a member of the German Reformed Church, one of the organizers and original members of the old Blue Church in Ralpho township, and donated an acre of ground for church purposes, the office of that congregation being located thereon to this day. He died upon the homestead in Ralpho township in April, 1849, at the age of eighty-two. John Pensyl married Barbara Hinkle, and to them were born five children: Kate, who married Frederick Lebie; Leah, who married John Fisher; John, who was twice married: George, born Aug. 1, 1799; and Leonard.

Leonard Pensyl, son of John and Barbara (Hinkle) Pensyl, was born May 11, 1804, on the homestead in Ralpho township, and died Oct. 1, 1883 (date is also given Oct. 31, 1884). He was a farmer by occupation. He was an active member of the German Reformed Church, which he served as deacon and elder for twenty-one years; in politics he was a Democrat. He married Elizabeth Kaseman, daughter of Frederick William Kaseman, of Ralpho township, and to this union were born three children: Sarah A., born July 3, 1828, died Jan. 3, 1908, who was the wife of Daniel H. Adams, of Ralpho township; Daniel, who died Jan. 24, 1834, aged seven months, sixteen days; and David R.

David R. Pensyl, son of Leonard, was born Sept. 25, 1835, on the old Pensyl homestead, which he inherited, following farming there throughout his active years, except for a short time when he was in the mercantile business, which he started in 1857 and carried on for two years. He had over two hundred acres of land. Mr. Pensyl died Feb. 15, 1910, and is buried at the Blue church. He was a member of that church, and socially was a Mason, holding membership in Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M. Though a Democrat in politics and interested in the success of his party, he never took any active part in its affairs or in public matters of any kind.

In 1850 Mr. Pensyl married Carolina Fry, daughter of Joseph Fry, and eleven children were born to their union: Lenora, who is the wife of Alonzo D. Smink, of Shamokin, and has children, Florence (wife of Robert Roth and the mother of two children, Robert L. and Harriet L.) and Reuben L.; Joseph E., who lives at Paxinos, in Ralpho township; Laura, wife of Joseph B. Hill, of Tharptown, Pa.; Leonard, a resident of Shamokin; David J., living at Weigh Scales, Northumberland county; Elizabeth, deceased, who was the wife of George Burkert; Hannah, living at Mount Carmel; Cora, wife of Frank Leader, a merchant of

Mount Carmel; Bertha M., who died in infancy; Oscar W.; and Carrie F., deceased, who was the wife of Rutherford Hayes.

Oscar W. Pensyl received his education in the public schools of the home locality and was reared on the home farm. He also learned the butcher's trade, and when thirteen years of age came to Shamokin, where he found employment with M. Coninger, remaining with him for a period of three years. Following that experience he was employed by A. L. Withner for six years, and in 1906, in company with Thomas H. Paul, he bought out James H. Smith, the well known butcher at No. 104 South Market street, where Paul & Pensyl are doing a profitable business. These young partners are both enterprising and hard-working young men, and they are not only winning material success but also high standing among the most substantial business men of the borough. That Mr. Pensyl is considered a reliable and trustworthy young man is evidenced from the fact that though he is a Democrat in a Republican ward—the Sixth—he was elected to the borough council in 1910. Socially he has numerous connections, holding membership in Lodge No. 355, B. P. O. Elks; the I. O. O. F.; Jr. O. U. A. M.; K. of M.; Modern Woodmen; Our Band of Shamokin, and the Merchants Association.

On Dec. 25, 1905, Mr. Pensyl married Rosie L. Getz, daughter of George Getz, a well known resident of Shamokin, and they reside at No. 104 South Market street, which property he purchased June 13, 1910.

JULIUS BEHRENT, farmer of Shamokin township, has not been a resident of that region as long as most of his neighbors, but he has made a place for himself among its substantial and respected citizens. He was born June 28, 1851, in eastern Germany, son of Louis and Augusta (Rahe) Behrent. The father was a miller, and followed that occupation in Germany until his death, at the age of seventy-four years. The mother subsequently came to America, passing the remainder of her days at the home of her son Julius, and dying June 19, 1900, at the age of seventy-eight. She was buried at Shamokin. Louis and Augusta Behrent had the following children: Amelia, Adelina, Annie, Leo, August, Lupold and Julius.

Julius Behrent learned the trade of miller and followed it while he lived in his native land. In 1873 he came to America, landing at New York City June 29th of that year, and he spent two and a half years there, in the employ of a railroad company. From there he came to Shamokin, Pa., where he was engaged at mining for eleven years, at the end of that time buying his present farm, in Shamokin township, from M. H. Kulp. This place consists of 190 acres, and Mr. Behrent has since



devoted all his time to its cultivation, in which he has been very successful. His produce is disposed of at the Shamokin markets, which he attends. Mr. Behrent has not taken any part in the public affairs of his adopted community, although he is interested in the general welfare and ready to support any measures for the universal good. He is a Republican on political questions, and in religion a member of the Reformed Church, holding membership at Shamokin.

Mr. Behrent married Wilhelmina Krum, also a native of Germany, daughter of Edward Krum. They have eight children, namely: Louis, at present living in Jersey City; Susan, married to Charles Dunkelberger; Annie, married to George Bodsoskie; Frank, living in Jersey City; Minnie, at home; Edward; Martha, and Adeline.

**J. WESLEY MARKS**, of Ralpho township, storekeeper and assistant postmaster at Bear Gap, has done business in this section of Northumberland county for a number of years and has a wide acquaintance here. He was born in Columbia county, Pa., April 23, 1862, son of Jonas Marks and grandson of George Marks. His great-grandfather came from Germany and settled in Pennsylvania. George Marks lived at New Media, Columbia county, and died there. He was a lifelong farmer.

Jonas Marks, father of J. Wesley Marks, was born in Columbia county. He was a carpenter by trade and also followed farming. In 1890 he went out to York county, Neb., where he died in 1907. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Raup, died in Columbia county. Of their four children, Elizabeth, Ida, Minnie and J. Wesley, all but the last named are in the West.

J. Wesley Marks attended the public schools and was reared upon the farm. When nineteen years old he began clerking for J. K. Pensyl, with whom he remained five years, at the end of that period going to Mount Carmel, where he engaged in the wholesale liquor business. In that connection he became well known throughout this district, following that line for nine years, after which he bought out the hotel at Hohenstein, Pa. He conducted it only a short time, however, when he sold out and purchased the "Elysburg Hotel," which he carried on for four years. He sold that place to G. G. Adams, and on May 5, 1910, bought out the store of Nathan G. Adams at Bear Gap, where he is now located. He is also assistant to Jacob Leisenring, the postmaster. Mr. Marks is a business man of substantial qualities, a good citizen, and enjoys high standing among his fellow men. He is a Republican in political connection and socially belongs to the Elks and the Sons of Veterans, both at Mount Carmel, being entitled to membership in the latter organization through his father's service in the Civil war.

Mr. Marks married Ida A. Fegely, daughter of Isaac Fegely, and they have had two children, both of whom died in infancy.

Cornelius Fegely, grandfather of Mrs. Marks, was born in Berks county, Pa., and was a farmer by occupation, owning a large tract in Maxatawny township, near Bowers station. He died upon his farm. His wife, Annie (Helfner), is buried at Bowers. Their children were: Isaac, Mary (married Charles Kline) and James (died in Reading, Pa.).

Isaac Fegely, father of Mrs. Marks, was born in Maxatawny township, Berks county, and followed farming and hotel-keeping, having a hotel at Monterey, in Maxatawny township. He died in Allentown, Pa., Aug. 27, 1907, and his wife, Lydia C. (Leibensperger), died at Mount Carmel, Pa., March 24, 1899. They had children as follows: Ida A., Mrs. J. Wesley Marks; Mary A., wife of J. M. Christ, a merchant of Mount Carmel; Louisa, who died young; and Harry C., who is living in New York City.

Benjamin Leibensperger, Mrs. Marks's maternal grandfather, lived near Zion's church in Maxatawny township, Berks county, and followed farming. He and his wife Lydia (Guildin) are buried at that church. Their children were: Reuben; Caroline, wife of Thomas Breinig; David, living at Allentown; Lydia C., who married Isaac Fegely; Susan, Mrs. James Fegely; Edward, who died young; Allen, living at New Ringgold; Rebecca, unmarried, who is a teacher at Allentown; Ellen, Mrs. Sipe; Oscar, living at Allentown; and Mary, widow of Nathan Wolbert.

**SCHADEL.** This family is said to be descended from Urban Schadel, who was a German by birth. Coming to Berks county, Pa., about the middle of the eighteenth century, when the Indians still roamed the forest and were his neighbors, tradition states that he located at a place in Greenwich township, where there was an apple orchard in a woods. He had a son, Heinrich Schadel (spelled "Scheidel" on his tombstone), who was born May 24, 1761, and died Nov. 22, 1828. He was a man of small stature. His wife, Eve Leisenring, was a native of Berks county, born Jan. 5, 1769, and died April 7, 1856. Both are buried at Zion's Union Church, near Klingerstown—locally known as Klingers Church. There is also a Klingerstown Church, the latter standing in the village.

Heinrich Schadel came from Berks county to Northumberland county, settling on the farm now owned by his grandson Moses, who is a bachelor, the farm having remained in the family name continuously. Some of the old buildings Heinrich Schadel erected are now crumbling, the wall of a house standing in a meadow being almost in ruins. He was an excellent wood worker and mechanic.

making spinning wheels, reels, flax brakes, and various other devices fashioned of wood. His wife Eve (Leisenring) bore him fourteen children, as follows: Jonas; Solomon (1790-1857); Gideon (1794-1848; wife Maria, 1795-1850); Jacob; David (1796-1876); Johannes (1799-1862); George; Samuel; Daniel (1801-1833); Abraham L.; Hannah, married to John Ossman; Catharine, married to Jacob Buffington; Mrs. Abraham Maurer; and one whose name is forgotten. All those whose dates of birth and death are mentioned are buried at Klingers Church, where many of the name are interred. Some of the others removed to other counties and climes. The family are all Lutherans.

Abraham L. Seftadel, son of Heinrich, was born March 20, 1809, and died March 14, 1885. He was a farmer in Upper Mahanoy township, owning the farm now the property of his son Moses, as well as another farm across the township line in Upper Mahantango township, Schuylkill county, where another son, Harry S., now lives. He had a one-half interest in a farm adjoining the one now owned by his son Moses. He was a substantial man. His wife, Froenica (Schneider), was a daughter of Abraham and Eve (Batteicher) Schneider. They had four children: Moses S.; Catharine, who died aged seven years; Harry S.; and Ellen A., who died in infancy.

CHARLES H. SWANK has been a contractor in Sunbury for a number of years, having followed his trade of stone mason as a journeyman for several years after settling in the borough, in 1871, and for a number of years as an independent worker. He was born Jan. 9, 1847, in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, son of Solomon Swank and grandson of Peter Swank.

Peter Swank, born in 1789, settled a mile north of Elysburg, in Ralpho township, this county, then known as Shamokin township. He followed farming. His death occurred in 1848, and he is buried at the Reed Church. Like most of his family he was a Lutheran in religious faith, and he served as a member of the council of his church. His wife, Elizabeth, born in 1784, long survived him, dying in 1873. Their children were as follows: William, born Feb. 15, 1813, died April 14, 1886, married Kaziah, born Oct. 19, 1817, died Dec. 28, 1893 (buried at Reed's Church); Peter; Henry H., born Oct. 22, 1820, died Aug. 19, 1890; Solomon; Mary Ann, wife of Daniel Zimmerman; Lydia, wife of Daniel Vought; Elizabeth, born in January, 1815, who died July 14, 1884, unmarried.

Jacob Swank, brother of Peter, was born Oct. 16, 1791, and died July 14, 1863. His wife Mary, born Jan. 15, 1790, died Jan. 18, 1877. Their son Peter died Jan. 14, 1853, aged twenty-two

years. Their daughter Catharine, wife of Morris Emerson, died Jan. 17, 1846, aged twenty-six years.

Solomon Swank, son of Peter, was born in 1814 and died in 1849. He, too, is buried at Reed's Church. He lived in Rush township, where he owned his house and a lot of some thirty acres, and he enjoyed a large custom as a shoemaker, being one of the best known men of his trade in the locality. In those days shoes were made entirely by hand, and at the time of his death he had two apprentices, George Deibler and a Mr. Zimmerman, the former being his brother-in-law. He was buried at Reed's Church, of which he was a prominent Lutheran member, as were many of the name living around Elysburg. A large number of Swanks are buried at that church. He served as deacon, and on one occasion, when the church was locked as the result of some controversy, he crawled through a window and opened the doors. His wife, Mary (or Polly) Deibler, daughter of George and Elizabeth Deibler, is buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery at Sunbury. They were the parents of only one child, Charles Henry.

Charles Henry Swank received the educational advantages afforded by the township schools, which he attended for about two months a year. He was reared to farming, and learned the trade of stonemason in his young manhood. Coming to Sunbury in 1871, he worked as a journeyman for Jacob Bartholomew about eight years and then began contracting, in which he has been very successful. At times he keeps as many as nine men employed. Mr. Swank has done the mason work on a number of local school buildings, laid the foundation for the original U. B. church, put up the wall for the Sunbury Safe Deposit & Trust Company, the stone work of the Episcopal parish house, the East End hardware store, the D. R. Zartman store, and many other well constructed buildings in the borough. He has also done considerable work in another branch of his business, the laying of flagstone, having in one year laid thirty-seven carloads of flagstone, and he also deals in that commodity. He has prospered by good management and thrift, and has won respect by an honorable career of industry and honest dealing. He has served six years as constable in Sunbury.

In 1868 Mr. Swank married Maria Alice Bloom, daughter of Henry and Maria (Wolf) Bloom, and four children have been born to them: Prof. Edward W. is engaged in teaching grammar school in Sunbury; Solomon F. died when five months old; Mary died in her sixth month; Lestie I. married Frank E. Heddings and they reside in Sunbury (they have one daughter Hazel A.). Mr. Swank and his family are members of Zion's Lutheran Church at Sunbury. He is a Democrat in politics.



**HARRY E. HAUPT**, member of the firm of Haupt Brothers, butchers, of Shamokin, was born in that borough, July 2, 1879, son of Benjamin Haupt. The family history is given in full elsewhere. He attended the local schools and under his father learned the butcher's trade, remaining with his father until the latter's death, after which he entered into a partnership with his brother William T. They have their place of business at the old stand at the corner of Mulberry and Market streets, Shamokin, and have established a large trade, in the grocery as well as the meat line. Mr. Haupt is a Republican in politics, a Lutheran in religion, and socially a member of the Sons of Veterans, the I. O. O. F., the Royal Arcanum and the Knights of Pythias.

On Jan. 29, 1898, Mr. Haupt married Gertrude E. Shuey, daughter of George and Sarah Shuey, of Shamokin, and they have had six children: Joseph H., Jr., Catherine (deceased), Sarah, Alma, Josiah R. (deceased) and Harry.

**JEREMIAH LENKER**, who has been a farmer in Rockefeller township for a number of years, was born March 7, 1859, in Lower Mahanoy township, this county, in which region the Lenkers have been settled for many years. Mr. Lenker is a son of George Lenker and grandson of Simon Lenker.

One Adam (or John Adam) Lenker, evidently the first of the family to settle here, was a native of Switzerland, born Dec. 12, 1765. He located in territory now embraced in Lower Mahanoy township, and followed farming, the original homestead upon which he settled being the farm now owned by David Bohner. He died March 24, 1834, and is buried at the Zion Church in Stone Valley, as is also his wife, Anna Maria; she was born June 15, 1764, and died May 12, 1822. Their children were: Michael, John Adam, Jacob, Polly (married John Witmer) and Mary (married William Schaeffer). Descendants of the three sons named are still found in this region.

Simon Lenker, born Oct. 28, 1788, in Lower Mahanoy township, was probably of this same stock, but whether a son of John Adam or not the records do not show. He owned a farm near Hickory Corners (now owned by Samuel Latska) and followed farming all his active life, dying April 28, 1852. His wife, Catharine (Dockey), born Dec. 15, 1789, died Dec. 10, 1874. They were Lutherans, and are buried at Stone Valley Church. They had these children: Simon, Jr., is buried at Herndon, Pa.; Isaac, born Jan. 22, 1818, died March 27, 1881, lived on the homestead; George is mentioned later; Jonas owned a farm adjoining the homestead; Elizabeth died unmarried; Catharine married James Yeagly.

George Lenker, son of Simon, was born Feb. 26, 1815, in Lower Mahanoy township, and there owned the farm now the property of Morris

Bohner, a tract of about one hundred acres. He followed farming all his days. He died June 17, 1854. Mr. Lenker and his family were Lutheran members of the Stone Valley Church and he served the congregation in various official capacities. Mr. Lenker married Catharine Snyder, daughter of John Dietrich Snyder, also of Lower Mahanoy, and she survived him many years, dying Sept. 6, 1887, aged seventy-six years, three months, ten days. Two children were born to this union: Mary, who married Isaac Radel; and Jeremiah.

Jeremiah Lenker was reared to farm life until he was seventeen, at which time he began to learn the trade of tanner. He followed that occupation until 1889, in which year he returned to farming, locating in Toad valley, in Lower Mahanoy township. After six years at that place he moved his family to Limestone, in Upper Augusta township, where he was also located for six years. Returning to Lower Mahanoy, he farmed there for nine years, at the end of which period, in 1900, he settled on his present farm in Rockefeller township. There he has a tract of thirty-six acres, located about two and a half miles southeast of Sunbury, on the Plum Creek road. Mr. Lenker has taken no part in public affairs since his removal to Rockefeller township, but while in Lower Mahanoy he served nine years as a member of the board of school directors. He is a Republican on political questions, and in religion he and his family are Lutherans, holding membership in Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church. During his residence in Lower Mahanoy he served many years as deacon of his church.

On May 8, 1868, Mr. Lenker married Caroline Boyer, daughter of Benjamin and Catharine (Stem) Boyer, the former a native of Amity township, Berks Co., Pa., the latter of Hubley township, Schuylkill Co., Pa. When sixteen years old Mr. Boyer came with his parents to Stone Valley, in Lower Mahanoy township, where he lived and died. He was an enterprising and prosperous agriculturist, acquiring the ownership of three farms. Mr. and Mrs. Lenker have had six children: (1) M. Alma was born in Lower Mahanoy township and there received her early education, later attending Susquehanna University, at Selinsgrove, Pa. She began teaching public school in 1892, receiving her first license from Prof. Ira Shipman, then county superintendent, and has taught every term since, three terms in Lower Mahanoy, three terms in Upper Augusta and nine terms in Rockefeller township. In 1901 she was granted a State teacher's permanent certificate. On Oct. 31, 1905, she was graduated from the Sunbury Business College, having completed a course in stenography and typewriting. She is an accomplished pianist, and from 1891 has taught music, both vocal and instrumental. Her high



reputation as a teacher has been gained by conscientious devotion to her duties in every line. She married May 18, 1911, Warren L. Shipman, Esq., son of Saul Shipman. (2) Rev. George Irving Lenker received his elementary education in the public schools of Lower Mahanoy and taught school for two terms in his native township. He then entered Muhlenberg College, at Allentown, Pa., in 1898, and after his work there became a student at the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Germantown, from which he was graduated in 1901. He was ordained at Philadelphia, and stationed at Grace Lutheran Church, Allentown, which he served as pastor for seven years, resigning because of failing health. He is now sojourning at Southern Pines, N. C., for the benefit of his health. (3) Katie P. married M. Oscar Engel and they reside in Sunbury. (4) John B., a carpenter, residing at Sunbury, married Elsie Eister. (5) Lucy J. died unmarried, at the age of eighteen years, and is buried at Wolf's Cross Road (Emanuel Church in Rockwell township. (6) Ulisses H., who graduated from the Sunbury high school in 1910, is now living with his parents.

ROBERT L. RIEGER, of Herndon, Northumberland county, has been in business at that point since 1902, and also conducts two farms in Jackson township. He is a progressive citizen, and has been a useful man in various circles, taking an intelligent interest in the general welfare and managing his own affairs with the good judgment which has won the recognition of his fellow men in all the associations of life.

The Riegers are of German origin. Christian Rieger, great-grandfather of Robert L. Rieger, lived at Gien, an independent walled city in Wurtemberg, Germany, was a man of fine intellect and an able minister, a servant of the king. The family belonged to the German nobility.

John Rieger, son of Christian Rieger, passed all his life in Germany. He was a shoemaker by trade and occupation, and also a city policeman for years. He was the father of sixteen children, only four of whom, however, reached maturity, the other twelve dying young.

Casper Rieger, eldest son of John, was born Dec. 29, 1833, in Gien, and came to America in May, 1852, landing at Philadelphia, where he spent two years. After a short residence at Reading, Pa., he came to Herndon, and he followed his trade of stone cutter until 1894. Meantime he acquired an eighty-acre farm in Jackson township, which his family cultivated. He is now living retired, in Jackson township. During the Civil war Mr. Rieger served his adopted country as a member of Company B, 172d Pennsylvania Regiment, in September, 1862, and in Company A, 208th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer In-

fantry, with which command he saw active service, taking part in the engagement at Bermuda Hundred, in the Belfield raid on Dec. 10-11-12, 1864, next at Hatcher's Run, in Virginia (where the regiment remained one week, returning thence to Petersburg), at the taking of Fort Steadman (1865), the taking of Fort Mahone (April 2, 1865) and the capture of other forts. He married Arelia Sowers, who died in 1891, at the age of fifty-six years, and ten children were born to them: Charles H. is a farmer of Jackson township; George W. lives in Vancouver, Wash.; John died in infancy; Ellen married Wesley Wolf, of Sunbury; Robert L. lives at Herndon; Elizabeth M. married William Geiger, of Sunbury; William F. is deceased; Joseph M. is at Vancouver, Wash.; Samuel is engaged in farming in Jackson township; Francis J. lives at Portland, Oregon.

Back in the seventeenth century one of the forebears of the Riegers was a general in the regular army. He was arrested and tried for treason, and was sentenced, and during his imprisonment composed and penned a number of hymns still in use in the Lutheran Hymnal. He was subsequently pardoned and reinstated in his former office, and when he retired from active service received a letter of honor from the king for faithful service. This letter descended to the eldest son in each generation, and Casper Rieger, being in the direct line, was entitled to it, but neglected the privilege, leaving the country when he was eighteen years of age. Gien had been captured by Napoleon and given to the Kingdom of Wurtemberg, and though the officers of the independent city escaped with their lives they had nothing left to boast of, and the influence of the Riegers in Gien was at an end. Hence Casper Rieger, who believed very much in independent government, came to America without his "letter of honor."

Robert L. Rieger was born April 26, 1864, in Jackson township, and obtained his education in the township schools. He was reared to farming, and gave all his attention to agriculture for some years, in 1889 purchasing White island, at Herndon, which contains 131 acres of valuable land. He lived there for a period of twelve years. In 1902 he settled at Herndon, engaging in his present line of business, which he has enlarged and added to to meet the demands of trade until his stock and interests are now quite extensive. He is engaged as a manufacturer of and dealer in bill lumber, flooring, shingles, siding, molding, window sash, doors, bricks, shingle bands, coal, and similar commodities, doing a thriving business, which he has built up by enterprising and accommodating methods. He also operates a farm of 208 acres, and one of sixty-six acres, in Jackson township. Mr. Rieger is president of the board of health of the borough of Herndon and

has given useful service in that capacity. He is independent politically.

On Dec. 13, 1879, Mr. Rieger married Elmira Lenker, daughter of Henry and Mary (Witmer) Lenker, of Mahantango, Pa., and they have had three children: Alice married T. S. Updegrave, who is now engaged in farming White Island; Charles L. is a farmer in Jackson township; Clinton W. is also a farmer. Mr. Rieger and his family are members of the United Evangelical Church at Herndon, in which he is quite active, serving at present as trustee of the church and teacher of a large men's class in the Sunday school. He is a graduate of the Perkasie Park Normal Assembly Course.

**CONRAD YEAGER**, a native of Berks county, Pa., about the year 1800 settled near Elysburg, in Northumberland county. He had a son, Conrad, Jr., and a number of daughters.

Conrad Yeager, Jr., was born in Berks county about the year 1825, and when a child came with his parents to Northumberland county, settling in Rush township. He was a farmer. He was a Lutheran in his earlier life, but at the time of his death was a Baptist. He and his wife, Elizabeth (Reed), are buried at Reed's Church. Their eleven children were: John, Absalom, Conrad, Henry, Solomon, Jacob, Elizabeth (married Isaac Hile), Esther (married Christopher Rhine), Deborah (married Joseph Haas), Sarah (married Leonard Boyer) and Mary (married Jacob Pensyl).

Solomon Yeager, born in Shamokin township July 18, 1837, now resides at Sunbury, Pa. He married Losanna Dawson, and they have children: J. Truman, Clarence, Reuben, Lizzie, Emma and Ella.

**JOHN A. FERSTER**, a prominent farmer of Little Mahanoy township, has passed all his life there on the farm where he now resides. Several generations of Fersters have lived in the lower part of Northumberland county. One William Ferster settled there prior to the organization of the county, in 1772, and in 1778, in the list of taxables of Mahanoy township (which then included all that part of the county lying south of Line Mountain), were the names of William, George, Peter and George Ferster, Jr., William being the father of George and Peter. William Ferster died when his son Peter was a young man, and is buried on his farm in Little Mahanoy township, in a field on the east side. Other persons were buried near him, but the plowshare now turns the sod over his grave. He owned the land which is now the property of the Joseph Haas estate near Dornsife. His children were: George, Leonard, Peter, Michael, Sally (married Bernhard Adam), Lydia (Mrs. Miller), Catharine (married David Dunkelberger), Eve (born July 8, 1780,

died Nov. 30, 1830, married Christopel Dunkelberger), and Maria Magd. (born March 5, 1791, died October, 1812, married Wilhelm Schneider).

Among the taxables in Little Mahanoy township when the first tax was collected, in 1814, after the township was organized (in 1813), were Leonard and John Ferster.

Peter and John Ferster had the first eight day clock ever in use in Little Mahanoy township; this was in 1804. They bought it in Reading, Pa. The Fersters were noted for their strength, John and Peter performing the feat of lifting a full barrel and drinking out of the bung-hole. In Washington township, this county, there is a valley known as "Foerstes Thal," Fersters Valley. In the early records the spelling is sometimes Furster.

We have the following record of the four sons of William Ferster: George Ferster became a farmer and settled in the State of Indiana. He married and had a family.

Leonard Ferster, born March 23, 1777, died Aug. 3, 1843. He lived in Little Mahanoy township, where he owned the farm now belonging to Daniel W. Wirt. His wife, Anna Barbara (Hetrich), born Aug. 17, 1780, died Jan. 6, 1853, and they are buried at the Little Mahanoy Church. The Fersters are Lutherans in religious connection. To Leonard and Anna Barbara (Hetrich) Ferster were born children as follows: Peter (mentioned below), Sally, Betzy (married Jacob Phillips), Catharine (married Samuel Wagner) and George (mentioned below).

Peter Ferster located in Washington township, where he took up considerable land in what is now known as "Fersters Valley," practically all the residents being Fersters, and four adjoining farms belonging to Fersters. Peter Ferster lived on the tract now owned by his grandsons Elias and Frank Ferster (sons of Simon). He was twice married, his wives, Christina and Barbara, respectively, being sisters and daughters of Michael Reback. To the first union were born children as follows: Peter; Simon, who died March 1, 1901, aged seventy-six years, five months, eleven days (his wife Mary A., born Dec. 18, 1821, died Oct. 29, 1880); Daniel; David, mentioned below; Isaac, born March 5, 1832, who died Nov. 10, 1862; and John, mentioned below. The son John was only fourteen weeks old when the mother died, in 1838. By his second wife Peter Ferster had a son George, who married Peggy Thomas; they live in Much Valley, in Washington township.

Michael Ferster (son of William), born Feb. 27, 1787, lived and died on a small tract near Reback. He had a farm farther up the valley. His death occurred Nov. 18, 1840, and his wife Lydia (Hepler), born Nov. 27, 1792, died Jan. 17, 1858. They are buried at the Himmel Church. Their children were all daughters: One daughter



married Henry Reitz (he was married four times); Kate married Peter Rebuck (known as "Curly Peter" Rebuck); Sarah married Peter Rebuck (known as "Little Peter" Rebuck, also as "Levy Peter"); Lydia married Peter Rebuck (known as "Pette Balser" Rebuck; she was the "Rod Lyd"); Harriet married Joseph Rebuck; Hannah married Samuel Malick.

Peter Ferster, son of Leonard, lived for some years on the farm in Little Mahanoy township now owned by Daniel W. Wirt, which was his father's homestead and may have been a part of the land belonging to his grandfather, William Ferster. A log house still (1910) standing on this farm was built by Leonard Ferster. George Ferster, brother of Peter, obtained nineteen acres of this farm. In his later years Peter Ferster crossed the Susquehanna and settled near Richfield, in Juniata county, Pa., where he died and is buried. His wife's maiden name was Peifer, and among their children was a son George, who lived at Richfield and reached an advanced age.

George Ferster, son of Leonard, was the grandfather of John A. Ferster, and lived at the same place his grandson occupies, though he had a much smaller tract. He was born March 24, 1804, and died Oct. 26, 1830, at the early age of twenty-six years, and he is buried at the Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, of which he was a member. He married Barbara Rebuck, and they had two children, Adam and Catharine, the latter the wife of John Bohner.

Adam Ferster, son of George, was born on the farm in Little Mahanoy township, where his son John A. Ferster now lives, and passed his entire life there, dying Jan. 14, 1897, at the age of sixty-seven years, six months, twenty-eight days. He was a blacksmith, and followed the trade in addition to farming, having a shop which is still standing on his son's farm, along the road. He was considered a good mechanic, and had plenty of work to do when the timber on the surrounding mountains was cut. He was an active and intelligent man, interested in everything that concerned the general welfare, and held various political and church offices, being willing to do his share as a good citizen. In politics he was a Democrat. His first wife, Catharine (Bohner), daughter of John Bohner, is buried at the Little Mahanoy Church. She was the mother of three children: William, who lives at Snyderstown, Pa.; Emeline, wife of David Long; and Aaron. Mr. Ferster's second marriage was to Rebecca Runkle, who was born Oct. 13, 1841, daughter of Philip and Susanna (Brown) Runkle, and died Jan. 17, 1908. Adam and Rebecca Ferster are buried at St. Peter's Church, Mahanoy. They were the parents of three children: Susan, married to Henry Kahler; George E., who is unmarried; and John A.

Leon Ferster, son of Adam Ferster and his

first wife, was born April 7, 1859, in Little Mahanoy, in which township he is still engaged in farming. He was reared in his native place, and worked for his father until twenty-five years old, at which time he married and moved to Shamokin, where he lived for ten years, meantime working in the coal mines, for the Reading and Pennsylvania Coal Companies. In December, 1895, he moved with his family back to Little Mahanoy township, settling on a farm which adjoins his father's homestead to the northeast. This place was one time the Daniel Wagner homestead, and Mr. Ferster owns a nice tract of sixty-six acres, some of which is timberland. He is engaged principally in truck farming, and attends market at Shamokin every week. Mr. Ferster is a Democrat and has officiated at elections, and he was school director for a number of years, his last term expiring in 1910. He and his family are members of the Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, which he is serving as deacon.

On Aug. 31, 1884, Mr. Ferster married Mary J. Hoffman, daughter of John and Sarah (Hertig) Hoffman, of Washington township, and they have had a family of seven children: Cora, who died young; Mabel M., who married George Bingham; Edna S.; Robert L., who died young; Annie P.; Katie A.; and Adam Fred.

John A. Ferster, son of Adam and Rebecca (Runkle) Ferster, was born Aug. 13, 1875, in Little Mahanoy township, and has passed all his life on the farm where he resides, which belonged in turn to his grandfather and father. His father added to the original tract, and the farm at present contains sixty-five acres, which Mr. Ferster devotes to general crops. He sells his produce at Shamokin, where he attends market every week. Mr. Ferster is one of the energetic and intelligent young farmers of his section, has held the office of school director since 1909, and has been night constable of the township since 1902. For one year he was supervisor. In politics he is a Democrat, in religion a Lutheran, being a member of the Emanuel Evangelical Church (Little Mahanoy), to which his family also belong; he was deacon of this church.

On Feb. 1, 1898, Mr. Ferster married Sallie Raker, daughter of Isaac and Wilhelmina (Zartman) Raker, of Little Mahanoy township, and they have had three children: Ida, a daughter that died in infancy, and Adam.

David Ferster, son of Peter and grandson of William, was born March 2, 1828, in Washington township, and died Aug. 11, 1903, at his home in the southwest portion of that district. He learned the trade of wheelwright. During the Civil war he enlisted in Company K, 172d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. After the war he settled down to farming in Washington township, where he owned two farms, one now



the property of his son James, the other owned by his son-in-law, Daniel Rothermel. He was a man of enterprise and public spirit, and served as school director and overseer of the poor in Washington township. His wife Judith (Brosius) was a daughter of Gottfried and Catharine (Klock) Brosius, and died March 3, 1904, aged seventy-five years, eleven months, six days. David Ferster was prominently identified with the Urban Church, and he and his wife are buried there. They had children as follows: Marie E., born April 22, 1852, married Urias Schreffler, and they are farming people of Washington township; Catharine, born Dec. 1, 1854, married Daniel Rothermel, and they, too, are farming people in Washington township; James and Levi are mentioned below; Sarah, born Aug. 14, 1864, married Killian Philips, and they are farming in Lower Mahanoy township; Emma J., born Nov. 12, 1867, is the wife of Charles R. Kauffman, a farmer of Washington township.

James Ferster, son of David, was born May 20, 1857, and when eighteen years old commenced to learn cigarmaking, which trade he followed for eight years. For nine years he was engaged as store clerk in Mahanoy, and since 1887 has cultivated the farm of the late Rev. J. Charles Smith, on the Pottsville road between Mahanoy and Urban. In 1880 he married Sevilla Philips, who was born in 1860 and died in 1901, the mother of these children: Susan, Maud, J. William and Gertrude E. In 1904 Mr. Ferster married (second) Cora Brown, and to them have been born two children, John E. and Amanda S.

Levi Ferster, son of David, was born Dec. 16, 1859, and worked on the farm for his parents until he was twenty-eight years old. At that time he married, and in 1889 he began to farm the tract of 144 acres in Washington township where he has since lived, and which he now has under a fine state of cultivation. In 1891 he built the present barn on that property. He is a prosperous farmer and one of the substantial citizens of his township, which he has served as school director for nine years. He is also prominent in church work, being a member of the Lutheran congregation at the Himmel Church, which he has served officially as deacon, elder and, at present, trustee. In 1887 Mr. Ferster married Mary A. Kahler, and they have had children as follows: Katie, Mary Elizabeth, Charles M., William L., John D. and Daniel J.

John Ferster, son of Peter and grandson of William, was born July 31, 1838, in Jackson (now Washington) township, where he was reared, and throughout his active years was a farmer in what is locally known as Fersters Valley. He owns ninety-five acres of land, part of his father's farm. In 1863 Mr. Ferster married Harriet Zartman, who was born Oct. 17, 1836, daughter of David

Zartman, and to them were born two sons, Daniel and Peter Z. The latter, who also lived in Fersters Valley, died March 10, 1899, aged thirty-five years, eight months, twenty-seven days; he had been twice married, his first wife, Lovina (Rebuck), dying Feb. 17, 1894, aged twenty-two years, ten months, seventeen days, the mother of one child, Charles, who died young; by his second wife, Ellen J. Miller, he had one child, Alice, who lives with her grandparents.

Daniel Ferster, son of John, was born Aug. 9, 1870, and was reared to farm life in Fersters Valley where he still resides. Until he was of age he worked for his father, and has since been farming on his own account, in 1900 settling on the place of eighty acres (formerly an Eyster farm) where he has since remained. The barn on this place was built by David Eyster in 1871, and Mr. Ferster has made a number of improvements on the tract since he acquired it. He married Ella Lebo, daughter of John and Polly (Kobel) Lebo, late of Jackson township, and they have one daughter, Carrie May. Mr. Ferster is a Democrat, and at present is serving as school director of Washington township. He and his family are Lutheran members of St. Peter's Church, at Mahanoy, and he is now filling the office of deacon.

CHARLES H. ROTHERMEL, proprietor of the "Trevorton House" at Trevorton, is one of the younger business men of that place who are by their energy and enterprise winning a place among its substantial citizens. He was born June 5, 1878, in Washington township, Northumberland county, and comes of a family long settled in that section. His great-grandfather, Abraham Rothermel, a native of Berks county, Pa., came to Northumberland county about 1810 and settled in Washington township. He and his wife, Catharine (Yeager), both died in that township, and are buried there, at the Himmel Church. They had children as follows: Charles, Martin, Isaac, Amos, Katie, Mrs. Hoffman and Mrs. Emerick.

Charles Rothermel, son of Abraham, was the grandfather of Charles H. Rothermel. He came with his parents from Berks county and lived in Washington township, where he owned a farm and followed agricultural pursuits. He was twice married, the maiden name of his first wife being Bower, and to them were born four children: Killian; Joseph; Aaron, who is living at Mount Pleasant Mills, in Snyder county, Pa.; and Harriet. His second wife, whose maiden name was Beisel, bore him the following children: Lena, Daniel, Benjamin F., Lewis, Mary and Sarah.

Benjamin F. Rothermel, father of Charles H. Rothermel, was born Aug. 9, 1855, in Washington township, and in his early life followed farming. Subsequently he was employed for some years on public works, and he is now working at

the Dunkelberger colliery. He has made his home at Trevorton since 1907. Mr. Rothermel's first wife, Emma (Hoffman), daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Drumheller) Hoffman, died March 6, 1880, and is buried in Washington township. She was the mother of two children: Charles H. and Edward, the latter dying young. Mr. Rothermel has since married (second) Lydia Brown, daughter of Andrew Brown, and they have had one daughter, Ida, who died in infancy.

Charles H. Rothermel received his education in the public schools and passed his boyhood upon the farm. When twelve years old he began picking slate at the mines and later became a regular miner, being thus engaged until April, 1910. Before this, in 1905, he had become interested in the hotel business, but he continued his work at the mines for several years, until he felt that his hotel business needed all his attention. He is a popular host and has one of the leading hotels in the locality, enjoying a well deserved patronage. In this connection, and as a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Red Men and the Cameron Gun Club, he is very well known. He is a member of the Republican party and interested in its success, and during his residence in Cameron township served as a member of the election board. In religion he unites with the Reformed denomination.

On May 17, 1902, Mr. Rothermel married Lottie Long, daughter of Felix and Lena Long, and to them have been born the following children: Clarence, Charles B., David F. and Elmer E.

ISAAC LEPLEY, who has lived upon his present farm in Lower Augusta township since the spring of 1909, is a native of Union county, Pa., born Nov. 26, 1864, two miles from Winfield, son of Isaac and Catharine (Kline) Lepley.

The Federal Census Report of 1890 records three Lepleys as heads of families: Adam, of Bradford county, Pa., who had a wife, four sons under sixteen years old, and one daughter; Jacob, of Northumberland county, Pa., who had a wife, seven sons under sixteen years of age and four daughters; and Lawrence Lepley, of Berks county, Pa., residing in Ruscombmanor township, who had one son above sixteen years of age. Of these, Jacob Lepley was probably the ancestor of the family here under consideration. The Lepleys have long been prominent among the most respected residents of Union county. Several members of the Union county branch of the family entered the ministry, and the family was also represented in other professions.

In the courthouse at Sunbury was found the following record regarding Michael "Leapley," deceased. Papers of administration were given to

Jacob Leapley, date May 7, 1779, Will Book I, page 13. Under date of June 12, 1779, Will Book I, page 14, we find: Michael "Leaply," deceased, administrator John Nye.

Isaac Lepley, Sr., father of Mr. Isaac Lepley of Lower Augusta township, had two brothers: Joseph, who lived in Snyder county, Pa., where he was engaged in farming; and Samuel, who lived in the upper part of Pennsylvania.

Isaac Lepley, Sr., was born at Winfield, in Union county, Pa., was a lifelong farmer, and met with unusual prosperity in his undertakings, acquiring the ownership of three farms, two in Union county and one in Snyder county. The latter contained forty-five acres, and those in Union county comprised eighty-two and forty acres, respectively. The forty-acre tract was valuable limestone land, and Mr. Lepley erected three kilns and burned lime on an extensive scale. His talents as a business man were generally recognized, and he was called upon to serve his community officially, being a member of the school board and frequently serving the county as jurymen. His efficient services were much appreciated. He died in Union county about 1890, at the age of sixty-eight years, and is buried at Kratzerville, Snyder county. He was a Lutheran member of the Kratzerville Church, in the work of which he was prominent, holding the offices of deacon, elder and trustee. His second wife, Catharine (Kline), died about two years after he did. They were the parents of two children, Isaac and Sarah, the latter the wife of Jacob Kreisher. By his first marriage Mr. Lepley had three sons: John, who lives in the borough of Shamokin, this county; Samuel, who died at the age of thirty-five years; and Thomas, who lives in Snyder county, three miles from Winfield, Pennsylvania.

Isaac Lepley has followed farming all his life, having assisted his father during his early life and later worked for others until able to begin on his own account, which he did in 1892. In the spring of that year he settled on what was formerly the Emerich farm in Rockefeller township, which he had purchased shortly before, and which contained 110 acres. After living there for ten years he sold the place to Edw. Campbell, and for several years lived in the Irish Valley, until he moved to his present tract in Lower Augusta township, a place of sixty-seven acres which he purchased from Franklin Gonsor. He is a reliable and valuable citizen, and universally respected.

In December, 1894, Mr. Lepley married Dora Van Horn, daughter of Pierce Van Horn, of Irish Valley, in Shamokin township, and they have two sons, William P. and Edwin O. Mr. Lepley and his family are Lutherans. In politics he is a Democrat.



JESSE CABEL, farmer of Ralpho township, belongs to a respected family of that section of Northumberland county. The Cabels are of German extraction. Joseph Cabel, his grandfather, was extensively engaged in farming in Jackson township, this county, and in his later years went West, where he died about 1865. His children were: Daniel, Abraham, Christian, Eliza, Wilhelmina and Elizabeth.

Christian Cabel, son of Joseph, first followed farming, but he was a man of mechanical ability and learned the trades of shoemaker, stonemason and clockmaker, at all of which he worked. Coming to Ralpho township he took up about twelve hundred acres of land, making his home near Weigh Scales, and following farming and clock-making. He sold one tract to Charles Snyder. He met his death in 1869, when about forty-nine years old, along the pike between Schuylkill Haven and Orwigsburg Landing, and is buried at the Blue church in Ralpho township. His wife, Sarah (Hensyl), was a daughter of George Hensyl, who lived in Mahanoy township, this county. They had a large family, namely: Harriet is unmarried; Caroline married Isaac Haas and (second) George Hartline; Eliza married Isaac Hill; Kate married John Hoffman; Sarah married Hugh Campbell; Mary married James Adams; Susan married Adolph Walbridge; Annie married Joseph Dunkelberger; John died in Mifflin county, Pa.; Albert is a resident of Pottsville, Pa., where he is engaged in business as a druggist; Jesse completes the family.

Jesse Cabel was born in Ralpho township April 1, 1848, and was reared to agricultural pursuits on the home place, working out among farmers for a time after commencing on his own account. He then found employment doing repair work for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and spent five years in the shops at Shamokin. In 1870 he located at Weigh Scales, buying a small tract of land there from Mrs. Mary J. Snyder, and there he has since followed farming, also doing considerable work for the township. He is an honorable man, and highly respected in his neighborhood for his straightforward, industrious life.

Mr. Cabel married Lucinda Adams, daughter of Benjamin and Mary M. (Pensyl) Adams, and they have had children as follows: Franklin E. and Edward E., twins, both deceased; William, who was accidentally killed at Irish Valley when fifteen years old, while hunting; Millard, a barber by trade, who lives at home; John, at home; and Caroline, who is engaged as a stenographer in Philadelphia. Mr. Cabel is a member of the Blue Church, and he formerly belonged to the I. O. O. F. He votes independently, supporting the best candidates, regardless of party.

Cabel station, on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, was named after Christian Cabel, father

of Jesse Cabel, and Cabel post office, at Weigh Scales, was also named for the family.

A. MILTON DELCAMP is proprietor of the "Locust Mountain House" at Mount Carmel, having one of the oldest and best established hotel stands in that vicinity. He took charge of this place in June, 1906, and has done a thriving business, his management having proved a success from the start. Mr. Delcamp has passed all his life at Mount Carmel, having been born there Nov. 9, 1870, son of Daniel Delcamp.

The Delcamp family is of French origin and the name was formerly spelled De La Camp. Mr. Delcamp's great-great-grandfather came to this country from France in 1753, settling in Philadelphia. His son Peter, the great-grandfather of A. Milton Delcamp, settled at Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he died at an advanced age. He was a farmer by occupation. His children were William, Philip, Peter, John, and one son who settled in Ohio.

William Delcamp, son of Peter, was born in 1803 at Minersville, and died in 1869 at Llewellyn, Schuylkill county. He was a blacksmith by trade, and followed that calling for many years, also engaging in farming. He married Rebecca Faust, who died at Mount Carmel and is buried in Alaska cemetery, and they had a family of six children: Eli, Matilda, Anetta, Joseph, Daniel and William. Three of the sons served in the Civil war, namely: William was a member of Company A, 50th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was killed at the battle of the Wilderness. Joseph also served as a member of the same company and regiment. Daniel enlisted in the same command (Company A, 50th Regiment) in February, 1864, from Pottsville, and served seventeen months, until after the close of the war; he was wounded in the left cheek and still carries the mark.

Daniel Delcamp, son of William, was born Nov. 2, 1837, in Branch township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and has lived in Mount Carmel since 1867. He followed mining for a period of fifty-one years, retiring in 1910. By his first wife, Bella Klinger, who died in 1872, Mr. Delcamp had two children, William and A. Milton. His second marriage was to Sarah Eisenbach, daughter of George Eisenbach, and eleven children have been born to this union: Charles, Matilda (married John Morgan), Edward, Elmer, Maude (deceased), George, Ida, Irene (deceased), Robert, Raymond and Flossie.

A. Milton Delcamp received his education in the public schools of Mount Carmel. He began work as a slate picker, being thus employed for two years, after which he was engaged at selling milk, for five years. He then attended school again for one term, following which he was employed by William Klees, in the butcher business, for three years, and later became a bar clerk. In



February, 1900, he entered the employ of I. K. Wetzel, and in June, 1906, took charge of the "Locust Mountain House" as proprietor. The hotel has twenty-seven rooms, and is conveniently equipped. Mr. Delcamp is well fitted for the hotel business, having the faculty of making his guests comfortable and well satisfied with the service they receive and an obliging disposition which not only meets but anticipates the demands of his patrons. He does a profitable business and deserves the success he has won.

Mr. Delcamp is well known in the local social organizations, belonging to the P. O. S. of A., the Sons of Veterans, the Elks, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Anthracite Fire Company. Politically he does not adhere to the principles of any one party, voting independently, and his hotel is the voting place of the 1st precinct of the Third ward.

On Aug. 7, 1904, Mr. Delcamp married Hetty Grove, daughter of John and Elizabeth Grove, of Mount Carmel, and they have had two children, Dorothy and Sarah.

EDGAR B. HUME, senior member of the firm of Hume & Shipe, who are engaged in business at Sunbury as dealers in automobiles, and also conduct an automobile repair establishment, is a thoroughly enterprising business man, and well fitted by his familiarity with modern machinery for the line in which he is at present interested.

Mr. Hume was born Aug. 19, 1876, in Cincinnati, Ohio, of which city his father, G. W. Hume, is also a native. He received his early education in the public schools of his native city and later attended the Ohio Wesleyan University, of Delaware, Ohio, after which he took up mechanical work. He learned the machinist's trade at Columbus, Ohio, with the Jeffrey Manufacturing Company, remaining at the plant of that corporation for five years and during that time working in every department except the drafting department. His next employment was at Portsmouth, Ohio, where he was engaged in the Portsmouth Foundry & Machine Works a short time. For the next three years he was with the Friedman Brothers Shoe Company, at St. Louis, Mo., having charge of the mechanical end of their large establishment, and at the end of that time returned to his native city, where he gained his first experience in the automobile business. He and a partner opened an auto repair shop, which they conducted successfully for two years, following which Mr. Hume accepted a position as traveling salesman with the Union Special Machine Company, of No. 731 Arch street, Philadelphia, being thus engaged for six years. He afterward held a similar position with the United Shoe Machinery Company, of No. 415 Arch street, Phila-

delphia, traveling from Boston to Winston Salem, N. C., where there is a thriving Moravian settlement; he had the novel experience of visiting a community where people never lock their doors at night, where there is no jail, no courthouse, no postoffice, and no need for any of the precautions ordinarily taken in well settled places. In May, 1907, Mr. Hume came to Sunbury, where he formed his present partnership with Harry P. Shipe. Their establishment is at No. 132 South Front street, where they occupy a new two-story building, 40 by 60 feet in dimensions. They handle the Buick, Maxwell and Matheson cars, and do an extensive repair business, employing six men regularly. Mr. Hume is a member of Lodge No. 4, Knights of Pythias, at Columbus, Ohio; of B. P. O. Elks Lodge, No. 267, Sunbury; and of the Sunbury Automobile Club.

HARRY P. SHIPE, junior member of the firm of Hume & Shipe, is a native of Sunbury and has passed all his life in that borough. He belongs to the family of Shipes numerous in Upper and Lower Augusta townships, in Northumberland county, being a grandson of Moses Shipe, who resides at No. 907 East Market street, Sunbury.

Isaac P. Shipe, son of Moses, was born in Northumberland county, and died at Sunbury July 8, 1893, at the early age of twenty-eight years. He passed all his life in Sunbury, and at the time of his death was engaged as a fireman on the Northern Central railroad; he was a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen. He married Catharine Greenough Bright, daughter of S. P. Bright, of Sunbury, and to this union were born four children: Mabel V., now the wife of Charles E. Dalzell, of Sunbury; Harry P.; Annie Isabelle, married to Edward Roberts, of Sunbury; and Earl H., of Sunbury. Mrs. Shipe married for her second husband J. L. Golden, and they make their home in Sunbury.

Harry P. Shipe was born in Sunbury July 9, 1885, and there received his education in the public schools, graduating from the high school in the class of 1903. For the next two years he was employed as clerk by the Pennsylvania Railway Company, and then for three years was in the employ of the United Telephone Company at Sunbury. At the end of that time he became associated with Mr. Hume in their present business, to which he gives all his time. He is well known to be industrious and ambitious, and has done his share toward making a success of the venture. Mr. Shipe is well known socially, holding membership in Maclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M., Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M., Mount Hermon Commandery, No. 85, K. T., and in the Temple and Americus Clubs, both of Sunbury. He belongs to the Lutheran Church.

**BOHNER.** The Bohner family has long been a numerous and prosperous race in the lower part of Northumberland county, where Nicholas Bohner, its founder here, settled in the latter part of the eighteenth century. He was one of the Hessian soldiers who came to America during the Revolutionary war and remained here after the struggle for independence was over. We give the record of his posterity in chronological order.

(I) Nicholas Bohner was born Jan. 18, 1754. He first located in Pennsylvania near Womelsdorf, in Heidelberg township, Berks county. Thence he moved to Lebanon county, near Fredericksburg, and from there to the Lykens Valley, in Dauphin county, near Gratz. He lived there some years on a tract of land in Lykens township later owned by a Klinger, and then removed to what is now Jordan township, in Northumberland county, when he bought a tract of land which remained in the family name to the third generation, until it passed into the possession of one Samuel Bower; part of it is now owned by Emanuel Shoop, and part by Daniel K. Schlegel. Nicholas Bohner followed farming to the end of his days. He was a tall, erect and handsome man, the ideal of a soldier. He died Feb. 5, 1824, and is buried at Zion's Church, in Stone Valley, where his wife also rests. He was a member of the Reformed Church.

While living in Lebanon county Nicholas Bohner married Margaret Stahr, born Feb. 26, 1754, who died Aug. 13, 1831. To them were born four sons and one daughter, the sons being Jacob, Henry, Frederick and John. The daughter was married to a Stump in Northumberland county, but she and her husband left Pennsylvania, settling in Ohio.

(II) Jacob Bohner, son of Nicholas, was born Nov. 8, 1783, in the Lykens Valley. He followed farming and became very successful, owning three good farms. For some years he lived on a farm about two miles west of Hebe, and he was a Reformed member of the Hebe Church, where he is buried. He died Dec. 20, 1863. His wife, Catharine (Deibler), daughter of Mathias Deibler, was born May 16, 1789, and died Sept. 27, 1855. They were the parents of twelve children: Jacob, Jonathan, John, Abraham, Daniel, David, George, Matthias, Michael D., Elizabeth, Eve and Polly.

(III) Michael D. Bohner, son of Jacob, was born in Jordan township Nov. 15, 1833. He was reared to farming and also learned the saddler's trade, commencing his apprenticeship when he was fifteen and following that calling for forty years in all. He now lives on a tract of twenty-nine acres in Lower Mahanoy township. Mr. Bohner has taken some interest and part in local affairs as an adherent of the Democratic party, and has served the party as precinct officer and his township as school director and supervisor. In religion he is

a member of the Reformed Church. Mr. Bohner married Catharine Rubendall, daughter of Abraham and Molly (Carl) Rubendall, and they have had the following children: Amelia J., Jacob M., Sivilla, Polly Q., Franklin, Lizzie and Catharine.

(II) Henry Bohner, son of Nicholas, remained on the homestead and followed farming. He was twice married, and by his first wife, whose maiden name was Brosius, had children: Peter, Jacob, Henry, Nicholas, Catharine (married Michael Spotts), Elizabeth (married Isaac Heim), Rebecca (married Michael Schaffer) and Mrs. Jacob Miller (who had three sons and one daughter, Mary). Henry Bohner's second wife was Rebecca Troutman, who bore him two children, William and Sarah. (Among the Bohners in the Pillow cemetery is Mary, wife of Henry Bohner, born Nov. 17, 1790, died June 3, 1830.)

(III) Jacob Bohner, son of Henry and grandson of Nicholas, was born in the Mahantango Valley, in Jordan township, Northumberland county, Dec. 3, 1815, and died on his birthday, Dec. 3, 1896, aged eighty-one years. He and his wife are buried in the Pillow cemetery, Uniontown. He lived two miles south of his father's homestead, on the line of Mifflin and Lykens townships, in Dauphin county, the township line passing through his house. When he built a new house, however, he located it in Mifflin township, where he voted and where his children went to school. In addition to farming he operated a sawmill, running what was known as Bohner's sawmill in Mifflin township for nearly forty years. His first mill, an old-fashioned structure, he replaced with a new one, which was washed away by the flood. His farm comprised 130 acres. He was a man not only well known but highly respected, and was an active member of the Reformed congregation of the church at Uniontown, serving as deacon and elder.

Jacob Bohner married Salome Reitz, who was born April 10, 1822, daughter of Peter Reitz, and died Nov. 9, 1890. Twelve children were born to them, viz.: Henry, Louisa, Elias (died young), Joel (died young), David, John, Cornelius (died young), Sarah, Mary J. (died young), Jacob M., Peter Morris (died young) and Edwin D.

(IV) DAVID BOHNER, son of Jacob, was born Sept. 18, 1849, in Lykens township, Dauphin county, and was reared to farm life. When he left home he engaged in the cotton lapping and feed business in Mifflin township, following that line for eleven years in all—the cotton business for seven years, adding the feed business the last four years. Coming to Lower Mahanoy township in 1881 he purchased a 124-acre farm, a Grim homestead, which he bought from the Harris estate. It is located one mile southeast of Hickory



Corners, and here he has ever since been engaged in farming.

While living in Dauphin county Mr. Bohner took considerable interest in public affairs and held local offices, serving Uniontown borough, where he lived for eleven and a half years before he moved to his present farm, as member of the town council. He is a Democrat in political opinion. He and his family are Reformed members of Stone Valley (Zion's) Church, where he served a number of years as an officer, being deacon, elder and trustee.

In 1870 Mr. Bohner married Harriet Latsha, daughter of Henry Latsha, and they have had four children: Henry M. is a farmer in Lower Mahanoy; Mary J. married David G. Bohner; Salome married Charles M. Masser; Laura R. married C. O. Schaffer.

(IV) EDWIN D. BOHNER, son of Jacob, was born Oct. 10, 1867. He received his education in the public schools and was reared to farming, working for his parents until he reached the age of twenty-three years. He then found employment working around a coal breaker, and for five years fired at a breaker in Northumberland county, in the spring of 1899 moving to his present place, a tract of ninety-two acres in Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, on the south side of Line Mountain near the Schuylkill county line. This farm was formerly owned by Rev. H. Weickel, and in the earlier days was a Yoder homestead. Mr. Bohner moved to this place March 28, 1899, and has been farming there ever since, selling his products at Shamokin. He is a butcher, and follows that trade in connection with his agricultural work.

On Oct. 15, 1892, Mr. Bohner married Annie Reed, daughter of Daniel and Susan (Heckert) Reed, and they have had three children, Goldie, Kimber and Emerson. Mr. Bohner and his family worship at Jacob's Church, belonging to the Reformed congregation, which he served as deacon. He is a Democrat in politics.

(II) Frederick Bohner, son of Nicholas, born June 20, 1790, died March 12, 1831. He settled near Uniontown, in Jordan township, and was a substantial and prosperous citizen, owning and cultivating a large farm, a part of the homestead. He has descendants living in Jordan and Lower Mahanoy townships; one of his grandsons, Rev. Benjamin Bohner, of Allentown, Pa., is a foremost minister of the Evangelical Association, having served as presiding elder. Frederick Bohner was held in the highest repute. He was one of the founders of the Evangelical Church in Uniontown. He married Eve Brosius, born July 2, 1792, died May 27, 1872, and they are buried in Bohner's Union cemetery, near Uniontown. They were the parents of five children: Daniel

married Julianna Mease (Measy); Lydia married Rev. Mr. Anspach; Sallie married a Wildermuth; Rebecca married Moses Troutman; Phoebe married a Mr. Mease.

(III) Daniel Bohner, son of Frederick, lived near Uniontown, on the hill to the north, part of his homestead being the farm of Daniel K. Schlegel. He acquired a substantial property, but lost heavily in the U. B. graveyard insurance venture. A man of strong intelligence and remarkable foresight, he was a leader in his community in many ways. Converted at his home during the thirties, under Bishop Seibert, then a presiding elder of the Evangelical Association, he was one of the founders of the church of that denomination at Uniontown and one of the most zealous and effective advocates of the doctrines of that sect in his vicinity, doing much for its advancement. He helped to erect the first Evangelical church at Uniontown, giving liberally not only of money but of lumber and other material, doing considerable hauling, boarding the help, etc. He held many offices in the church and to the end of his days was an ardent Christian, a truly spiritual man. The camp meetings were held in his grove, and through his zealous efforts many members were brought into the church. He served as lay delegate to many church conferences, and to the general conference. He was a devout student of the Bible. Mr. Bohner died March 29, 1904, at the advanced age of ninety-one years, ten months, seven days. He was always a strong man physically, short but broad shouldered and heavy set, and had a full face. In 1874 he built a large vault in Bohner's Union cemetery, near Pillow, and about twenty years before his death had a steel coffin made for himself and wife, Julianna Measy (Mease), who passed away Dec. 8, 1898, aged eighty-one years, eight months, thirteen days. They had children as follows: Emanuel, Rev. Benjamin (married and had three children, Osby, Harvey and Emma), Henry, Daniel M., Phoebe (married William Spotts, and lived in Kansas), Annie, Mary (known as Polly, died unmarried), Sarah (married Jeremiah Weaver) and Emma (married Simon Eyer, of New Jersey).

(IV) Emanuel Bohner, son of Daniel, was born in Jackson township, Northumberland county, and died in that township, Jan. 18, 1904, aged sixty-eight years, four days. His wife, Mary Ann Matter, died Feb. 9, 1904, aged sixty-two years, nine months, fifteen days. They are buried in the Union cemetery mentioned above. Mr. Bohner owned one of the old homesteads, as well as the farm now owned by his son Elmer in Jackson township. He was active in church life, as a member of the Evangelical Association, in which he served as classleader and exhorter. He went with the Dubb side upon the division of the church, was subsequently conference delegate, and was



ever a beloved member of the church. He and his aged father lived together in their declining years and it is a somewhat remarkable fact that he died Jan. 18th, his wife on Feb. 9th and the aged father March 29th, all in 1904. Adam Romberger, a son-in-law of Daniel Bohner, died only four weeks before Emanuel. Emanuel Bohner's children were: Nathaniel, who is a farmer of Jackson township; Adam Elmer; Daniel W., who died in his ninth year; Benjamin; Alice, married to Jere Walborn; Annie Jane, married to James Farly; Annie, married to Frank Forney; and Katie, unmarried, who lives in Millersburg.

(II) John Bohner, son of Nicholas, was born Sept. 1, 1792, in the Mahantango Valley in upper Dauphin county, and lived in Jackson (then Mahanoy) township, being the first of the name to own the Bohner farm at Mahanoy. The tract comprises 140 acres, located a quarter of a mile south of Mahanoy, and has been in the family name for nearly one hundred years. The house is an old landmark, the old part, which is built of logs, being more than a hundred years old. Mr. Bohner was a stonemason, and followed that trade most of the time, his children conducting the farm. His work as a mason took him to Phoenixville and into Berks, Lebanon and other counties toward Philadelphia, and he had large contracts in the building of the Schuylkill canal. He died June 7, 1880, and is buried at Mahanoy (St. Peter's) Church, of which he was an official member.

John Bohner's wife, Maria (Delp), born Nov. 5, 1789, died Dec. 1, 1868. Their children, all born at the homestead above mentioned, were Peter, Daniel, David, Simon (born 1822), John (who lives near Snyderstown, Shamokin township), Benjamin (now living in Shamokin township, Northumberland county), Elizabeth (the eldest of the family, married Daniel Hilbush), Susanna (married Peter Schlegel), Maricha (married Peter Thomas), Catharine (married Adam Ferster) and Dinah (married Daniel Shreffler). The only survivors of this large family are John and Benjamin.

(III) David Bohner, son of John, lived in Jackson township, where he was engaged as a farmer, miller and shoemaker. For a number of years he owned and operated what is known as the "Holshue" mill. He is buried at Peiffers Church at Mandata, Northumberland county. He and his wife Catharine (Garman) had a family of eight children, three of whom died in infancy, the others being: Henry, Elias, Mary, John and David G.

(IV) David G. Bohner, son of David, was born Nov. 10, 1873, and is at present engaged in farming with his father-in-law. He married Mary J. Bohner, daughter of (IV) David Bohner, of another branch of the family, and they have had two children, Leo F. and Ralph R.

(III) Peter Bohner, son of John, was born Oct. 28, 1817, on the homestead in what was then Mahanoy (now Jackson) township. He spent his entire life on that farm, and, as previously related, his father was away from home so much of the time following his trade that Peter looked after the farm work. Thus it came about that by the time he was seventeen he was doing the work of a mature man. Until his father retired he farmed the place on shares, and it eventually came into his possession. It is still in the Bohner name, being owned by his son John. In 1870 Peter Bohner built the present barn on the place, a structure 85 by 40 feet originally, with a 14-foot addition used as a wagon shed. He was a large, strong man, weighing over two hundred pounds, and carried his responsibilities easily. He was well known in Jackson township, where he served as supervisor (many years) and assessor, was a Democrat in political matters and in religion a Reformed member of St. Peter's Church at Mahanoy, where he is buried. He was a prominent worker in that congregation, which he served as deacon, elder and trustee, was liberal in his support of church work and consistent in his life. He was baptized by Nicholas Hembing and catechised at St. Peter's Church, Mahanoy, being confirmed by Rev. Benjamin Boyer, May 30, 1835. He died in April, 1901.

Peter Bohner was twice married, the first time Aug. 23, 1842, to Catharine Rebuck, daughter of Peter Rebuck; she was born April 2, 1822, and died March 3, 1861. She is buried beside her husband at St. Peter's Church. To this union were born twelve children, namely: Noah R. is mentioned below; a daughter, twin of Noah, died in infancy; Susan married Elias Tressler, of Mahanoy; Joel is a resident of Northumberland county, near Kline's Grove; Harriet married William Terster (who is now deceased) and they lived in Washington township, Northumberland county; Cornelius lived in Lower Augusta township; Lavina married Albert Bressler and lived in Hegins, Schuylkill county; John R. is mentioned below; Peter is a resident of Jackson township; Catharine (twin of Peter) married Levi Bohner (a distant relative); George lives in Shamokin; Daniel died young.

For his second wife Peter Bohner married June 19, 1864, Susanna (Shaffer), daughter of Peter and Mary Magd. (Brown) Shaffer and widow of Jacob Lahr, and to this marriage was born one son, William S., who is mentioned below. Mrs. Bohner was first married, April 23, 1843, to Jacob Lahr, and they had eight children (seven sons and one daughter), viz.: Josiah, Wilhelmina, Israel, Daniel, and four who died young. Daniel is the only survivor. Mrs. Bohner's maternal grandfather, Michael Brown, born March 30, 1770, came from Berks county; he died May 9, 1851.

His wife, born Sept. 16, 1772, died Feb. 18, 1811. They were married April 19, 1795, and had a family of nine children, Mary Magd. (Polly), mother of Mrs. Bohner, being born Jan. 19, 1798; she died May 21, 1861.

(IV) NOAH R. BOHNER, son of Peter, was born May 10, 1844, on the homestead in Jackson township, and was there reared, during his boyhood attending the old-fashioned pay school at Mahanoy. After working as hired man away from home one year he returned to his father, working for him and in the neighborhood until 1868. He had married the previous year, and he then removed to Lower Mahanoy township, where he farmed as a tenant for six years before settling on his present place, in that township, in 1874. He owns the old John Dockey homestead of eighty-five acres, and has prospered well, being one of the substantial citizens of his section. The barn on this place was built about 1832, and the log house is even older, having been built by Mr. Dockey in 1807; it was the second house erected on the farm.

On Oct. 13, 1867, Mr. Bohner married Mary Troutman, daughter of Moses Troutman, and they have had the following children: Adam F., of Uniontown, Pa.; Harvey E., of Millersburg, Pa.; Rev. Jonathan, a minister of the East Pennsylvania Conference of the United Evangelical Church, who was first stationed at Boyertown, later at South Allentown and Palmyra, and is now at East Greenville (he married Mary Lyte, of Dauphin, on the Susquehanna river, and they have had five children, Ruth, Mabel, Emma, John and Paul); Charles G., of Lower Mahanoy township; Harry P., of Pillow, Pa.; Noah Carnie, of Millersburg, Pa.; David Lloyd, who is at home with his parents; and Mary Mabel, also at home.

Mr. Bohner and his family are members of the United Evangelical Church at Uniontown, in which he has been a very prominent worker, having served as class leader, exhorter, trustee, and steward for a number of years. He was a delegate to the annual conference which met at Easton, Pa. He is an independent voter on political questions, and though not active ordinarily in public matters has served as school director.

(IV) JOHN R. BOHNER, son of Peter, was born on the homestead farm in Jackson township May 14, 1854. He began his education in the old subscription schools, and then for four winters attended the free schools. He was reared to farming, and in 1881 began operating the home place, which came into his name in 1902. He continued to cultivate it successfully until 1907; when he retired from its active care, his sons succeeding him. Mr. Bohner has been quite active in the local civil administration, having served as auditor, supervisor and school director; he held the latter office six years, refusing a renomination. In political opinion he is a Democrat. He has also

been active in St. Peter's Church, of which he was a Reformed member, serving as deacon for three years and as trustee nine years.

On Dec. 1, 1882, Mr. Bohner married Alice Tyson, daughter of Jesse and Lydia (Greisher) Tyson, the former of whom was a soldier in the Civil war and disappeared after that struggle. Mrs. Bohner died Dec. 1, 1894, on the twelfth anniversary of her marriage, at the age of thirty-four years, six months. She was the mother of six children, two of whom died in infancy, the others being: Elijah married Amelia Lahr and they live with his father; Mary married Benjamin Neihart and lives at Trevorton, Pa.; Lydia married Henry Foster Rhoads and they live with her father; Jesiah is unmarried.

(IV) WILLIAM S. BOHNER, youngest son of Peter, was born May 1, 1865, at Mahanoy, and spent his early years at farm work. When sixteen years old, in 1881, he went to learn the carpenter's trade, which he followed for fifteen years in his native district and at Shamokin, where he worked some years. He lived at Shamokin for three years during this period, and in that time built two houses which he sold. He was engaged at his trade four years as foreman. Beginning farming at Mahanoy he cultivated what is locally known at the "Bunker Hill" farm for thirteen years. On Feb. 22, 1904, he came to Lower Augusta township, where he bought what was known as the James Caldren farm, consisting of 104 acres, where he has since lived and farmed. He has prospered, and has made a number of improvements on the place, which shows many evidences of his enterprise and thrift.

On Sept. 17, 1887, Mr. Bohner married, at Mahanoy, Lillie L. Bohner, daughter of Michael D. Bohner, of what was then Jackson (now Lower Mahanoy) township. Five children have been born to this union: Hannah M. married George Starr and lives at Herndon; Ida I., Lillie Agnes, Nora E. and Stella May are at home. Mr. Bohner and his family attend the Methodist Church, but he is not sectarian on religious questions.

JEREMIAH PEIFER, a venerable farmer of Jordan township, located at Hebe, belongs to a family which was identified with Berks county in the early days of the State, and the branch in which we are interested has been established in Northumberland county for several generations.

There was a Michael Peiffer who died in Greenwich township, Berks county, early in March, 1807, his "beloved wife Elizabeth" and son John being the executors of his will, which was made Nov. 17, 1806. It is recorded in Will Book IV, page 413. His children were: John, Michael, Daniel, Christiana and Elizabeth. It is supposed the son John was the pioneer in this region, founding the Peifer family now so numerous and credit-



ably represented in Jordan township and vicinity.

John Peifer (or Peiffer) was born in Berks county, and came from Greenwich or Marion township to what was then Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, in 1815, acquiring ownership of four hundred acres of land in the territory now embraced in Jackson township. He is buried at the Mahanoy (St. Peter's) Church. His children were: John, who settled in Little Mahanoy township; Peter, who had no children; Michael, who is mentioned below; Henry, who is mentioned below; and Philip, who left this county, though his location is not known.

Michael Peifer, son of John, was born in Berks county, and passed the greater part of his life in Northumberland county, where he died at the age of seventy-six years. He is buried at Zartman's United Evangelical Church. A farmer by occupation, he began for himself near Herndon, in Jackson township, where he lived for some years, after which he bought the property now owned by Daniel Brower, cultivating this land until his death. His wife Barbara also died on this farm. She was a daughter of Michael Bordner, of Berrysburg, in the Lykens Valley, and was Michael Peifer's second wife. By his first marriage he was the father of eleven children: Isaac, Benjamin, Daniel, Lydia, Sally, Harriet, Polly, and four who died young. To the second union were born five: Jeremiah; Elias, deceased; Henry, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Lovina, wife of Jacob Heim, of Swabian Valley; and Eliza, widow of Israel Carl, now living in Tower City, Pennsylvania.

Jeremiah Peifer was born May 9, 1836, in Jackson township, on the farm now owned by the widow of Galen Smith, one time county treasurer. He was reared on the farm now owned by Daniel Brower, and became accustomed to farm work from his early boyhood, working for his parents until he reached the age of twenty-two years. His educational advantages were limited, for instead of attending school in the winter, as many of the boys who had to help with the work in summer did, he assisted with the threshing, which was then accomplished by riding the horses over the grain spread on the barn floor. After leaving home he hired out to do farm work for several years, and for three years devoted himself exclusively to his trade, that of carpenter. After his marriage he came to his present location at Hebe, purchasing the Solomon Schmeltz homestead, which contains forty acres of cleared land and ten acres of woodland. This is a most desirable property, and practically all the improvements have been made during Mr. Peifer's ownership, he having erected all the buildings. He is a substantial and useful citizen, highly esteemed by his neighbors, and he and his family are members of Troutman's United Evangelical Church at Union-

town (Pillow). In political belief he is a Republican.

In 1872 Mr. Peifer married Ellemina Troutman, daughter of John and Harriet (Leshner) Troutman, and they have had three children: Lillie Jane married Irwin Bowman and they live at Hebe; Lizzie Alice married James Schlegel and their home is in Jordan township; John married Blanche Bush and they live with his father (they have one child, Fred).

Henry Peifer, son of John, was born about 1806 in either Greenwich or Marion township, Berks county. When he was nine years old his parents moved to what is now Jackson township, and there he grew up, being trained to farming from early boyhood. After his father's death the homestead came into his possession, and he was a well known and much respected man in his locality. He had received a good German education and wrote German well. He was a prominent member of the Reformed congregation of Mahanoy (St. Peter's) Church, also known locally as Krebs Church, and held the office of elder for many years. On political questions he was a Republican. To him and his wife Sallie (Zartman), daughter of John Zartman, were born the following children: Sarah married George Witmer; Elias died at Berrysburg, Pa.; Polly married Jacob Still and they purchased part of the Peifer homestead, on which they lived; Peggy married Jacob Witmer and they moved to Iowa, where they died; Isaac lives at Milton, Iowa, a retired farmer; Benjamin is mentioned below; Mary died unmarried; Henry lives at Dalmatia, Northumberland county (he has a family of seventeen children); Catharine: Daniel is a resident of Jackson township.

Benjamin Peifer, son of Henry, received his education in the subscription schools which were the only local institutions of learning during his boyhood. In 1880 he began farming for himself as a tenant in Lower Mahanoy township, living there three years and thence moving to Jackson township. In the spring of 1887 he settled on the homestead, where he farmed for the next twenty years, and he has since rented the place to his son George. He bought the property in the fall of 1886, and found it a valuable holding. It consists of about two hundred acres of good land. In the spring of 1908 Mr. Peifer bought a nice home at Mandata to which he moved with his family, and he is now living retired from arduous labor, enjoying the rewards of his long years of activity. Though he always devoted himself for the most part to his work he found time for useful citizenship, serving five years as school director in Jackson township, and for a number of years he has been prominent as a member and official in the United Evangelical Church at Mandata called



Peifer's Church, to which his family also belong. His father, Henry Peifer, gave the ground upon which the church stands, and also the lumber to build it. Benjamin Peifer is still serving as steward of this church, which office he has held for a number of years. Politically he is a Republican.

Mr. Peifer married Hettie Wolf, daughter of Jacob and Eve (Engel) Wolf, and she died at the age of twenty-two years, leaving one child, William, who now lives at Williamstown, Pa. On Dec. 26, 1874, Mr. Peifer married (second) Mary Jane Stepp, daughter of Bastian and Elizabeth (Maxwell) Stepp, of Lower Mahanoy township, and granddaughter of John and Rebecca (Bordner) Stepp and (maternally) of Thomas Maxwell, a native of England. Mr. and Mrs. Peifer have five sons and two daughters: Charles, married to Annie Gordon; George, married to Ida Shiffer; Jennie, married to William Michael; John; Harvey; Carrie, and Ammon.

Daniel Peifer, son of Henry, is a farmer of Jackson township, where he was born on the homestead July 2, 1850. He first attended the subscription schools, later the free schools, having the advantages of two terms in the free schools in Lower Mahanoy township. Farm work has always been his vocation. In 1876 he began for himself on the homestead in Jackson township, where he continued for eleven years, in 1887 moving upon his present farm, which was the John Carl homestead. The tract contains thirty-three acres lying between Herndon, Mandata and Mahanoy, and John Carl conducted a store here for many years. Mr. Peifer is a Republican, for four years was a school director of the township, and for a number of years has been active in the work of Peifer's United Evangelical Church, of which he has been a useful member. He has served as trustee and steward, and since 1902 as exhorter. His family also belong to that church.

On Jan. 20, 1877, Mr. Peifer married Abbie E. Snyder, of Vera Cruz, daughter of the late David Snyder (whose wife was a Lebo), and they have had three children: Laura, who married Frank Bohner, of Sunbury, Pa.; Harry L., and Eugene D.

There was a John Peifer who came from Berks county to Northumberland in his early manhood, settling near Mandata, in Jackson township, where he farmed for some years before moving to Little Mahanoy, where he was a tenant on the farm now owned by his grandson, George C. Peifer. He was born Feb. 27, 1784, and died Sept. 17, 1859, and is buried at Little Mahanoy Church. His wife, Elizabeth (Miller), born Sept. 26, 1786, died April 6, 1855. Their children were: Jonas, who died at Trevorton; George; Peter, who died at Little Mahanoy; John, who died in Iowa; Elias;

Benjamin, who died at Trevorton; Sallie, Mrs. Ferster; Molly, Mrs. Jerre Wetzel; Peggy, who died unmarried; and Betzy, Mrs. James Wetzel.

George Peifer, son of John, was born Dec. 12, 1812, in Jackson township, and died June 22, 1894, in Little Mahanoy township, aged eighty-one years, six months, eleven days. He had moved to that township with his parents when a young man, married there and followed farming all his life, becoming prosperous through the exercise of industry and thrift. He owned the farm now belonging to his son George C., and also had a tract of seventy-five acres in the Mahantango Valley, in Mahantango township, Schuylkill county, the old homestead of Sebastian Zimmerman, his father-in-law. Though busily engaged in looking after his own affairs he found time to serve the community, holding the offices of supervisor and treasurer of his township, and he was a deacon for many years of the Little Mahanoy Church, where he belonged to the Reformed congregation. His wife, Catharine, was a Lutheran member of that church, and they are buried there. She was born March 1, 1819, daughter of Sebastian and Elizabeth (Klock) Zimmerman, and died Aug. 26, 1905, at the advanced age of eighty-six. The children of this union were as follows: Hettie, born in 1840, married Simon Dunkelberger; Catharine, born in 1842, married J. D. Reitz; Peter is a resident of Sunbury; Sarah married Daniel Reitz; Lovina married Isaac Swinehart; Lenah married D. M. Zartman; George C. is mentioned below; Harriet married William Hetrich; Benjamin lives in Little Mahanoy; Lizzie married Edwin Hetrich, brother of William; Tilila married Benjamin Shaffer; Miranda married William Reitz.

George C. Peifer, a farmer on the south side of the Mahanoy creek, in Little Mahanoy township, was born in that township March 1, 1851, and has lived at his present home since 1854. The only schools in the neighborhood were then subscription schools, and he enjoyed the advantages they afforded. Working for his father until he reached the age of twenty-eight years, he subsequently farmed the place on shares until 1894, when he began cultivating it for himself, and he has done very well. The property contains 105 acres of good level land, all on the south side of the creek. This farm belonged to one Miller, later to a Herb, afterward to Jacob Rein, from whom George Miller purchased it in 1848, since which time it has remained in the Peifer name. The present set of buildings were constructed by the Peifers, the barn being built by George Peifer in 1855. In 1854 he built a substantial brick house, which was destroyed by lightning July 17, 1902, the present owner rebuilding the same year. Mr. Peifer has taken some part in local public affairs, having served as supervisor and treasurer of his township. On Nov. 5, 1879, he married Mary J. Zartman,

daughter of Abraham Zartman, and they became the parents of eight children: Stella, wife of Elsworth Leader; Amanda, Mrs. H. H. Hoffman; Irwin, who married Ada Deppen; Emma, Mrs. Elias E. Peifer; Agnes, who died aged ten years; Landis, who died aged three years; Daniel, and Calvin. Mr. Peifer and his family are Reformed members of the Little Mahanoy Church. He is a Democrat on political questions.

Elias Peifer, another son of John and Elizabeth (Miller) Peifer, was born July 20, 1820, in Little Mahanoy township, where he died March 15, 1905. He was a farmer, living at what is now the home of his son Joseph R. Peifer, and on that property he built the present barn in about 1850 and the house in 1860. This farm, which was formerly the Michael Wagner place, contains forty-eight acres of cleared land. Mr. Peifer was a Democrat, and served some years as township supervisor. He married Molly Raker, who was born July 11, 1819, daughter of Conrad Raker, and died Jan. 13, 1883, and seven children were born to them, two dying in infancy. The others were: Harriet married Henry Dunkelberger; Isaac is a resident of Sunbury; Lucinda married Albert Faswold; Alice married Wash. Zimmerman; Joseph R. is a resident of Little Mahanoy township. Mr. Peifer and his family were Lutherans, holding membership in the church at Little Mahanoy, where they are buried.

EDWARD CLAYBERGER, of Lower Augusta township, has been engaged in farming there since 1906, having returned to the vocation of his early life after many years spent in mining. He was born June 4, 1855, at Aristes (Montana), near Centralia, Pa., son of Adam Clayberger.

Adam Clayberger was born Oct. 8, 1817, in Hamburg, Germany, and was twelve years old when he came to America, landing at Baltimore, Md. He lived with a Myers family, at York, Pa., to which place he had proceeded from Baltimore, and there he married the daughter, Juliann Myers, who came to America with her parents when thirteen years old. Their first child, William, was born at York. Thence the family moved to Bainbridge, Pa., where they lived for some years, next moving to a place called Stewardsville, near Mount Carmel, Northumberland county, where Mr. Clayberger found work driving a team. He was engaged on the construction of Bell's tunnel. After driving for several years he moved to Aristes (Montana), near Centralia, where he was engaged in contracting for a year, on the building of a railroad from Centralia to Mount Carmel, and he then bought a farm at Roaring Creek, in Columbia county, where he passed the remainder of his days. By trade he was a butcher, and he followed the business for some years in his later life. His

farm originally consisted of sixty-three acres, to which he added as prosperity enabled him. He died there July 18, 1890, aged seventy-two years, nine months, ten days, and is buried at the United Brethren Church at Rhodestown, Columbia Co., Pa., where his wife is also interred. He was a member of the United Brethren denomination and active in church life. Mrs. Clayberger died July 16, 1883, aged sixty-seven years, eleven months. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Clayberger: William, a carpenter, who lives at Renovo, Pa.; Charles, of Allentown, Pa.; Samuel, of Shamokin, Pa.; Benjamin, of Lumberton, N. J.; Sarah, Mrs. Benjamin Tyson; Edward; Hannah, who has never married and lives with her brother Charles; and Adam and Isaac, both deceased.

Edward Clayberger was reared on the farm and lived there until he reached the age of twenty-five years. At that time he began working in the coal mines at Shamokin, and for thirty-two years continued at that work, throughout this time making his home in the borough of Shamokin. In June, 1906, he purchased his present farm in Lower Augusta township, consisting of 117 acres, which was the original Shipman homestead and remained in that family for over one hundred years. John Elsworth Shipman was the last of his family to possess it. With the assistance of his son Ralph Mr. Clayberger has made many improvements on the property since it came into his possession, and in the spring of 1910 he built the present barn. He markets his truck and produce at Shamokin, and he has made a decided success of his work in spite of the fact that he had not engaged in farming for so many years. Enterprising and progressive, he has become one of the valuable citizens of his community during his comparatively brief residence there.

On Aug. 23, 1878, Mr. Clayberger married Alice S. Pressler, daughter of Cyrus and Annie S. (Heiser) Pressler, of Snyder county, where Mr. Pressler still lives. Mr. and Mrs. Clayberger have had children as follows: Harry W., now of Oakland, Cal., who is married to Alice Garbet; John F., of Philadelphia, who married Marie Straley; Florence M., who married Francis M. Ney and lives in Shamokin, Pa.; Ralph H.; Howard G.; Maud R.; Edward D.; Chester E., and Cyrus F. Mr. Clayberger and his family attend the United Brethren Church.

RICHARD GLASS, late of Shamokin, was engaged in the hotel business at No. 127 East Commerce street, in that borough, for several years before his death. He was formerly a successful mine contractor, having followed mining for about thirty years. He served as councilman from the Seventh ward and at the time of his death held the office of jury commissioner of Northumberland county.



Mr. Glass was born in 1866 in Coal township, this county, son of Samuel Glass. His father was a native of County Meath, Ireland, born in 1838, and came to America when nineteen years old, settling in Shamokin, Pa., where he made a permanent home. He worked as a miner, in the employ of the late Thomas Baumgardner, being thus engaged for thirty years, and was known to all as an industrious, upright citizen. He died April 4, 1902, and is buried at Shamokin. Samuel Glass married Maria Richards, a native of Wales, who came to America in girlhood. She now makes her home with her grandson, Samuel, in Shamokin. To Mr. and Mrs. Glass were born children as follows: John (deceased), Richard, Samuel, Reese, William, John H. (county detective of Northumberland county) and George.

Richard Glass received all his education in the public schools of Coal township. He was only a boy when he began work, picking slate at the Baumgardner breaker, and in time he became a full-fledged miner and eventually a contractor, employing from six to eight men. In June, 1906, he engaged in the hotel business, to which he gave all his attention, finding the new line both congenial and profitable. In his death, which occurred April 2, 1911, Shamokin lost a valuable and worthy citizen. He was buried in the Shamokin cemetery. Mr. Glass had many friends in Shamokin, both in business circles and in public life, and he was a well known member of the I. O. O. F. (belonging to Lodge No. 664), the F. O. E. (Aerie No. 534) and the Liberty Hose Company. He was an active worker in the local Republican ranks, and in 1906 was elected councilman from the Seventh ward, for a term of four years. In June, 1909, he was elected jury commissioner of the county, winning in the contest by a majority of one over his opponent, J. C. Moore, who formerly held the office.

Mr. Glass married Martha J. McKelvey, daughter of William McKelvey, and they had one son, Samuel. The family are Episcopalians.

SAMUEL GLASS, son of Richard, born in Shamokin Nov. 15, 1888, is a machinist by trade, but since the death of his father has taken the hotel business. He was appointed jury commissioner by Judge C. R. Savidge, to succeed his father. Mr. Glass married Mary Durkin, daughter of Bryan Durkin, and they have one son, Richard.

HARVEY ALBERT TROUTMAN, who has recently removed to Sunbury, was a farmer before taking up his residence there. He was born Nov. 9, 1872, at Seven Points, Northumberland county, son of Isaac Troutman and grandson of John Troutman.

Jacob Troutman, his great-grandfather, the known progenitor of many of the name now resid-

ing in Northumberland county, owned and lived upon a farm in Jordan township, near Uniontown, the property now owned by Phoebe Troutman, one of his granddaughters; the place now comprises eighty acres. He is interred in the Uniontown cemetery, the burial place of many Troutmans. He and his wife Magdalena (Brosius) were the parents of the following children: John; Polly, Mrs. John Leshner; Moses; Mrs. Nathan Brower; Peter; Samuel; and Eve, Mrs. Isaac Wolf.

John Troutman, son of Jacob, was born June 10, 1817, in Jordan township, near Uniontown, and was a lifelong farmer and one of the most prosperous men in his section, of which he was a leading citizen for many years of his long life. Besides his home place of 132 acres he owned six farms: The one now owned by his son George L., another which his son Simon obtained, one given to his daughter Mrs. Jeremiah Peifer, another owned by his son Adam L., another owned by his son Henry, and another by Joel Kreitzer, son of his daughter Mary. Mr. Troutman was active in church work, the founder and leading member of Troutman's United Evangelical Church, so named in his honor. He built the meeting house of that congregation at Uniontown, was always a liberal contributor to the church and one of its pillars to the end of his life. Mr. Troutman served some years as treasurer of his township. He died upon his farm about 1900, and he is buried with his wife in the family plot in Uniontown cemetery.

Mr. Troutman was twice married, his first union being with Sarah Leshner, who was born Dec. 16, 1824. After the death of his first wife he subsequently married her sister, Harriet Leshner. They were daughters of Samuel Leshner, who was from Berks county; Mr. Leshner was a large property owner. Mr. Troutman was the father of a large family, Engeline and Simon by his first wife, and the following by his second: Isaac, Magdalena (who died unmarried), Elmira (wife of Jeremiah Peifer), Henry John, Moses, Mary (wife of Joel Kreitzer), Amos, Adam L., George L., Johannes, Phoebe, one that died in infancy, Cornelius and another that died in infancy.

Isaac Troutman, son of John, was born Sept. 1, 1849, in Jordan township, and was reared on the paternal farm, working for his parents throughout his youth. When about twenty-one years old he began farming for himself in Rockefeller township, at Seven Points, where he located about 1869, from that time for many years living with and working for his father-in-law, Daniel Klinger. Mr. Troutman remained with Mr. Klinger until the latter's death, and he still continues to live on the old place in Rockefeller township. He and his family are Lutheran members of the Cross Road Church, in which he has been active, hav-



ing held the offices of trustee, deacon and elder, in which latter he is still serving. Politically he is a Republican.

Mr. Troutman married Mary Ann Klinger, daughter of Daniel and Caroline (Schadel) Klinger, and they have had children as follows: Lizzie married Theodore McKinney and they live at Gratz, Pa.; Harvey Albert married Edna Long; Elmer F. married Adella Bloom; Lillie married Elmer Zimmerman and they live in Rockefeller township; and William died young.

Daniel Klinger, father of Mrs. Troutman, was born Nov. 2, 1824, and died Aug. 21, 1898. He married Caroline Schadel, who was born May 22, 1827, and after their marriage they came to Rockefeller township from the vicinity of Klingerstown, Schuylkill county, settling on the farm where they passed the remainder of their lives. They are buried in that township, at Emanuel Lutheran Church. Mrs. Klinger died Oct. 22, 1907.

Harvey Albert Troutman attended public school at Seven Points, and in his youth assisted his father and maternal grandfather on the home place, where he remained until his marriage, when he was twenty years old. At that time he located upon a farm in Shamokin township belonging to his father, near Seven Points, living there about seventeen years, until his removal to Sunbury, April 1, 1910. Meantime he acquired a farm of his own, a place of seventy-two acres located near Stonington, in Shamokin township, which he rents out. Since settling in Sunbury he has been in the employ of C. H. Brosious & Co., contractors. His home is at No. 133 Catawissa avenue. While a resident of Shamokin township Mr. Troutman served that community as school director. He and his family are members of the Cross Road Church, belonging to the Lutheran congregation, which Mr. Troutman has served as deacon. He is a Republican in politics.

On Nov. 24, 1892, Mr. Troutman married Edna Long, daughter of Benjamin C. and Rosanna (Kelly) Long, and they have a family of three children: Benjamin E., Arville J. and Clara Edith.

**ANDREW J. SCHWALM**, a farmer in the southern district of Jordan township, Northumberland county, is well known as one of the most successful agriculturists of his region, as a prominent worker in the local ranks of the Democratic party and as an enthusiastic member of the Odd Fellows fraternity. He is a man of substance and good standing, both of which have been won by his own efforts and a life of consistent integrity.

The Schwalm family is an old one in this section, founded here by John Schwalm, one of the Hessian soldiers hired by the British government to fight in the Colonies during the Revolutionary war. He was born May 31, 1752, and came to

America with the other mercenaries in 1775. Remaining in this country after the close of the war, he settled in Hubley (originally Mahantango) township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he took up a large amount of land and devoted himself to farming. He died there Dec. 24, 1834, aged eighty-two years. His wife Odilla (Bobb) was born in Germany Feb. 16, 1765, came to America with her parents, and died Feb. 24, 1836. She and her husband are buried side by side at Coleman's Church, in Dauphin county, near the Schuylkill county line. They were the parents of one son and two daughters: Catharine married Jacob Hoffa and they are buried at Dushore, Sullivan Co., Pa.; Elizabeth married Alexander Klinger; Frederick was the great-grandfather of Andrew J. Schwalm.

Frederick Schwalm, son of John, was born in Schuylkill county May 17, 1796, and died Jan. 6, 1872. The old homestead in Hubley township became his property and he carried on farming there all his life, putting up the original set of log buildings on that place. He is buried at Coleman's Church. He was three times married, having twelve children by his first wife, Catharine (Stein), daughter of Johannes Stein; no children by his second wife, whose maiden name was Zerfink; and three children by his third wife, Harriet (Deiter), Jackson, Lillie and Elizabeth. The children of the first union were: John; Hannah, who married Samuel Schade; Caroline, who married Israel Klinger; Jacob, who lived in Hubley township, where he was supervisor for more than twenty years; Frederick, who was justice of the peace in Upper Mahantango many years (he served in the Union army during the Civil war); Daniel S., who still survives; Emanuel, who served as postmaster at Hegins, Schuylkill county; Samuel, who was a soldier during the Civil war in Company A, 50th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry; William; Peter; Louisa, who married Mr. Fagner (they live in Hoopston, Ill.); and Kate, of South Bend, Ind., who married John D. Willard and for her second husband a Mr. Martin.

John Schwalm, son of Frederick, was born Dec. 25, 1818, in Mahantango township, was a farmer in Hubley township for some years, and was a prominent man in his day in Schuylkill county, serving two years, 1857 and 1858, as steward of the county almshouse. He was also school director for many years. In religious faith he adhered to the Reformed Church and he is buried in the cemetery of the Church of God in Hegins township. He married Elizabeth Shade, who was born March 12, 1827, in Hubley township, Schuylkill county, daughter of John Shade, and is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Schwalm were the parents of the following named children: Hannah married John Schmeltz; Edward (deceased) married a Miss Lucas; Lydia married (first) Jesse Heint-

zinger and (second) John Ressler; Kate married John F. Barr; Daniel E. is mentioned below; Polly married Elias Artz; Louisa married Harvey Clauser.

Daniel E. Schwalm, son of John, was born and reared in Hubley township, Schuylkill county, and is still engaged in farming there, having his father's homestead, a fine farm of 120 acres. He built the dwelling-house on the property, but the barn was built by his father in 1847. Mr. Schwalm has been a useful and active citizen of his township, where he has held various offices, having been tax collector for a number of years and also supervisor. He is a Democrat in politics and has been committeeman of his township. His home is on the line of Schuylkill and Dauphin counties and he is a Reformed member of Coleman's Church in the latter county, his wife belonging to the Reformed congregation of that church, to which the family also belong. Mr. Schwalm has served as deacon and elder.

Mr. Schwalm married Fietta Schlegel, daughter of Peter Schlegel (whose wife was a Snyder), and granddaughter of Peter Schlegel, who was born Oct. 12, 1786, came from Berks county, and died Oct. 1, 1864; he is buried at the Herb Church. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Schwalm: Andrew J. lives at Klingerstown; Reily died young; Lizzie married J. L. Reitz and is living at Mount Carmel; Charles, who lives at Valley View, married Mattie Stiely; Katie died young; Rufus, who married Flora Adams, is living on the old homestead, at Artz; Harry married Florence Schaffer, and they live at Springville, Schuylkill county.

Andrew J. Schwalm was born Oct. 13, 1871, in Hubley township, Schuylkill county, was reared to farm life, and worked on the home place until eighteen years old. For the next five years he worked in coal mines in Dauphin county, at the Williamstown colliery, in Bear Valley, after which he commenced huckstering, at which he was engaged about five years, attending the Pottsville and Minersville markets. On the evening of Sept. 26, 1899, while returning home from market, Mr. Schwalm was held up by three highwaymen on the Shermans mountain road and relieved of \$140. He was huckster about two years for F. L. Kehres, of Rebuck, Northumberland county, was later at Girardville and Shenandoah, and in the spring of 1901 came to his present place in Jordan township, Northumberland county, settling there March 20th. He has 136 acres of fine land located on the road leading from Klingerstown to Urban, Hebe and Pillow. This farm was formerly the William Shartle homestead and was for many years a hotel stand, "Shartle's Hotel" being well known; Mr. Shartle built the large brick house, which is 40 by 40 feet in dimensions, in 1867.

Mr. Schwalm is a well known citizen of his

section, has been township constable since 1905, and has long been interested in local political activities as an ardent member of the Democratic party. During his residence in Schuylkill county he was delegate to county convention, served as delegate to the county convention of 1906, in 1907 was a delegate to the State convention, and was a delegate to the last convention held in Northumberland county.

Mr. Schwalm holds membership in Lodge No. 637, I. O. O. F., at Klingerstown, was representative to the meeting of the Grand Lodge held at Reading in May, 1907, and again served in that capacity in 1908, when the grand lodge convened at Philadelphia. He and his family are members of the Himmel Church at Rebuck, Mr. Schwalm belonging to the Lutheran congregation, his wife to the Reformed congregation. He served as deacon of the Coleman Church.

On July 16, 1898, Mr. Schwalm married Rosa Kehres, daughter of N. E. and Catharine (Hoffman) Kehres, of Rebuck, and four children have been born to this union: Katie A., born Aug. 25, 1899, in Washington township; Florence May, born Sept. 2, 1901, in Washington township; Lizzie F., born April 4, 1903, in Jordan township; and Nathan D., born July 16, 1906, in Jordan.

On July 30, 1910, the first reunion of the Schwalm family was held at Valley View, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and it was a great success, about five hundred attending. Mr. Andrew J. Schwalm, who was present with his family, was elected one of the historians of the association. The second gathering was held the second Saturday in August, 1911, at Valley View Park.

Andrew J. Swalm, who lives at Sunbury, this county, was born Sept. 22, 1850, at Schuylkill Haven, Pa., son of Joseph M. Swalm and grandson of Andrew Swalm.

Joseph M. Swalm was born at Orwigsburg, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and died at Philadelphia at the age of seventy-three years. For about twenty years he was engaged in business as a retail grocer in Philadelphia. In earlier life he was a wheelwright and carriage builder and lived in Schuylkill county. He was buried at Orwigsburg. In religion he was a Methodist. His wife, Angeline (Allebach), daughter of Jacob Allebach, of Middleport, Schuylkill county, still lives in Philadelphia, now (1910) eighty-four years old. They had children as follows: One son that died in infancy; Andrew J.; Charles, of Philadelphia; Hannah, who married M. Plish and lives at Holley, N. Y.; Sallie, who died in Wyoming, wife of Robert Harper; Mary, married to Thomas J. Address, and living in Philadelphia; Ella, who died aged thirty years; and Mabel, who died aged twenty-five years.

Andrew J. Swalm was educated in the public



schools of his native town. When twelve years old he began clerking in the store and has ever since been in the grocery business. He was in business at Hazleton, Pa., for fifteen years. In 1887 he first associated himself with the Hooven Mercantile Company (which has stores in nine cities of eastern Pennsylvania), at Hazleton, remaining there about two years in that association. He then left them for three years, and since 1892 has been their manager at Sunbury, Pa., where they have a large wholesale trade. He has supervision of ten people. Mr. Swalm is owner and manager of the Sunbury Peanut Company, which does an extensive business in this part of the State, the peanut butter manufactured by this concern being known for its rich quality. Mr. Swalm is a member of the Methodist Church of Sunbury, of which he has been a trustee for a number of years. He was married Sept. 16, 1876, to Martha A. Garrett, daughter of William and Mary Garrett, of Pottsville. She died April 1, 1906, aged fifty-three years, and is buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery. To Mr. and Mrs. Swalm were born these children: Gertrude L., who is now engaged as a stenographer and resides at home; Florence M., a public school teacher, who has taught ten terms in the public schools of Sunbury; and Marriion K., wife of E. K. Burlew, a government employee, residing at Washington, D. C. Mr. Swalm resides at No. 1113 Market street, Sunbury.

LANDIS FRY, of Sunbury, was the pioneer in the bakery business at that place, and is still engaged in that line, being now the oldest dealer in bakery goods there. He also conducts a grocery and notion store, and for over thirty years has been one of the thriving merchants of the borough, one who has taken his part in the public administration and done his duty in every capacity. He was born in Sunbury Sept. 11, 1843, and has passed all his life there.

The Fry family came to Northumberland county from Berks county, this State, Jacob Fry, the grandfather of Landis Fry, hailing from the vicinity of Womelsdorf, where he was born about 1785. He came to Northumberland county before his marriage, and owned a farm on the Shamokin road, in Upper Augusta township, his old homestead being now the property of Lot Bartholomew. His grandson Landis Fry has a set of horns taken from a deer Jacob Fry shot on this farm. He was a carpenter as well as farmer. His death, which occurred in 1856, when he was about seventy years old, was the result of an accident: he was in a boat which went over the breast of the Shamokin dam and he struck his head on a rock. He is buried in an unmarked grave in the old Sunbury cemetery. Jacob Fry married a Miss Camp, who was also from the vicinity of

Womelsdorf, in Berks county, and who died about 1847. They had children as follows: John, Jonas, Jacob, Henry, Mrs. Samuel Savage and Mrs. Silas Wolverton.

Jacob Fry, son of Jacob, was born in 1817 in Northumberland county and was a farmer by occupation. In 1854 he moved to the borough of Sunbury, settling along the Susquehanna river, where in those days considerable fishing was done, the sport being then at its best in this region. He served as tax collector of Upper Augusta township. Mr. Fry died in 1859, below Shamokin Dam, at the age of forty-two years. He married Louisa Bowen, daughter of Jonathan and Catharine (Ermentrout) Bowen, who came from near Womelsdorf, Berks county, and they had the following family: Samuel, who died in childhood; William, who entered the Union service in the Civil war and died of starvation in the spring of 1865 at Salisbury, S. C., where he was a prisoner; David, who died in 1894; Landis; Harriet, who married Daniel Ulman and lived out West (both are deceased); Mary C., born in 1852, who died in 1866.

Landis Fry attended school in Sunbury. In 1865 he began driving a bakery wagon, and in 1874 entered into partnership with his brother David in the bakery business, this association lasting four and a half years, since when Landis Fry has done business on his own account. He put up his present store building in 1879, and has the oldest bakery in the borough, as well as a well established grocery and notion business. He has three employees. Mr. Fry has gained and retained the patronage of a large number of his neighbors and fellow citizens by honest dealing, satisfactory goods and upright business methods, and he deserves the substantial rewards which have been his portion. He has the confidence of all who know him, as was shown by his election as member of the town council, in which he served three years, during which time he was instrumental in having Market street paved. He is a Republican in political affiliation.

In 1866 Mr. Fry married Anna Statia Hayes, daughter of James and Sarah Ann (Harmon) Hayes, of Lewis township, Northumberland county, and they have had a family of eight children: William J., who lives in Sunbury; Edward, deceased; Joseph, at home; Howard, of Sunbury; Landis, of Sunbury; Chester, a baker, who lives at home; Walter H., who assists his father; and Morris, deceased. Walter H. Fry, who was born in Sunbury March 16, 1879, is a member of Maclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M., of Sunbury.

SAMUEL BRADY (deceased) passed his latter years in retirement at Shamokin, where his widow now makes her home. He was a lifelong resident of Northumberland county, and followed farming



near Elysburg, in Ralpho township, the principal part of his active life.

Mr. Brady was born near Elysburg in 1847, son of Abraham Brady, who was a farmer and well known citizen of that locality. He died upon his farm in 1889. His children were: Katie, wife of George Leibig; Clara, Mrs. Yoder; Josephine, living at Bloomsburg, Pa.; Frain, living at Tharptown, Pa.; Samuel, deceased; Oliver, living near Elysburg; and George, of Tharptown.

Samuel Brady attended the public schools, but he was a mere boy when he began work at the breaker. Later he followed railroading for several years. He began farming in Ralpho township, continuing that occupation throughout his active years, but always had his residence in Shamokin. By thrift and industry he made a success of his work, in which he acquired a competence. Some time before his death he lived in retirement, dying at Shamokin June 8, 1907. He is buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Shamokin. Mr. Brady was a Lutheran in religious connection, and a man who deserved the respect in which he was held by all who knew him.

On Aug. 15, 1874, Mr. Brady married Sarah Lints, daughter of Daniel Lints, of Northumberland county, and she still resides at their Shamokin home. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Brady: Samuel, who is employed as a fireman at the Henry Clay colliery, married Miranda Dillaplain, and they have had six children, Jennie, Eva, Beatrice, Bertha, Gladys and Florence; Oliver died in infancy; Minnie died aged two years; Jennie is the wife of Irvin Kissler, of Shamokin, in Northumberland county, and they have one child, Mildred.

LEMUEL C. ROCKEFELLER was born Nov. 8, 1848, son of Lewis and Catherine (Campbell) Rockefeller. His boyhood was spent upon his father's farm and his first venture for himself was in the bottling business at Sunbury, Pa., where he remained for some time. He removed in 1890 to Gallitzin, twelve miles west of Altoona, Pa., where he engaged in the wholesale liquor business. He remained there about twelve years and was most successful in this undertaking. While located there, in May, 1901, he was elected justice of the peace of the borough of Gallitzin, on the Republican ticket, in spite of the fact that the town was strongly Democratic. He later moved to Wilmerding, near Pittsburgh, Pa., where he engaged in the wholesale liquor trade, also the electric light business and ice manufacturing, following this business for eight years. In 1909 he moved to Sunbury, and started the erection of a home at the corner of Amy and Front streets, but his death, Oct. 18, 1909, occurred before it was completed. He was an able and honorable business man, and was successful in all his enterprises. He was an

active member of the board of trade while residing at Wilmerding.

On Dec. 22, 1886, Mr. Rockefeller married Harriet R., daughter of Oliver and Elizabeth (Gibson) McCloy, of Sunbury, Pa. They had three children: Catherine, who graduated from the Bingham School for Girls, in the class of 1907; Mary E., who graduated from the same school in 1910; and Margaret M., who graduated from the same in 1911. Mrs. Rockefeller and her daughters are members of the Episcopal Church of Sunbury. Mr. Rockefeller was a staunch Republican. Fraternally he was a member of the I. O. O. F. and the Order of Moose.

Mrs. Rockefeller is descended from Cornelius McCloy, who came to America before the Revolutionary war and settled in Northumberland County, Pa., in the district now embraced in Ralpho township, near Elysburg. He died March 20, 1812, and he and his wife Elizabeth (Brower) are buried at the Quaker cemetery in Ralpho township. Cornelius McCloy was Scotch-Irish.

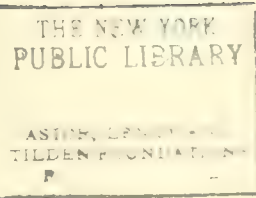
Among the children of Cornelius and Elizabeth (Brower) McCloy was Joseph McCloy, Mrs. Rockefeller's great-grandfather, who was born Feb. 6, 1789, and died March 21, 1828. He followed farming near Elysburg. His wife, Mary (Campbell), long survived him, dying Dec. 28, 1865, and they were the parents of eight children: John, Benjamin, William, Daniel, Sarah, Margaret, Jessie and Levi.

Benjamin McCloy, son of Joseph, was born June 25, 1812, near Elysburg, and was brought up in that vicinity. He was a carpenter by trade. Going to Shamokin in 1835 when the borough was in its infancy, he followed his trade there for a year, later running a sawmill near that place, on Coal run. In the spring of 1838 he built the fourth house in Shamokin, at what is now the corner of Pearl and Commerce streets, bringing his family hither in June of that year. He died Dec. 22, 1897, at the advanced age of eighty-five. Mr. McCloy married Rebecca Taylor, daughter of Daniel Taylor, of Shamokin township, and they became the parents of six children: Oliver, the father of Mrs. Lemuel C. Rockefeller, now living at Frederick, Md.; David, who died in Shamokin; Harriet, Mrs. John Lake, of Shamokin; Joseph, of Shamokin; Robert, of Shamokin; and Adelia, Mrs. John Cooney.

DRUMM. There are many representatives of the Drumm family in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, the posterity of Charles and Christiana Drumm, whose three surviving sons are all interested in farming in that section. A number of the family have been successful school teachers, notably John Drumm, one of the three brothers mentioned, who has taught there since 1880.



*L. D. Rockefeller*





Charles Drumm was born in Dauphin county, Pa., and from the age of eleven years lived with the family of the late Dr. Peter Tryon, in Washington township, Northumberland county, remaining with them until some years after his marriage. He then moved to Uniontown, where he followed his trade of shoemaker for some years, after which he removed across the Mahantango mountains into Lykens Valley, in Dauphin county, where he lived until he entered the army during the Civil war. He served nine months, in Company I, 157th Regiment, Pennsylvania Drafted Militia, and in 1866 he returned to Northumberland county, settling at Mile Run, in Lower Augusta township, where he occupied the property now owned by his son Jacob, remaining there until eight years before his death. He then purchased a house and lot at Asherton, this county, where he died April 25, 1897, aged seventy-three years, two months, seventeen days. After the war he devoted all his time and energies to farming. He was an esteemed citizen of the locality, and active in the life of the Hollowing Run Lutheran Church, in Lower Augusta township, which he served for many years in the capacity of deacon, and also held the office of elder. He married Christiana Beck, daughter of John Beck, a substantial citizen of Dauphin county, who also owned property in Uniontown; his wife was from Northampton county, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Drumm are buried at the Hollowing Run Lutheran Church. She died Nov. 27, 1906, aged eighty-one years, four days. They were the parents of the following named children: Henry is mentioned below; a daughter, twin of Henry, died in infancy; Mary married Levi Conrad and (second) David Conrad, half-brothers; a son, twin of Mary, died in infancy; Charles died June 9, 1910, aged fifty-six years, nine months, one day (he was a blacksmith in Augustaville and had a farm in Plum Creek); Louise married Emanuel Fox and (second) Jacob Knouse, of Kratzerville; John is mentioned below; Jacob E. is mentioned below; Annie married Charles Bucher and they live in Sunbury.

Through his mother, who was a Diel, Charles Drumm was related to that early Pennsylvania family of the Mennonite faith, identified with Lehigh and Berks counties from Colonial days. In Northumberland county they lived south of Line Mountain.

HENRY DRUMM, son of Charles and Christiana (Beck) Drumm, was born June 8, 1848, in Washington township, Northumberland county. When nineteen years old he commenced to learn shoemaking with Isaac Clements, at Bull Run, this county, but after completing his trade he took to railroad work, being car inspector at Sunbury for the Northern Central Railroad Company for three years. In the spring of 1870 he commenced farming, which he followed the rest of his life, having

a tract of thirty-eight acres in Lower Augusta township. It was formerly the homestead of Henry Conrad, who took up the land by warrant from the Commonwealth, and it later came into the possession of his son Peter, from whom Henry Drumm, his son-in-law, acquired it. The latter, however, owned only part of the original Conrad tract. He bought this place in 1868. On Oct. 6, 1868, Mr. Drumm married Matilda Conrad, daughter of Peter Conrad, and to them were born five children: Sarah died in infancy; William Harvey is a resident of Sunbury; Henry C. is mentioned below; Katie E. married Edgar D. Wagner, of Sunbury; Tillie married Grant Witmyre and they live at Herndon. Mr. Drumm died Feb. 14, 1911, and is buried at St. Elias Lutheran Church, Hollowing Run. He was a Lutheran, and his family also adhere to that faith. He was a Republican in politics.

HENRY C. DRUMM, son of Henry Drumm, was born Sept. 27, 1872, in Lower Augusta township, where he is now engaged in farming. He was reared there, and obtained his primary education in the local common schools, later attending Berrysburg Academy; Prof. R. D. Renn's summer normal school, at Patricksburg; the high school at Middleburg; and the State normal school at Bloomsburg. When only seventeen years old he was licensed to teach, and during his first and second terms was engaged in Washington township. For six terms he taught in his native township, completing eight years of successful work as an educator. For the next two years he was employed as clerk and bookkeeper in the warp department of the Susquehanna Silk Mill, being obliged to relinquish the position just a few days before the completion of the second year because of failing health. His next work was as traveling salesman for C. C. Seebold, dealer in musical instruments, his territory being in central Pennsylvania, for one full year having charge of thirteen counties of the State. Besides selling instruments he did collecting and helped to look after all the office work of the concern. In the spring of 1901 Mr. Drumm came to his present home, one mile east of Asherton, where he has forty-five acres of fertile land which was formerly part of the Henry Conrad and Jacob Renn properties. It is nicely and advantageously located, and Mr. Drumm has made the most of its possibilities in its development. He is particularly interested in the growing of choice fruits, in which line he has gained a high reputation by his success. His present set of buildings are among the improvements he has made on his property, he having erected the house in 1896 and the barn in 1900. He is an enterprising, intelligent, wide-awake citizen, and has been called upon to use his ability in the public service as well as in his private affairs, having been tax collector of his district since

1902 and being also township treasurer under the new road law. In 1909 he took an active part in the organization of the Asherton and Augustaville Telephone Company, of which he has been an officer from the beginning, and he is serving the company as secretary at present. In politics he is a Democrat. He and his family are Lutherans, members of St. Elias Church in Hollowing Run, of which he has been deacon and trustee, holding office for six years. He has been particularly active in Sunday school work in his community, having served as superintendent or teacher for the past fifteen years. In 1910 he was elected secretary for the district Sunday school convention.

On March 25, 1894, Mr. Drumm married Rebecca Geise, daughter of Daniel and Froena (Trautman) Geise, of Jordan township, and they have one daughter, Grace E., who has completed the course in the graded schools of Lower Augusta township.

JOHN DRUMM, son of Charles and Christiana (Beck) Drumm, is one of the oldest school teachers, in point of length of service, in Northumberland county. He was born Feb. 21, 1860, in Lykens township, Dauphin county, where he lived until six years old. His parents then returned to Northumberland county, settling in Lower Augusta township, where he was reared on the farm and obtained his early training in the common schools. Later he attended the summer normal school held by Prof. Saul Shipman, at Augustaville, for several terms, and another summer normal, at Elysburg, conducted by Prof. W. W. Wolverton and his wife Chidistor and a Professor Boyer, where he was likewise a student for several terms; he also studied at the normal school at Milton, conducted by Prof. W. W. Wolverton and a Professor Geho, and has taken several courses by mail. He has a State teacher's permanent certificate, granted by State Superintendent N. C. Schaeffer in 1899. Mr. Drumm began teaching in the fall of 1880 in Lower Augusta township, where he has been engaged for seventeen years in all; he was at one school in Upper Augusta for five years, and for seven years in Rockefeller township. His long continuance in the profession, and his long service in each of the localities named, would be sufficient evidence of his ability and of the confidence he has inspired in his methods and results. Thoroughly prepared for his work, progressive, conscientious, and having the true love for teaching which is one of the best elements in a born educator's make-up, he has followed his profession with an earnestness which would insure success in any line. As a farmer he is well known in his community, owning and cultivating a large tract of 190 acres situated four miles south of Sunbury, what was formerly the homestead of Henry Shipe, in whose

family it had been owned for several generations. The present house and barn thereon were built by the Shipes.

Mr. Drumm served ten years as justice of the peace, refusing a renomination in the spring of 1910. He is prominent and well known in the councils of the Republican party, in which he has been an efficient worker for many years, and has traveled all over the county in its interest, his services being highly valued.

In 1883 Mr. Drumm married Lydia Trego, who died April 13, 1896, aged thirty-two years, two months, fourteen days. Five children were born to this union, as follows: William, Josephine, Mary Alice, George and Daniel E. Mr. Drumm and his family worship at the Lutheran Church, which he has served as deacon. For two years he was president of the Luther League, and he has also served as secretary of the church council.

JACOB E. DRUMM, son of Charles and Christiana (Beck) Drumm, was born July 1, 1865, on the farm at Mile Run, in Lower Augusta township, where he now lives. There he grew to manhood, meantime receiving a practical training to farm life as well as a good foundation for his education in the local public schools. Later he attended the State normal school at Bloomsburg, where he perfected himself in the elementary branches, and at the age of twenty-two he was licensed to teach, entering the profession in which so many of his family have won success and reputation. In the fall of 1887 he began his first term, in Washington township, and with the exception of one term, 1900-01, he has been engaged in teaching continuously since, being now ranked among the veteran teachers of the county, in point of service. By hard work and unselfish devotion to his profession he has gained and maintained high standing, as the demand for his services indicates, and he deserves the enviable reputation he enjoys. Since 1900 Mr. Drumm has been sole owner of the homestead, which he had previously owned in partnership with his brother John. Before his father acquired it it belonged to Joseph Trego. It contains seventy-five acres of excellent land, well cultivated and improved, though Mr. Drumm had a severe setback in October, 1894, when his barn, containing the full year's crops, three horses and three head of cattle, was totally destroyed by fire. It was only partially covered by insurance. Mr. Drumm is a substantial and valuable citizen, though he has not been active in the public affairs of his locality directly. In political matters he is independent.

On Aug. 7, 1895, Mr. Drumm married Alice Gertrude Culp, daughter of Peter F. and Anna (Heilman) Culp, of Rockefeller township, and granddaughter of Daniel Heilman, of Lower Augusta. Mrs. Drumm has been well educated, and though she has never taught school received a



license when nineteen years old; she obtained three certificates. An accomplished musician, she has played the organ for church and Sunday school since she was fifteen years old, and since 1904 has been organist for the Hollowing Run Lutheran Church; she also plays for the United Brethren Sunday school, and gives lessons on the organ. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Drumm, namely: Edna, Dora (who has completed the course in the graded schools of Lower Augusta township), Clyde, Arthur (who died when two and a half years old), a daughter that died in infancy, Franklin and Elizabeth. Mr. Drumm and his family are members of the Lutheran Church at Hollowing Run.

GEORGE F. WISE has been engaged in tailoring in the borough of Sunbury since 1872, and he is one of the substantial and respected residents of that place. Mr. Wise was born April 28, 1855, in Juniata county, Pa., son of William Wise, who was also a tailor by occupation, and was but a youth when he came to Sunbury, in 1872. Here he has since made his home, and his industrious life and upright character have gained him the esteem of all who know him. He is at present serving as a member of the school board of Sunbury.

On Oct. 2, 1879, Mr. Wise was married to Mary A. Weiser, daughter of Jacob and Martha (Potts) Weiser, and a direct descendant of Conrad Weiser, the famous pioneer and Indian interpreter. Mr. and Mrs. Wise have had the following named children: William J., Sarah L., Rachel L. and Ida Leah (twins) and Myrtle S. The son, who has taken up his father's calling, married Adda Heffner, and they live in Sunbury; they have two children, Charles J. and William M. Rachel L. and Ida Leah Wise, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Wise, are singers of considerable local reputation, and they sang at the exercises in connection with the unveiling of the monument at Fort Augusta, Sunbury, in 1907. As they were direct descendants of Conrad Weiser, the principal figure in the erection of this historic old fort, in 1756, their participation in the ceremonies was particularly appropriate. The Wise family are Lutherans in religious connection.

WILLARD D. LEIBY, proprietor of Leiby's Rest, which is situated near the Pennsylvania railroad station in Sunbury, has been a resident of the borough since 1898 and established himself in business at his present location in 1904. He is a native of Union county, Pa., born Dec. 6, 1878, son of William A. Leiby.

The Leiby family is of good old Berks county stock and of Swiss origin. Early in the eighteenth century the progenitors of the family in America left their native country, Switzerland, to go to

South America, but people along the Rhine river, to which place they came in their journey, advised the wife not to go there. One night, while they were at the Rhine, she entreated her husband so earnestly not to go, because people had told her they would forever be sorry, that he abandoned the trip, and so they remained for twenty years in the Rhine country, in Germany. In 1733 they came to America on the good ship "Samuel," qualifying at Philadelphia Aug. 17, 1733. Rupp in his 30,000 names of immigrants gives the pioneer's name as Friederich Leiby, and the second series of Pennsylvania Archives, Vol. XVII, also gives the name Frederick Leiby; but the tax list of Greenwich township (Berks Co., Pa.) for 1754, published in Rupp's history of the county, gives the name as "Dietrich" Leiby, which probably was an error. The names Friederich and Dietrich might sound nearly alike to the untrained ear. Rupp in his 30,000 names records the following: Palatines imported in the ship "Samuel," of London, Hugh Percy, master, from Rotterdam, last from Deal, males, eighty-nine above sixteen; females, eighty-six; males under sixteen, fifty-four; females, sixty-two; in all 291.

It appears that Frederick Leiby died about 1754, as the tax list has this item: "Frederick Leiby's Widow," and also the names of their children: George Michael Leiby and Jacob Leiby. The latter was assessed six pounds tax, and his younger brother and widowed mother each five pounds in 1754. The descendants of Frederick Leiby are quite numerous and are scattered all over Pennsylvania as well as in other States. In central Pennsylvania are settled several branches of this family. The pioneers are buried at Dunkel's church, in Greenwich township, Berks county, and were members of the German Reformed congregation. Willard D. Leiby is a grandson of David Leiby, both of whose grandfathers served as soldiers in the Revolutionary war. The paternal grandparents of David Leiby lived in Albany township, Berks county, where their son John J. Leiby, father of David, was born and reared. On April 1, 1800, John J. Leiby was married there to Christiana Neifert, a native of the same township, daughter of Jacob and Eliza (Stummin) Neifert. In 1811 Mr. and Mrs. Leiby moved to Union county, Pa., settling in Limestone (then Union) township. He was drafted during the war of 1812, but furnished a substitute. By occupation he was a dyer. A man of strong and decided character, he acquired great influence in the community, was chosen to various local offices, and was also prominent in religious circles, for twenty-five years serving as elder in the Reformed Church. In early life he was a Democrat, later joining the anti-Mason faction and eventually becoming a Whig. He died March 22, 1856, aged eighty-one years, nine months, and his wife died



July 8, 1852, in her seventy-eighth year. They were the parents of six children: George, born Nov. 11, 1802, died in 1872 in Union county; John, born Jan. 4, 1805, died in Mifflinburg in 1872, eleven weeks from the time of his brother's death; Mary, born Jan. 12, 1809, married John Benner, and died in Buffalo township, Union county, in 1865; Jacob, born May 16, 1812, died in Limestone township, Union county, at the age of seventy-one; Catharine, born Dec. 5, 1814, married John Norman, and died in Snyder county, Pa., at the age of seventy-three; David was the youngest of the family.

David Leiby was born Jan. 14, 1819, in Union county, and there spent his entire life. At the time of his birth his parents were residing in Union (now Limestone) township, and there he lived until 1857, when he settled at the home in Kelly township, near Lewisburg, where he passed the remainder of his life, living to a venerable age. He was the last survivor of his parents' family. Mr. Leiby's fine farm was first settled in 1769, by William Patterson, and he purchased it from Thomas Comley. Mr. Leiby was considered a good manager, and was one of the best farmers in his section, and he was also one of the useful citizens of his day, serving as overseer of the poor and as supervisor. He took a prominent part in local politics as a member of the Democratic party, in religious faith was a Lutheran, and for many years of his active life held office as deacon and elder in the church.

On Feb. 15, 1844, Mr. Leiby married Elizabeth Moyer, who was born in 1820 in East Buffalo township, Union county, daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Gemberling) Moyer. Her father was born in Union county, where he became an extensive farmer and landowner and a prominent citizen; her mother was a native of Snyder county; both died in Union county. Mrs. Leiby died Aug. 29, 1892, the mother of six children, namely: William A., born Jan. 5, 1845, conducted a grocery and meat market at Lewisburg, Union county, and later had a restaurant at Sunbury, Northumberland county; Sarah J., born March 30, 1846, married George Noll, a farmer of Kelly township, Union county; Margaret Matilda, born Dec. 29, 1850, made her home with her father, for whom she cared faithfully in his declining years; Harriet C., born July 4, 1853, married Charles A. Moll; John E., born Sept. 14, 1857, died March 21, 1858; Mary C., born March 15, 1860, died March 16, 1861.

William A. Leiby was born in Limestone township, Union Co., Pa., Jan. 5, 1845, and received a public school education. He followed farming and the cattle business in Union county, and coming to Sunbury in 1898 engaged in the restaurant business, where the "Aldine Hotel" now stands, for five and a half years. He still resides in Sun-

bury. He married Otilia Pollender, daughter of Frederick Pollender, and she died Dec. 11, 1909. They had four children, Maynard, Willard D., Sarah (married Harry Shuck) and Jennie May (married John M. Steffen).

Willard D. Leiby received his education in the public schools of Lewisburg, attending the high school, from which he was graduated in 1896. He assisted his father in his butcher business there, and coming to Sunbury in 1898 was associated with his father in the conduct of a restaurant at the present location of the "Aldine Hotel." In 1904 he established his present place of business at No. 42 North Third street, near the Pennsylvania railroad station. It has become one of the leading restaurants of the borough, being conducted along strictly modern lines, and Mr. Leiby has gained a profitable patronage. He is obliging and accommodating, and has been successful because of his efforts to please his customers, who are steadily increasing in numbers.

Socially Mr. Leiby holds membership in Lodge No. 267, B. P. O. E., of Sunbury; the Order of Moose at Sunbury; Aerie No. 503, Fraternal Order of Eagles, of Sunbury; the Order of Owls, Home Nest, Indiana; B. P. O. of Beavers, and No. 7 Fire Company. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and in political matters a Democrat.

Jacob Leiby, grandson of the ancestor Friederich, was a farmer near Dunkel's church and owned the farm now the property of Wilson Heffner. This was one of the original Leiby homesteads. His wife was Margaretha Dunkel, and they had issue: Daniel settled in Schuylkill county; Jacob settled in Windsor (now Perry) township, Berks county; George had a grandson Oscar J., who died in 1907, at Reading; Benjamin settled in Ohio; Catharine married George Heinly; Polly married Heinrich Moyer; Peggy married John Kohler; Luzena married Isaac Wagonhorst; Hettie married Adam Bachman; Salome married Heinrich Lenhart.

Jacob Leiby, son of Jacob, was born Dec. 14, 1798, in Windsor township, Berks county, and died April 5, 1884. He was a popular man in his day, and being possessed to a high degree of psychical powers, was known to relieve many ailments of the flesh by the laying on of the hands, for which he gained wide repute. He was known in the Pennsylvania German as "der ward ful-bräucher und Heckea Doctor." He was regarded as a useful man in his community. In 1825 he bought the homestead farm, on which he built the present stone house in 1829. Isaac U. Leiby was the first person born therein, his birth occurring Aug. 14, 1839. Jacob Leiby also built four houses in Reading, Pa. He was a blacksmith, stonemason and stone dresser and farmer, an all-around good mechanic. He played the flute in

Capt. George Heiny's company of the old State militia, and always attracted marked attention on battalion days. In 1833 he witnessed the "falling of the stars," about which heavenly phenomena he often talked to his descendants, speaking of it as the "snowing of fire from heaven." He was a member of St. Peter's German Reformed Church, which he served as deacon and elder for many years. Jacob and Hannah (Ulrich), his wife, had eleven children, viz.: Hettie married Benjamin Banks; Jacob married Ann Miller; Ephraim married Polly Strasser; John married Harriet Wagonhorst; Hannah married Ephraim Miller; Isaac U. married Elizabeth Mengel; Joseph married Matilda Fraunfelder; Henry married Sophia Berg; Helena married Jacob Miller; Lucy Anna Margaret married Frank Goldstein; Joshua died young.

Isaac U. Leiby, son of Jacob, was born Aug. 14, 1830, in Windsor township, on the farm where he spent all his life. He lived three fourths of a mile north of Virginville, in Berks county, and was the proprietor and owner of "Leiby's flagstone quarry." A stone-mason by trade, he followed that occupation for some years at different places. He sold his flagstone in Philadelphia and in Schuylkill and Carbon counties, Pa., many being used for curbstones in the cities and towns. Mr. Leiby died of apoplexy at his home Nov. 13, 1910, at the age of eighty years, and was buried at Dunkel's church. He was a member of the Reformed congregation at that church, to which his family also belong, and was a Democrat in politics.

On Feb. 7, 1855, Mr. Leiby married Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas and Catharine (Gruber) Mengel, of Windsor township, who survives him. They had a large family, namely: Catharine Ann married Mahlon Miller, of Pottstown; Hannah married James Baer, of Reading; Samuel married Priscilla Adam; Mary Ann married Alfred Stertzler; Hettie Ann married Jacob D. Dreibelles, of Virginville; Susanna married Thomas G. Gruber, of Pottstown; Elizabeth died in infancy; Emma died in infancy; Jacob, who lives at home, married Amelia Schappell; Sarah died in childhood; Thomas died in childhood; Milton married Mary Wagaman and they live in Tipton; Sarah E. married Horace Smith, of Reading.

CAPT. JOHN BRADY, one of the most distinguished of the early settlers of the West Branch Valley, was the second son of Hugh Brady and Hannah Brady, and was born in 1733 near Newark, Del., where he received a good education and taught school. He came with his parents to Pennsylvania, and soon won the love of Mary Quigley. At twenty-two, the age of his marriage, he was six feet in height, well formed, with black hair, hazel eyes and a dark complexion. Fearless,

impulsive and generous, he was one whom friends loved and enemies hated. Soon after his marriage the breaking out of the French and Indian war caused him to enlist in the service and defend his country from the merciless invaders. On July 19, 1763, he was commissioned captain, 2d Battalion of the Pennsylvania regiments, commanded by Gov. John Penn and Lieut. Cols. Asher Clayton and Tobias Frances. In 1764 he received his commission of captain in the 2d Pennsylvania Battalion, in Colonel Bouquet's expedition west of the Ohio, in which campaign he participated, and he took part in the land grant to the officers in that service during the year 1766. He was actively engaged against the Indians who made desperate slaughter in Bedford and Cumberland counties, and killed many of the settlers. When his regiment reached Bedford, the officers drew a written agreement, wherein they asked the proprietaries for sufficient land on which to erect a compact and defensible town, and give each a commodious plantation on which to build a dwelling. Capt. John Brady was one of the officers who signed this petition. In 1768, "urged by the restless, mysterious impulse that moulds the destiny of the pioneer of civilization," he removed his family to Standing Stone, now Huntingdon, Pa. The following year he again changed his location to a site opposite the present town of Lewisburg, Pa. At that period titles to uncultivated lands could be secured by erecting a house, and by cutting a few trees by way of improvement. In this manner he took up a vast tract of land on the West Branch of the Susquehanna, and had he lived longer he would have been one of the wealthiest men in the State. Owing to the carelessness of those connected with the management of his affairs, his family was deprived of much benefit from his exertions.

In 1776 he took his wife and children and belongings to Muncy manor, where he built a semi-fortified log house, known later as "Brady's Fort." It was a private affair and was not classed among the provincial fortifications. The spot on which it stood is in the borough of Muncy and a slight elevation in a field is pointed to as the exact plot of ground. After Northumberland county was formed, Capt. John Brady was appointed foreman of the first grand jury, and served in many such capacities afterwards.

Not slow to respond to the call to arms in defense of home and the independence of the nation, he marched to the front in some of the bloodiest engagements of the war of the Revolution. He fought with Washington at Brandywine, where his two sons, Samuel and John, were with him, and he was wounded in the mouth. The loss of some teeth was the result, but he was disabled by an attack of pleurisy and sent home.

In 1775 Colonel Plunkett made his famous ex-



pedition to the Wyoming Valley, and John Brady was one of his ablest assistants. The Connecticut settlers claimed under their charter the territory of the Province of Pennsylvania as far south as the 41st degree of latitude, which ran a mile north of Lewisburg, and determined to enforce their rights. In 1772 a party of them reached the present town of Milton, but were driven back by Colonel Plunkett. The settlers were not subdued and the contest was waged many years. They advanced to the Muncy Valley and made a settlement where the town was later located. In order to punish the intruders for their presumption in occupying this part of the West Branch region, blood was shed and lives were lost.

John Brady was a surveyor of land in Cumberland, Buffalo and White Deer Valleys, and in the possession of his descendant, Mrs. Charles Gustav Ernst, nee Mollie Brady Cooper, of Punxsutawney, Pa., is a surveyor's guide book, entitled "Tables of Difference of Latitude and Departure," for navigators, land surveyors, etc., "compiled at the instance of a committee of the Dublin Society, by John Hood, Land Surveyor. Published in Dublin in 1772." She has also an account book which has on the inside of the leather cover the words, printed in ink, "John Brady, his book, Cumberland County, 1765."

On March 3, 1776, he was commissioned major of the battalion commanded by Colonel Plunkett, and on Oct. 14, 1776, captain in the 12th regiment of the Pennsylvania Line, commanded by Col. William Cooke, whose two daughters became wives of two of Capt. John Brady's sons. In 1778, on the invasion of the Wyoming Valley, he went with his family to Sunbury, and Sept. 1, 1778, returned to the army. In the spring of 1779 he received orders to join Colonel Hartley on the West Branch, and on the 11th of April, 1779, was killed by a concealed body of Indians. He had taken an active part in efforts to subdue their atrocities, and his daring and repeated endeavors intensified their hatred and desire to capture him, resulting fatally on that springtime morning. With a guard and wagon he went up the river to Wallis' to procure supplies. His family was living at the "Fort" at Muncy during the winter and early spring, and from his home to the provision house was only a few hours' ride. On their return trip, about three miles from Fort Brady, at Wolf Run, they stopped to wait for the wagon, which was coming another way. Peter Smith, whose family was massacred on the 10th of June, and on whose farm young James Brady was mortally wounded, was by his side. Capt. John Brady said: "This would be a good place for Indians to hide." Smith replied in the affirmative, when the report of three rifles was heard, and the Captain fell without uttering a sound. He was shot with two balls between the shoulders. Smith mounted the

horse of his commander and escaped to the woods unharmed, and on to the settlement. It was not known what Indians did the shooting, but proof was evident that a party had followed him with intent to kill. In their haste, they did not scalp him, nor take his money, a gold watch, and his commission, which he wore in a bag suspended from his neck, his dearest earthly possession. Thus perished one of the most skilled and daring Indian fighters, as well as one of the most esteemed and respected of men, on whose sterling qualities and sound judgment the pioneers of the entire settlement depended.

Carried to his home at Fort Brady, which he built, and is now within the borough limits of Muncy, his heroic little wife looked the second time upon the blood-stained form of one of her family, her son James having met the same fate on the 8th of August of the preceding year.

Laid to rest on the hillside, where few interments had been made, his grave was well nigh forgotten, and weeds and briars hid the lonely mound of earth, until the spot was identified through the efforts of a granddaughter of Capt. John Brady, Mrs. Backus, wife of Gen. Electus Backus, U. S. A. Prior to 1830, at Halls, a heavy granite marker was erected bearing the inscription

Captain John Brady  
Fell in defense of our forefathers  
at Wolf Run, April 11, 1779  
Aged 46 years

An old comrade who was present at his burial pointed to the site and requested that he be laid by his side. His request was granted, and near by Capt. John Brady's grave is that of his friend Henry Lebo. The Lycoming Chapter, D. A. R., recently honored his memory by placing an appropriate marker between his grave and that of his faithful comrade.

A hundred years after his death, through a dollar subscription fund, raised by Mr. J. M. M. Gerner, a monument was placed in the cemetery at Muncy, and unveiled Oct. 15, 1879. The date 1779 is on the front of the shaft, the name "John Brady" in the die, and the date of erection, 1879, in the sub-base. In closing his oration at the unveiling of the monument, Hon. John Blair Linn, of Bellefonte, Pa., said: "To Captain Brady's descendants, time fails me in paying a proper tribute. When border tales have lost their charm for the evening hour: when oblivion blots from the historic page the glorious record of Pennsylvania in the Revolution of 1776, then and then only will Captain Samuel Brady of the Rangers be forgotten. In private life, in public office, at the bar, in the Senate of Pennsylvania, in the House of Representatives of the U. S., in the ranks of battle, Captain John Brady's sons and grandsons and great-grandsons have flung far forward into the future the light of their family fame."



Capt. John Brady was foremost in all expeditions that went out from the West Branch settlement, and his untimely death was a sore affliction. When the inmates of the fort heard the report of the rifles that ended his life, they, with his wife, ran to ask Smith, who was with him, where he was, and his reply, "In heaven or hell or on his way to Tioga," showed his rapid flight, for he did not wait to see whether Captain Brady was killed or taken prisoner. His was a remarkable career, and death, claiming him in the prime of manhood, robbed the earth of one of her strongest sons, and the nation of one of her most loyal subjects, but in the lives and life work of his children were continued and completed the blessings and benefits to mankind commenced so unselfishly by him.

Capt. John Brady had an older brother, Samuel, who was also a noted Indian fighter. He was one of the two men who escaped from Fort Freeland at the time of its capture by the Indians. He afterward moved to Indiana county, where he died in 1811, after having spent more than fifty years in defence of the Pennsylvania frontiers.

Capt. John Brady and his wife were the parents of thirteen children: Capt. Samuel Brady, the noted Indian fighter; James Brady, who was mortally wounded by the Indians near Muncy in 1778; William, who died in infancy; John Brady, afterward sheriff of Northumberland county, and who was the father of Hon. Jasper Ewing Brady, and of William Perry Brady and Samuel Brady, both of whom distinguished themselves in the war of 1812; Mary Brady, who married Capt. William Gray, of Sunbury; William P. Brady, who was the father of Col. Hugh Brady and grandfather of Capt. Evan Rive Evans Brady; Gen. Hugh Brady, who distinguished himself in the war of 1812 and rose to a major generalship in the regular army; Jane Brady, who started the first Sunday school in Sunbury; Robert Brady; Agnes Brady, who died in infancy; Hannah Brady, who married Maj. Robert Gray, of Sunbury; Joseph Brady, who died in infancy; and Liberty Brady, who married Maj. William Dewart, of Sunbury. Cyrus Townsend Brady, the author, is a direct descendant of Capt. John Brady.—Contributed by W. G. MURDOCK.

HON. SIMON P. WOLVERTON, late of Sunbury, who ranked among the leading attorneys of that borough, was one of the most successful corporation lawyers in this State, and as a former representative in Congress from the Seventeenth Congressional district was widely known in this section. He was born in Rush township, Northumberland county, Jan. 28, 1837, son of Joseph and Charity (Kase) Wolverton, and on the paternal side is of English Quaker origin.

According to well authenticated tradition three

brothers emigrated from Wolverhampton, England, about 1700, and settled on Long Island, New York. The family was then, as now, one of distinction, and its coat of arms bore the wolf's head. The descendants are scattered, being found in nearly every state in the Union, and many are residents of Canada. Many members of the family have attained prominence in business, political and professional circles. Of the three brothers who originally came to this country Charles Wolverton, the lineal ancestor of Simon P. Wolverton, in 1714 moved to Hunterdon county, N. J., where the family resided for several generations.

Charles Wolverton, a descendant of the Charles Wolverton who was one of the original immigrants, was the great-grandfather of Simon P. Wolverton. He served in the war of the Revolution. He owned a large tract of land in Hunterdon county, N. J., which he granted to his son Isaac on Feb. 12, 1816.

Isaac Wolverton was born in Hunterdon county, N. J., Aug. 11, 1777, and in 1800 came with his father and family to Augusta township, Northumberland county, where he died. The father died in Augusta township, as did the son, who passed away in 1855. Isaac was a prosperous and successful farmer. He was a Democrat in politics and served as county commissioner. He was a devout Baptist and filled numerous offices in the church society of which he was a member. He married Lucretia Chamberlain and reared a family of five children, two sons and three daughters.

Joseph Wolverton, son of Isaac and father of Simon P. Wolverton, was born in Augusta township, Northumberland county, Sept. 25, 1803, and died in Sunbury in the eighties. He spent his lifetime in his native township and in the neighboring township of Rush, and was engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was a Baptist. He married Charity Kase, also a native of Northumberland county, daughter of William Kase, who was of German descent, and resided in Rush township, where he was a farmer and also served as a justice of the peace. The family of Joseph and Charity Wolverton consisted of two sons and three daughters. Mrs. Wolverton died in 1862.

Simon P. Wolverton was truly a self-made man. Starting out to make his way in youth he had as his resources an unusually brilliant intellect, a sturdy physique and a constitution which seemed to have been built as of iron. From comparative obscurity, by his untiring industry and his personal merit and effort, he rose to a position in the front rank of Pennsylvania's men of great attainments, and all who knew him and realized his worth as a man and a citizen rejoiced that he won the honors and the success to which he was so justly entitled. In his youth Mr. Wolverton, who had secured a fairly good schooling, taught school,

receiving a meager salary, determined to earn enough to pay his expenses through college.

In his young manhood Mr. Wolverton completed his education at Danville Academy and Lewisburg University, where he doubled his studies and by hard work and persistent effort accomplished the work of the junior and senior courses in one year, doing that which ordinarily requires two years' study in a single year, and graduating from the institution in 1860. Following his graduation from the university he entered the law office of Hon. Alexander Jordan in Sunbury. Mr. Jordan then being the presiding judge in the Eighth Judicial district as then constituted. He read day and night, so eager was he to enter the profession to which he was attracted and for which his strong and logical intellect seemed so well to fit him. As in his youth, Mr. Wolverton in his young manhood continued to be a diligent student and a hard worker, and the same traits of character served him well through the remarkably successful career he enjoyed as a lawyer and as a statesman. He was admitted to the bar in April, 1862, and immediately entered upon the practice of law. His practice was interrupted by two periods of service during the Civil war, the first when General Stuart made his raid into the State. Mr. Wolverton raising a company of emergency men (of which he was captain) who did effective service. When a second invasion of the State was threatened by Lee's army Mr. Wolverton again went out as captain with the emergency company known as Company F, 36th Pennsylvania Regiment. The company was mustered into the service July 4, 1863, and mustered out August 11th of the same year. While in the military service Mr. Wolverton kept in touch with his law business, and on his discharge from the army immediately resumed it, and he afterward followed it to the exclusion of practically all else. He acquired a very large and lucrative clientage. A man of even temper, of indomitable will and possessing the best of health, he knew no such thing as failure, nor did he encounter defeat. As a lawyer Mr. Wolverton was very thorough in the preparation of his cases and in the courts he handled them with masterly skill.

Political honors were forced upon Mr. Wolverton, the demand for his services being of such nature as to be imperative. In the fall of 1878 he was elected, as a Democrat, to fill out the unexpired term of State Senator A. H. Dill. Senator Dill having resigned to be a candidate for governor. Twice Mr. Wolverton was reelected, and he served ten years in the State Senate. He declined a renomination in 1888 because he preferred to resume the more active practice of his profession. During his term in the State Senate he was prominent in securing the enactment of many of the most important laws. For the ten years he was in the Legislature he was a member of the commit-

tee on Judiciary. He introduced and secured the passage of what is known as the "Married Woman's Act" in 1887. Mr. Wolverton's great popularity with the people of the Twenty-seventh Senatorial district may be estimated by his election to the Senate for three successive terms in a district which had a normal Republican plurality of over 1,000. For two years after his retirement from the State Senate Mr. Wolverton devoted his entire time to his profession. Then he was again obliged to respond to the popular demands of his friends and neighbors, and in 1890 he was elected representative in Congress from the Seventeenth district, which includes Northumberland, Columbia, Montour and Sullivan counties. He served in the Fifty-second Congress and in 1892 was re-elected, to the Fifty-third Congress. As representative he was an untiring worker in the interest of his district, faithfully and most ably representing those who had so strenuously insisted upon again bestowing upon him political honors. At the expiration of his second term in Congress Mr. Wolverton's legal business had attained such magnitude that he realized he either must abandon law and its practice or give up political position. He decided to abandon politics, except as he might participate in political affairs as a citizen, and to devote his entire time and energy to the practice of his profession.

No better indorsement of the great ability of Mr. Wolverton as a lawyer could be put forward than the statement that he was attorney for a number of very large corporations, including the following: Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company; Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company; Lehigh Valley Railroad Company; Lehigh Valley Coal Company; Cox Bros. & Company, the largest coal operators in Pennsylvania; the Delaware, Sunbury & Schuylkill Railroad Company, and many other corporations of less magnitude. He was among those prominent in organizing and constructing the Sunbury, Hazleton & Wilkes-Barre railroad and the Shamokin, Sunbury & Lewisburg railroad, of which he was president, and which is now a part of the Reading system. Mr. Wolverton built the Sunbury & Northumberland Electric railway and continued to be interested in it. He was also interested in the Sunbury Electric Light & Power Company, the Northumberland Illuminating Company, and other local enterprises which are of a semi-public and beneficial character as greatly aiding in the development and growth of Sunbury. He died Oct. 25, 1910.

On March 23, 1865, Mr. Wolverton was united in marriage with Elizabeth D. Hendricks, daughter of Benjamin Hendricks, of Sunbury. They reared a family of three charming children: Mary G., wife of Biddle Arthurs, of Pittsburg, Pa.; Elizabeth K.; and Simon P., Jr., who was asso-



ciated with and succeeded his father in the practice of law. The family belong to the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Wolverton was a Mason and an Odd Fellow in fraternal connection.

**JOHN E. BASTRESS**, attorney at law, and president of the Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Company, at Mount Carmel, Pa., was born in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, Nov. 29, 1865, a son of Milton Bastress. His grandfather, Solomon Bastress, resided in Montgomery county, Pa. On April 6, 1830, he married Rachel Miller, of Bucks county, Pa., and they had one son, Milton, who was born April 16, 1833, in Montgomery county, where he spent his early life. Coming to Northumberland county he located in Rush township, following his trade at Wolverton's tannery, near Snyderstown. He was also a rural mail carrier in Rush township and became well known. He was a member of the Reformed Church and in politics a Republican. He married Catherine Brocius, of Schuylkill county, Pa., in 1857. Mrs. Bastress now makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. B. F. Culp, near Snyderstown. Mr. Bastress died May 25, 1900. They had these children: Minerva E., deceased wife of L. R. Parry; William, living in Shamokin township; Samuel, living in Williamsport, Pa.; Alice, the wife of Benjamin F. Culp, and John E., whose name introduces this sketch.

John E. Bastress attended the public schools of his native township and Central Pennsylvania College, at New Berlin, Pa., thence going to the Ohio Normal University, at Ada, Ohio, and graduating from the latter institution in 1886. With this preparation he felt himself fitted for the duties of schoolmaster, and was employed as teacher at the Shipman school in Rockefeller township, holding an engagement for one year. He was next in Union county, near Mifflinburg, teaching there one term; thence went to Point township, where he taught four terms, concluding his career in the field of pedagogy as normal school instructor for four succeeding terms at Dalmatia, and making his final bow on retiring from his profession after three years' engagement in the high schools of Mount Carmel. He then took up the study of law with Hon. Voris Auten as preceptor and was admitted to the Northumberland county bar in 1892, and since 1895 has been located in the Samuel building at Mount Carmel, doing a general law practice in connection with his numerous and varied enterprises. He was one of the original directors of the Mount Carmel Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Company, which was established in 1902, he serving as president since 1906, and also as chairman of the finance committee. He is president of the Mount Carmel Gas Company, and was at one time president of the Mount Carmel Iron Works, of which he is still a director. He is so-

licitor and a director of the People's and Central Building and Loan Associations of Mount Carmel.

Upon the formation of the Bastress, Vought & Co. organization in Brooklyn real estate, in 1906, Mr. Bastress assumed the management. Since then the Bastress Vought Company have merged with another concern, forming the largest and strongest real estate concern within the limits of the Empire State, the management of which rests upon the shoulders of John E. Bastress. The light and power plant of Cambridge, Md., was built and personally owned by Mr. Bastress, who sold it in 1910.

Socially Mr. Bastress belongs to the I. O. O. F., local lodge of Elks, K. of M. and P. O. S. of A. He is a member of the Lutheran Church.

Politically Mr. Bastress is a Republican, served one year as county chairman, and for a time was one of the executive committee. For twelve years he was solicitor for the borough of Mount Carmel.

His first wife, whom he married June 10, 1890, was Sarah Brocius. She died in 1897, leaving two children, Edgar R. and Clyde O. On Jan. 16, 1900, Mr. Bastress married Blanch M. Green, daughter of John Green, of Bainbridge, Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania.

Mr. Bastress has had a busy life from boyhood till now, and in whatever office, whether as tutor or student, lawyer, banker or business man, his ambitions and capabilities have assigned him to high places.

**JOHN JUNIUS REIMENSNYDER, A. M.**, attorney at law, Sunbury, Pa., was born in Augusta county, Va., June 2, 1812, son of Rev. George Henry and Christina Reimensnyder. His father, a graduate of the University of Göttingen, Germany, was a theologian and author of note. The family has been a professional and literary one for more than a century and a half, the sisters as well as the brothers being engaged in educational work.

J. J. Reimensnyder received his education under the tuition of his father and at local academies. He was largely a self-made man, but went over the entire collegiate course, including the Latin, under private tutors. He was a fine German scholar, frequently acting as interpreter in the court. He was the first superintendent of public instruction in Northumberland county, laying the foundation for the system of graded schools. He served in this capacity for six years. He retired from the ministry after a service of twenty-one years because of a throat affection. He received the honorary degree of A. M. from Roanoke College, Salem, Va. He was twice nominated for Congress in his own county. He was elected prothonotary of Northumberland county and served two terms. During this period he was admitted



to the practice of the law, having studied law in his earlier years. Hon. Alexander Jordan, president judge, stating that he passed the most brilliant examination of any applicant in his experience. In 1838 he was married to Susan Margaret Bryan, daughter of Benjamin Bryan, the first captain in the war of 1812. He was the father of eight children, all of whom received a liberal education. Of the five sons two practiced law, two became ministers of the Gospel and one was a druggist. Hon. J. J. Reimensnyder died in Sunbury May 2, 1899.

Cornelius Reimensnyder, the eldest son, practiced law in the West.

Rev. J. B. Reimensnyder, D. D., LL. D., the second son, has been for the past twenty-six years pastor in New York City, and was this year (1911) elected president of the General Synod of the Lutheran Church in the United States at its session in Washington, D. C.

Rev. J. M. Reimensnyder, D. D., pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Milton, Pa., is the third son. He was born at Smithsburg, Washington Co., Md., Jan. 5, 1847, attended the public schools of Milton, and prepared for college at the old McEwensville Academy. In 1870 he graduated at Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa., taking the full college classical course. He then studied theology, passing the best examination of his class, and was ordained in 1871. His first charge was Espy, Columbia Co., Pa. He then served as pastor for twelve years at Lewistown, Pa. On Sept. 2, 1911, he entered the twenty-fifth year of his present pastorate at Milton, Pa., where he is still serving one of the largest congregations in central Pennsylvania. During his college course he was chosen orator in the great literary contest, historian of his class and literary society and speaker at the literary anniversary of the institution. He was two years president of the Pennsylvania State Sabbath School Association and seven years editor of its organ, the "Pennsylvania Sabbath School Review." He was four years chairman of the Sunday School committee of his denomination in this country. He has served for years as director of the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg and frequently as delegate to the General Synod of the Lutheran Church. He has served as president of each Synod of which he has been a member. He received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Wittenberg College, in 1896. In 1908 he was selected by the board of directors of the Gettysburg Theological Seminary to deliver the endowment lecture on the Augsburg Confession, before the Theological Seminary. He is a prominent lecturer and speaker on many important occasions in public gatherings. For the past ten years his Sunday morning sermons have been published weekly in the local city daily and have a large circulation. He is a regular contributor to Lutheran periodicals

and the author of several books and pamphlets. His books on "Reason, History and Religion" and "Ancient History and the Chronology of the Bible" have a large circulation and are used in teacher training classes and have the indorsement of many of the best educators and professors in the church. On Sept. 2, 1873, he was married to Miss Clementine C. Creveling, of Espy, Columbia Co., Pa. Five children were born to them, Anna C., Mary V., Luther M., Thomas C. and Florence I.

George B. Reimensnyder, A. M., Esq., attorney at law in Sunbury, Pa., born at Smithsburg, Washington Co., Md., July 27, 1849, is the fourth son. He was educated in the public schools and academy of Sunbury and received the honorary degree of A. M. from Pennsylvania College, in 1886. He began life as an apprentice in the office of the Sunbury *Democrat*. In 1863 he entered the prothonotary's office at Sunbury as deputy clerk, retaining that position until 1870. After teaching one year he entered the office of the register and recorder, in which he was employed nine years, seven years as deputy clerk. This laid the foundation of his study of the law. He was admitted to the bar Aug. 6, 1877. He rose rapidly in the practice of his profession until he reached the highest point as an able and efficient attorney, having a legal practice equal to any attorney in central Pennsylvania. He has been a member of the examining committee of the local bar association since 1881; was borough solicitor, 1888-89; is a director of the Sunbury Trust and Safe Deposit Company, and solicitor for that institution. He stands high in the church and is one of the most prominent laymen in his denomination. He was president of the Pennsylvania State Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association at its session in Bellefonte, in 1881. He is a director in the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Pa., and associated with many other religious and benevolent organizations. On Nov. 22, 1887, he was married to Miss Clara B. Stackhouse, of Philadelphia. He has one daughter, Miss Lillian, born at Sunbury March 23, 1889.

**GOODWILL.** The name Goodwill has been closely associated with the coal and coke interests of Pennsylvania and West Virginia, and Shamokin, Northumberland county, has been the home of the family for many years, here dwelling the late Robert Goodwill, founder and in his lifetime president of the Goodwill Coal & Coke Company of West Virginia; and his sons, Anthony G. Goodwill, now a hardware merchant at Shamokin, member of the firm of Boughner, Goodwill & Co.; and William F. Goodwill, who retains his mining interests.

Robert Goodwill was born in October, 1827, in the County of Northumberland, England, son of

Anthony G. and Margaret (Fleeman) Goodwill, and was tenth in their family of twelve children. When but nine years of age he went to work in the mines, and at thirteen was mining coal. His home during the last years he spent in the old country was in Scotland. He was married in his native land, and his eldest son was born before the emigration to America. In May, 1852, Mr. Goodwill, with wife and son, sailed for the *New World*, landing at Philadelphia on June 30th of that year. He went to Gold Mine Gap, and was employed there three years, mining coal. From there he moved to the Shamokin coal fields, and was employed at the Lancaster colliery, about three miles east of town. In 1857 he located at Trevorton, Pa., about eight miles west of Shamokin, where he worked both as a miner and contractor. At the end of eight years, in 1865, with A. A. Heim as a partner, he leased the tracts of coal lands three miles west of the town, tracts that were familiarly known as the Greenough and Bear Valley tracts. They operated these until Nov. 15, 1887, when they sold out to the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company. Heim & Goodwill leased the Diamond Gas & Coal Company's colliery, and the Pentecost, both at Reynoldsville, Jefferson Co., Pa., which they operated for ten years. In December, 1869, they acquired a quarter interest in the Monitor colliery, and in March, 1870, disposed of this interest with profit. During 1877 Mr. Goodwill occupied the position of superintendent with the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, and in 1878 he built the Carson colliery, operating it three years, after which he retired from active business. He was, however, of too active a temperament to remain long in retirement and in 1886 he organized the Goodwill Coal & Coke Company, of Philippi, W. Va., and leased a colliery from the Blue Stone Coal Company, in connection with which he operated fifty coke ovens. The first shipment of coal was made in September, 1887, and the capacity of the mines was increased to one thousand tons per day.

Mr. Goodwill was reared by parents who were faithful members of the Church of England, but he departed from the faith of his fathers and became a Methodist, being a trustee of the Methodist Church for fifteen years, and of the Second Methodist Episcopal Church for four years. In his political faith he was a Republican. He died Dec. 17, 1899. On July 27, 1847, he married Catherine Wake, born Dec. 28, 1827, died May 20, 1902, daughter of Philip and Margaret Wake. She is also deceased, and both she and her husband rest in the cemetery at Shamokin. Five children blessed their union, of whom the two daughters died in infancy; the sons were, Anthony G., Philip (of Bramwell, W. Va.) and William F., all of whom were members of the Goodwill Coal

& Coke Company. Mr. and Mrs. Goodwill celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding July 27, 1897.

ANTHONY G. GOODWILL, son of Robert, was born in Scotland in August, 1848, and accompanied his parents to America in 1852. He attended the public schools and was graduated from Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport, Pa. He was only nine years of age when he worked for a time as a slate picker. In 1869 he became a clerk for W. R. Kutzner, selling hardware and drugs, remaining in that position until 1885, when he engaged in business for himself, at No. 228 East Sunbury street, the original firm name of Boughner, Goodwill & Co. being retained to the present time. When the Goodwill Coal & Coke Company was incorporated he became a member of the company, and is still interested in the mining business. He has built up a good trade in the hardware business, and ranks among the leading citizens of Shamokin. In 1873 he married Regina C. Klase, of Ashland, Pa., daughter of Abraham Klase, and they have one son, Robert W., of Shamokin. In his political faith Mr. Goodwill is a Republican, and in his religious faith a Methodist. Fraternally he is a Mason, being a member of Shamokin Lodge, F. & A. M. He also belongs to the B. P. O. Elks and to the Cresco Club.

WILLIAM F. GOODWILL, son of Robert, was born in Dauphin county, Pa., and was educated in the public schools and in Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, graduating from the latter in 1875, and taking a commercial course at the same institution the following year. He worked from an early age in his father's mines during the summer vacations, and after completing his business course became a bookkeeper at his father's colliery, remaining until the business was sold to the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company. For one year he was employed by L. M. Shuman & Co., grocers, and then became a member of the firm of Derby & Goodwill. This venture was followed by three years in the mail service, after which he was bookkeeper for J. Langdon & Co., at the Neilson colliery, Shamokin. In 1889 he became buyer for the Goodwill Coal & Coke Company, and in 1905 returned to Shamokin, where he erected a comfortable home at No. 153 North Eighth street. He is still interested in the mining business, but is practically retired from an active participation in the work. In 1879 Mr. Goodwill married Ida R. Klase, of Ashland, and their children are: John J., born May 26, 1885, graduated from the University of Virginia in June, 1908; and M. B., born April 13, 1893, a member of the class of 1910, Shamokin high school. Mr. Goodwill has never been an active politician, but was elected in 1888 to the Shamokin borough council. While in West Virginia he was notary public for Mercer county.



**WILLIAM FIELD SHAY.** of Watsonstown, who as solicitor, and a former chief executive of the borough, and in other relations, has been one of the most prominent citizens of that place, was born at Northumberland, this county, son of Philip and Mary E. (Wallis) Shay.

Philip Shay was born in 1813 in Pittston, Kennebec Co., Maine. In his early manhood he went to Baltimore, Md., to assist his brother-in-law, Abiathar Field (formerly of Brookline, Mass.), in the establishing one of the pioneer oyster packing houses there, and in the interest of this business Mr. Shay subsequently located at Northumberland, Pa. Later he became connected with the packet company, in which connection he was popularly known as "Captain" Shay. He finally settled at Muncy, Pa., where he engaged in the mercantile and lumber business. In 1868 he removed to Watsonstown, Northumberland county, and again engaged in merchandising. He became one of the foremost men in the community, in official as well as business circles, served with credit as a member of the school board and in 1871 was elected chief burgess. He was much interested in many of the developments affecting the early growth of the borough. He was one of the incorporators and charter members of the Watsonstown Bank, was appointed by Governor Geary the first notary public of the bank and town and, at the close of his administration, was reappointed by Governor Hartranft. For eleven years he acceptably filled the position of postmaster at Watsonstown, he being the first Presidential appointee of the office, serving until his death, which occurred Feb. 2, 1885. Mr. Shay was one of the organizers and influential members of the First Presbyterian Church of Watsonstown, in which he held the office of trustee for many years.

He was first married to Mary Elizabeth Wallis, daughter of Dr. Samuel H. and Elizabeth (Cowden) Wallis, and granddaughter of Samuel Wallis, the noted pioneer of the West Branch Valley, surveyor and land owner, who was so important a figure in the early life of that region. By this marriage there was one son, William Field Shay. After the death of his first wife Mr. Shay married Priscilla M. Llewellyn. To them were born four children, Charles P., Edward E., Mary V. and Priscilla L. The mother died when the latter was an infant. He was married the third time to Emma J. Stoughton, and two children, Frank S. and Emma E. Montgomery, wife of James M. Montgomery, blessed their union. Frank S. Shay died in 1898.

William Field Shay received his elementary education in the public schools. He clerked for his father as a young man, and subsequently became a law student with Oscar Foust, Esq., of Watsonstown (now Judge of the Allen and Woodson counties, Kans., courts), under whose instruction he re-

mained three years. Soon after attaining his majority he was admitted to the bar, and commenced practice at Watsonstown, where he has ever since been established. He has been admitted to practice in all the courts of the central Pennsylvania counties, as well as in the Superior court, the Supreme court of Pennsylvania, and the United States Circuit and District courts. He became solicitor for the Central Pennsylvania & Western (Susquehanna, Bloomsburg & Berwick) Railway Company at its inception, and has held the position many years. He has been solicitor for the borough of Watsonstown for many years, and also for the Watsonstown National Bank.

Few citizens of Watsonstown have done more for the best interests of the municipality than Mr. Shay. Its important public enterprises have had his aid in their fostering and development, notably the waterworks, electric light and sewer systems, and educational facilities. He has served on the school board, and in that relation took the deepest interest in the cause of public education, serving as chairman of the State Association of School Directors when Supreme Justice John P. Elkin was president of that body, and succeeding him in that office in 1901. It was through his efforts that the terminus of the Central Pennsylvania & Western railroad (now S. B. & B. railroad) was secured to the town. He has been a member of the town council, and in 1906 he was honored with election to the office of chief burgess, the nomination and election coming without solicitation on his part. His administration was progressive and effective. Mr. Shay has acquitted himself creditably in every public trust, and has justified the flattering support accorded him on every occasion when he has been a candidate for official honors. His public spirit and intelligent insight regarding the affairs of the community are best illustrated in the measures brought about through his influence. On political questions he is identified with the Republican party.

Mr. Shay has long been an active and prominent member of the Masonic fraternity. He is a member of Watsonstown Lodge, No. 401, F. & A. M., of which he has been Worshipful Master, served as secretary for a long period, and is still acting as treasurer, an office he has held for years; he is Past High Priest of Warrior Run Chapter, No. 246, R. A. M., of Watsonstown, has been secretary of that body and is now serving under his twelfth annual appointment as the Deputy to the Grand High Priest in the Eighth caputular district, which comprises the counties of Northumberland, Montour, Columbia, Union and Snyder. He is also a member of the Council, and the Commandery; the A. A. S. R. and the Shrine, and has attained the thirty-second degree. He is a member of the Grand Lodge and of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.



For a number of years Mr. Shay has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the State Hospital for the Insane at Danville and is now President of that body. As chairman of the committee of legislation he has done efficient work in the securing of large appropriations for the improvement of the institution, now having the care of over sixteen hundred patients, it being the second largest in the State.

He has been foremost in the general State movement for good roads, advocating the log drag generally for dirt roads, and the building of the more substantial highways between all the towns and other main points. As solicitor for Delaware township he secured the two roads at the north and south of Watsonstown, and has been consulted and has received departmental approval of local roads of great moment for the locality in the bill just passed, contemplating the taking over of all the roads under the care and management of the State Highway Department.

With all his interests, involving much work and requiring much time for their successful continuation, Mr. Shay has found time for enjoyment of literature and for researches into local historical matters, in which line he has found pleasure and recreation, though his labors have been serious enough to command recognition, a number of leading articles from his pen having found their way into print. He has compiled and contributed much historical data which will be useful for future reference, and is regarded as an authority in the lines which he has followed.

Mr. Shay has been happily married to Mary Alice Hower, only daughter of the late Hon. Charles Hower, of Selinsgrove, Pa., who was a leading member of the bar in Snyder county. Mr. and Mrs. Shay are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Watsonstown, and occupy a comfortable home in the beautiful Main street in Watsonstown.

**JAMES STARRETT DOUGAL, M. D.**, of Milton, Northumberland county, is a member of the Dougal family which has had a representative of the medical profession there ever since the time of his great-grandfather, Dr. James Dougal, who was the first physician to locate permanently at that point. As a family of physicians the Dougals are known all over the State of Pennsylvania, their personal and professional worth having won them unquestioned standing, maintained without interruption or diminution during the century and more of their residence here.

The Dougal family is of Scotch-Irish origin and has a history well worth recording. The first of whom we have definite record is one James Dougal, who came to this country from Cookstown, Ireland, and took up a large tract of land in the Cumberland Valley. Returning to his na-

tive land, he sent his son James out to look after the estate.

James Dougal, son of James and Mary Dougal, was born June 1, 1769, at Londonderry, Ireland, and was a young man when sent by his father to look after his property in America. The vessel on which he made the voyage was wrecked off the coast of Delaware, James Dougal and a man who later lived at Muncy, Pa., being the only two passengers who were saved. Young Dougal was robbed of all his money and other valuables and left stranded among strangers. But he was a young man of fine personality, and being able to speak French was given a position as tutor to the son of a man whom he met, being thus engaged until he earned enough money to take him back to his native land. After finishing his literary and professional training, graduating from the College of Surgeons at Edinburgh, Scotland, he settled in Cookstown, County Tyrone, Ireland, and began the practice of medicine. He married, and his two children were born there. But he became involved in the political uprising led by Emmet, his friend, and when Emmet was captured he escaped in disguise to the United States, leaving his native land with a price on his head. Being a friend of the well known Dr. Priestley, who was then located at Northumberland, Pa., he went to him for advice, on the strength of which he settled at Milton. As previously mentioned, he was the first physician to settle there, and his success was immediate and lasting. He soon (1803) erected the stone mansion at Front and Mahoning streets which remained in the family for one hundred years (being now occupied by Dr. E. L. Keiser), and continued in active practice until his death, July 18, 1818, caused by a fall from his horse. His practice extended over a large part of the territory now embraced in the counties of Northumberland, Montour, Columbia, Lycoming, Union and Clinton, and he was naturally one of the most widely known men in his section of the State in that day, his broad mind and energetic personality winning him the friendship and esteem of the forceful characters of the day. He retained his patriotic spirit and impulses to the end of his days, and during the war of 1812 sent his son James into the ranks of the American army to fight for the liberty so dear to all of this name.

On Oct. 14, 1793, Dr. Dougal had married Jane Starrett, like himself a native of Ireland, and they had two children, James and Margaret, both born at Cookstown, Ireland. His wife and children followed him to America a few years after his escape.

Dr. James S. Dougal, son of Dr. James and Jane (Starrett) Dougal, was born Oct. 7, 1794, at Cookstown, County Tyrone, Ireland, and was reared at Milton, Pa., where he attended school

and also received private tuition under Rev. Thomas Hood. He read medicine with his father, and graduated in medicine from the University of Pennsylvania in 1817. When his father died, the following year, he succeeded to the extensive practice and continued actively engaged in the duties of his profession for fifty-eight years, dying May 23, 1878, in his eighty-fourth year. His reputation and patronage were widespread. In politics he was originally a Democrat, later joining the Republicans, and as previously mentioned he served when but a youth in the war of 1812.

On July 2, 1818, Dr. Dougal married Sarah Pollock, who was born July 16, 1799, daughter of William Pollock and a sister of the late ex-Governor Pollock, and she died April 1, 1873. They had a family of eight children: James, a physician who died at Milton Feb. 20, 1847; William P.; Sarah Jane, widow of James Gilmour and living in Milton; Mary Louisa, wife of R. H. Duncan, of Washington, D. C.; Caroline, deceased, who was the wife of Horace A. Beale, of Chester county, Pa.; Margaret P.; Charles Hammond; and Elizabeth E., wife of Robert Bailey, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Capt. William P. Dougal, second son of Dr. James S. Dougal, was born Dec. 28, 1823, in the stone mansion built by his grandfather. He attended the old Milton Academy, and became a prosperous farmer, settling in Union county, Pa., when a young man, and there engaging in agricultural pursuits until 1860. At the breaking out of the Civil war he gave his active support to the Union cause, and on Sept. 4, 1862, was commissioned first lieutenant of Company D, 150th Pennsylvania Volunteers, better known as the Bucktail Regiment, and celebrated as one of the fighting regiments of the Army of the Potomac. He had recruited his company in Union county, Pa., where he had his home at the time. The command was sent to the front at once, and did notable service, in which he bore his full share. He was promoted to captain July 1, 1863, on the field at Gettysburg, where he received injuries so severe as to necessitate his retirement, and he received his discharge Feb. 1, 1864. He became a member of the firm of Murray, Dougal & Co., which was organized that year and established the Milton Car Works, with which he was actively identified until the year 1878, when he withdrew from the firm. He lived retired thereafter until his death, July 8, 1890. He always took a deep interest in the advancement and betterment of the borough and was instrumental in promoting the success of other enterprises besides his main responsibility; he was a director of the Milton National Bank. His many friends in Milton felt that the place lost one of its best citizens in his decease. He and his family were members of the

Presbyterian Church, and in politics he was a Republican.

By his first marriage, to Sarah Clingan, of Union county, Pa., Captain Dougal had one daughter, Sarah, who is the wife of William C. Lawson, Jr., of Milton. His second wife, Agnes (McCormick), daughter of Robert and Eliza (Montgomery) McCormick, of Milton, was a descendant of two well known families of the West Branch Valley. Seven children were born to the second union: James, Robert, William, Eliza, Charles, Agnes and Margaret.

Charles Hammond Dougal, M. D., son of Dr. James S. Dougal and brother of Capt. William P. Dougal, was born Sept. 20, 1838, in Milton, where he received a good preliminary education in the common schools. He then took a course at Princeton, graduating from that college in the spring of 1859, after which he began to read medicine in his father's office. His professional studies were interrupted by the outbreak of the Civil war, as he entered the Union service in 1861 under General Stoneman, as a medical cadet. He was captured July 1, 1863, and taken to Libby prison, being held there five weeks. At the end of that time he was exchanged and assigned to duty at Eckington Hospital, near Washington, D. C., where he remained until the following September.

Returning to Milton at the close of his army service, Dr. Dougal resumed his medical studies, entered the University of Pennsylvania, and was graduated in March, 1864. He at once entered upon practice at Milton, building up a large patronage, and finding himself with the ability and inclination to do as his father and grandfather before him had done, to win and hold the confidence and esteem of the entire community. Such a record of usefulness and service, of well sustained personal and intellectual standards, is held by few families. Though a busy man he found time to serve the borough in various public capacities, as member of the school board, member of the town council (for three terms) and chief burgess. In politics he was a Republican, on national questions. He was a Presbyterian in church connection and socially held membership in the G. A. R. and in the Masonic fraternity.

Dr. Dougal married, Jan. 4, 1866, Annie M. Oakes, daughter of Samuel Oakes, of Montour county, Pa., and they had two children, Charles (who died young) and James Starrett. Mrs. Dougal died March 26, 1873, and on March 19, 1891, the Doctor married (second) Emma Clinger, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

James Starrett Dougal, son of Charles Hammond Dougal, was born in Milton Feb. 1, 1871. He received his early education there in the public schools, graduating from the high school in



1889, after which he entered his father's office and read medicine for three years. His formal preparation was made in the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1893, since which time he has been engaged in successful practice at Milton, keeping up the traditions of the family in every relation of life. His location is at No. 146 South Front street. It is sufficient to say that he enjoys the patronage and rank which the Dougals have been accorded for generations. He is a member of the Lycoming County Medical Society and of the State Medical Association. Fraternally he is well known, being a charter member of Milton Lodge, No. 913, B. P. O. Elks, and a member of Milton Lodge, No. 256, F. & A. M. He is a Republican in political sentiment.

In 1900 Dr. Dougal was united in marriage with Mary Emma Johnson, daughter of M. P. and Ann Johnson, of Milton, Northumberland county.

**EAGLE.** The name of Eagle is synonymous with progress and prosperity in Shamokin, and the Eagle Silk Mills, owned by John H. and Charles K. Eagle, have a reputation that extends the length and breadth of the land. To the city of Shamokin the mills are most important. They have proved of inestimable value to the community, affording employment to more than six hundred operatives.

The history of the Eagle Mills reads like a romance. Mill No. 1 was erected at Edgewood by Shamokin capitalists, and was operated with such indifferent success, closely bordering on failure, that in 1896 Mr. John H. Eagle, then a New York banker, was obliged to take the mill to save himself from financial loss. Mr. Charles K. Eagle, also of New York, came to Shamokin to assume personal management and his executive ability soon changed the balance to the proper side of the ledger, and spread the fame of the mills from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Many extensions and additions were made in the Edgewood mill; in 1898 the Trevorton mill, employing 125 hands, was started, and since then the Rock street mill—modern in every respect—has been built. The last named mill is the best equipped of its kind in the country. It is a three-story brick structure, fireproof, run entirely by electricity, each loom having its individual motor, while the ventilation is perfected by a blower and humidifier which change the entire cubic contents of the building every fifteen minutes. The rise of the firm has been rapid. A wholesale house has been established in New York. When the Messrs. Eagle took the mills it was thought that local capitalists were fortunate in getting rid of such property, but the outcome has proved what close application of brain and energy can do, and both

John H. and Charles K. Eagle are looked upon as benefactors to this borough. They are both well known and genuinely liked. The mills are now managed by Mr. James C. Brown, sketch of whom follows.

**JAMES C. BROWN**, general superintendent of the Eagle Silk Mills, is a native of Scotland, born at Glasgow Oct. 25, 1870. He was brought to America by his parents in his childhood, and was but thirteen when he began working in the silk mills at Paterson, N. J., as bobbin boy, for \$2.50 a week. He applied himself diligently to his task, and with the untiring perseverance and thoroughness of the true Scot learned all branches of the silk manufacturing business. His reputation spread and in 1904 he came to Shamokin from Phillipsburg, N. J., to take charge of the mills for J. H. & C. K. Eagle. Not only has he a thorough understanding of the manufacturing end of the business, but he has superior executive and business ability, and the mills have prospered under his wise administration.

Mr. Brown is a Mason of high degree, belonging to Delaware Lodge, No. 52, F. & A. M., of Phillipsburg, N. J., of which he is past master; Eagle Chapter, No. 30, R. A. M., of Phillipsburg; Shamokin Commandery, No. 77, K. T.; Williamsport Consistory, thirty-second degree; Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading; and the Temple Club. He also belongs to Lodge No. 355, B. P. O. E. He has a beautiful home at Edgewood.

**PROF. SAMUEL B. KNISS**, an educator of long experience now engaged in teaching at Haddon, Northumberland county, is an influential citizen of that community, justice of the peace, active in church work, and interested in all things that concern the good of the people generally. He was born Sept. 22, 1852, in Upper Augusta township, this county, son of Peter Kniss and grandson of Michael Kniss.

Michael Kniss, the grandfather, lived near Sunbury, in Upper Augusta township, where he followed farming. He died at the age of eighty-two years, and is buried at Lantz's Church. To him and his wife Juliana were born: Peter, John, Harry, Samuel, and two daughters.

Peter Kniss, son of Michael, was born Dec. 8, 1818, in Lower Mahanoy township, this county, and when a young man settled in Jackson township, where he passed the remainder of his long life. His death, which occurred Jan. 21, 1898, was sudden, being caused by a railroad accident at Shamokin, this county. On Sept. 12, 1847, Mr. Kniss married Lucy Ann Batdorf, daughter of John and Mary Batdorf, and she survives him, being now (1911) in her ninetyeth year. She makes her home with her daughter Mrs. Erdman. Four



children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kniss: Hattie, now the wife of Rev. F. E. Erdman, of Reading, Pa.; Franklin, who died young; Samuel B.; and Willie, who died young.

Samuel B. Kniss was reared to farm life, which he followed until eighteen years old, at that time taking up the trade of painter and paper hanger. He has continued to do such work at times ever since, but for many years he has been well known as a teacher in this vicinity, having begun teaching in 1871 in Jackson township. Up to the present time he has taught thirty-two terms, all in the one township, Herndon borough, where he is now engaged, being located in that township. In 1890 he obtained his professional certificate, and in 1895 was granted a State teacher's permanent certificate.

Mr. Kniss has the confidence of his fellow citizens, and has long served them in public capacities, having been assessor of Jackson township for fourteen successive years, and he is now filling his second term as justice of the peace of Herndon borough. He is agent for a number of fire insurance companies and has done considerable business in that line.

On Oct. 18, 1877, Professor Kniss married Mary A. Albert, daughter of John and Amelia C. (Stroh) Albert, and to them have been born five children: Charles S., Arthur E., Myrtle V., Clarence A. and Lester C. Professor Kniss and his family are active in the work of the United Evangelical Church at Herndon, and he is one of the pillars of the church, which he is serving in several official capacities, as trustee, steward and class leader.

GEORGE E. HANCOCK, who is at present serving as county commissioner of Northumberland county, has been identified with the public service in various capacities. He was engaged in the hotel business for several years, and in these different associations has come in contact with a large number of the residents of this section and become very well known. He was born in this county June 15, 1872, in Coal township, near Shamokin.

Mr. Hancock is of Welsh extraction. Thomas Hancock, his grandfather, was born in 1819 in Pembrokeshire, Wales, and came to America in 1849, his family following him two years later. His first location was in Dauphin county, Pa., where he followed mining, and he came thence to Northumberland county, where he was employed at the mines during the greater part of his active life. He died in Shamokin in 1895, at the age of seventy-six years, and is buried in the Shamokin cemetery. Mr. Hancock took an interest in the general welfare of his adopted community, and served as supervisor of Coal township, where he was a well known and respected citizen. He

married Patience Haines, who died in 1860 at Locust Gap, this county, and is buried at Shamokin. They were the parents of eleven sons, only three of whom grew to manhood, namely: John, who is living in Shamokin; Edward; and George, who lives at Mount Carmel, this county.

Edward Hancock, son of Thomas, was born July 15, 1846, in Monmouthshire, a county on the border of South Wales, and died in Coal township, Northumberland Co., Pa., Jan. 22, 1911. He came to America with his mother in the fall of 1851. The family landed at New York City and came thence to Dauphin county, Pa., thence moving to Herndon, Northumberland county, about the time the first bridge was under construction at that point. The next removal was to Trevorton, this county, where they lived for three and a half years, at the end of that time going to Big Mountain, in Coal township, where they remained five years. From that place they moved to Beavertdale, in Mount Carmel township. Edward Hancock began work at Big Mountain, picking slate at the mines for about four years, and he began regular mining at Excelsior, in Coal township, where he was employed about six years. About 1856 he went to Shamokin, where he continued at the same kind of work, following mining for about thirty-five years in all, at different collieries, until his retirement therefrom in 1900. After that he was engaged for five years at the Luke Fidler colliery, as machinist, and he was afterward employed in Coal township. He was a very active citizen in that township, having served three years as member of the school board of the township (during which time he was secretary of the board two years and president one year), one year as assessor and three years as poor director. He was a Republican in political sentiment, a member of the Methodist Church (to which his family also belong), and socially belonged to James A. Garfield Lodge, No. 1623, I. O. O. F., and to the Knights of Malta.

On Dec. 11, 1869, Mr. Hancock married Sylvia Tiley, who was born April 16, 1848, daughter of Samuel and Sarah Tiley (her parents were first cousins), and died May 3, 1908; she is buried in Shamokin cemetery. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hancock: Thomas S. died when two years old; George E. is mentioned below; John died when one year old; Jacob C. died in infancy; Adam D. is engaged in teaching in Coal township, this county; William W., a blacksmith, lives at home; Oscar died when three months old; Samuel died when seven months old; Benjamin A. is employed with the York Bridge Company; Eva M. lives at home.

George E. Hancock attended public school during his early boyhood, but he was only ten years old when he began to pick slate at the Greenbach colliery, later finding employment at the Luke Fidler

ler colliery. He then learned the barber's trade, which he followed for six years at Shamokin, his next venture being in the hotel business in Coal township, at Springfield, where he was located for four years. About this time he was elected Republican county chairman, and he was appointed deputy sheriff, serving two and a half years in that capacity under Sheriff Dietrich. He was then made jail warden, holding that position for three years. In 1901 he bought the "Van Kirk House" at Northumberland, which he conducted for three years, selling out at the end of that time. In 1908 he was elected county commissioner, and is at present filling that office. During his residence in Coal township he was elected to the school board, of which he was a member three years, and he served the same length of time as tax collector. He is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Order of Moose, the Owls and the Red Men, and his acquaintanceship in this region is wide.

Mr. Hancock married Elizabeth Perry, daughter of Lewis Perry, of Coal township, and they have had children as follows: Olive, George, Violet M., William S. and Clinton. The family are Methodists in religious connection.

GEORGE M. CONRAD, of Sunbury, a citizen of that borough in touch with its best interests, commercial, official, social, and one whose intelligent activities have made him a power in all those circles, bears a name which has been identified with this region for several generations. Jacob and Adam Conrad are shown by the records to have been taxables in Augusta township, Northumberland county, in 1774. In the maternal line Mr. Conrad is a member of another prominent family, the Fasold family, the branch to which his mother belongs having been settled in Northumberland county for about a century.

At the Sunbury courthouse are recorded wills of two Jacob Conrads. One lived in Sunbury borough, and his will, made May 20, 1811, was probated July 7, 1812. He purchased the homestead on which he died, a property of 150 acres, from George Harrison. Mention is made of nine children: Nicholas, Jacob, Peter, Henry, John (who was given the homestead), Mary (married David Melick), Elizabeth (married Jacob Hembrook), Susanna (married George Hall) and Catharine (married George Long). The daughter Susanna was given the plantation where she and her husband, George Hall, lived.

The other Jacob Conrad, farmer of Augusta township, "being sick and weak," made his will July 8, 1815, and it was probated Aug. 29, 1815. His wife's name was Catharine, and the following sons and daughters are mentioned: Catharine (married John Zerfoss), Jacob, Elizabeth, Henry,

John Nicholas (under twenty-one), John, George, Peter, Christian and David.

Of a later date is the will of Peter Conrad, Senior, pioneer, who lived in Augusta township, Northumberland county, and whose wife was Magdalena. He evidently died advanced in years, and his will, made May 30, 1837, was probated June 12, 1837. The children were: Jacob, John, Henry, Christian, David, Daniel (obtained homestead), Catharine (Mrs. Wagner, deceased), Magdalena (married Samuel Kreager), Elizabeth (Mrs. Kreidinger, who lived in French Creek, Crawford Co., Pa.) and Mary (Mrs. Barger).

Taking up the early records of the Conrads, we find that John Conrad, the great-grandfather of George M. Conrad, owned a farm of some four hundred acres east of Sunbury. This John Conrad, born Nov. 18, 1777, died June 11, 1839. He married Julian Cooper, who was born June 1, 1778, and lived and died in Augusta township, passing away Dec. 22, 1841, aged sixty-three years, six months, twenty-one days. They had children as follows: Susanna married Samuel Herb; Ann Maria married Decaton Herb and had Julia, Maria, Daniel, Decaton (married Mrs. Maria Dietrich) and Samuel; William married Susan Huey and (second) a Miss Bartholomew, and had a son George; Eli married Polly Geringer; George married Hester Reeser; Daniel married a Miss Wolfe; Sarah married Samuel Garinger; Julia Ann married Henry Gass; Catharine (Kate) married a Mr. Cooper; Elidia married a Mr. Schrader; Molly married William Miller.

One Henry Conrad, who is buried at the Augustaville Church, was born Oct. 8, 1779, and died March 29, 1854. He had a brother John—possibly the John mentioned above.

George Conrad, son of John, born Aug. 26, 1808, died May 17, 1877. He owned a large farm, comprising some two hundred and fifty acres, upon which what is now the eastern portion of Sunbury is built. He married Hester Reeser, born July 26, 1811, died Nov. 11, 1886, and they became the parents of the following children: Catharine married Albert Beckley and had four children, Florine (married Charles Zerbe), Clara (married John Evert), Alice (died young) and Hattie; William died young; Harriet married Philip Eckman and had a daughter Esther; Henry H. married Sophia Fasold; Gideon was the next in the family; Silas married Ellen Clark; Amandus Aaron, the youngest, married Mary Wise.

Henry H. Conrad, son of George, was born in 1843, and died Oct. 16, 1894. He and his wife Sophia (Fasold), daughter of George and Mary (Kreiger) Fasold, who survives him, were the parents of seven children: George M., who is mentioned fully below; Cora I., wife of W. P. G. Hoffman; Esther; Charles A.; Ida M., who is



the wife of J. B. Gould; Emily, who died in 1906, and who was the wife of William Scott and the mother of two children, Thomas and Henry; and William, teller in the Sunbury National Bank, who married Maud Reitz.

George M. Conrad, son of Henry H. and Sophia (Fasold) Conrad, was born in 1864 in what was then Upper Augusta township, Northumberland county, in which region the Conrads have long been numerous and prominent. In 1898 he established himself in business at Sunbury, with which borough he is now identified as one of its foremost residents. Mr. Conrad is an extensive dealer in coal, flour, grain and feed, making a specialty of the commodity first named, in which line he has built up so large a trade that he is now the largest dealer in anthracite coal in the borough. His place of business, on South Third street, has been enlarged to meet the demands of expanding trade until it now covers nearly half of a city block. The office is at No. 135 South Third street, adjoining the warehouses, yards and switches, the whole plant being well adapted to the handling of the immense business carried on.

Although his business affairs have attained such large proportions, Mr. Conrad has shown himself an able manager, and he has found time for public-spirited service to the borough in spite of the heavy demands made upon him by his private interests. His name has been associated with almost every project of local importance for years, and he has taken an active part in the civil administration, in various important capacities. For two years he served as member of the school board; for one year filled the office of borough treasurer; and for four years was a member of the borough council, during the last two years of his service in that body being its efficient president. He has always been identified with the Democratic party, of which he is an ardent and influential supporter.

In 1903 Mr. Conrad assisted in organizing the Sunbury National Bank, and has since been one of the directors of that institution. He has long been a prominent member of the First Reformed Church, of which he has been treasurer for a number of years, also taking a leading part in the work of the Sunday school, which he has served as superintendent for about fifteen years, still holding that position. Socially he is a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America and of the Masonic fraternity, in the latter connection belonging to Maclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M., of Sunbury; to Mount Hermon Commandery, K. T., of Sunbury; and to Williamsport Consistory, A. A. S. R.

On May 21, 1890, Mr. Conrad married Della A. Burns, daughter of Dennis and Kate (Kramer) Burns, of Boise City, Idaho, and to this union has been born one daughter, Ruth, who is still attending school. The family occupy a handsome

residence on East Market street, Sunbury, which Mr. Conrad built in 1900 and enlarged and remodeled in 1908, further beautifying what was already a charming home. It is one of the attractive homes which adorn the "Hill" in Sunbury.

In the fall of 1906 Mr. and Mrs. Conrad visited her mother in Idaho and took a trip to the Pacific coast. Her father died in 1874.

CHARLES A. CONRAD, member of the firm of Conrad & Shotsberger, proprietors of the "Fairmount Hotel," Sunbury, was born in that borough Feb. 12, 1870, son of Henry H. and Sophia (Fasold) Conrad.

Mr. Conrad attended the public schools of Sunbury and in his early years was employed with his father at farming and teaming. He also clerked for his brother George M. Conrad, in his store, for a period of twelve years. He then engaged in the hotel business in 1894-95, after which he was associated with his brother George M. in the coal business for a period of seven years. In 1901, in connection with Galen Shotsberger, he began to conduct the "Fairmount Hotel," which has had a prosperous existence under his efficient management.

Socially Mr. Conrad is a member of the P. O. S. of A., F. O. E., Sunbury Lodge of Elks, Conclave, and No. 1 Fire Company. He is a Democrat in politics.

Mr. Conrad married (first) Emma E. Lawrence, daughter of Abraham Lawrence, and after her death, which occurred in 1901, he married (second) Bertha Oyster, daughter of George Oyster. They have three children: Helen, Ruth and Charles.

MARTIN MARKLE, late of Shamokin, was a resident of that city for over thirty years and during that time maintained business connections which placed him among the most successful as well as progressive men of his day. For over twenty years he conducted the Eagle Run Brewery, located in Coal township, near Shamokin; he was one of the builders and part owner of the "Hotel Graemar," one of the finest hotels in the State; he was interested in the First National Bank (now the National Bank of Shamokin), and in the promotion of various public utilities; and he will always be remembered as a man whose public spirit was a perceptible factor in the city's advancement throughout the period of his residence there.

Mr. Markle was a native of Germany, born Feb. 12, 1835, in Werlhum Ober Balingen, Wurtemberg, son of George and Barbara (Souter) Markle, and grandson, on the maternal side, of Jacob and Katharine Souter. George Markle, who died in Germany about 1890, held a civil office under the government for forty years. He had the following



children: George Jacob, who came to America two years after his brother Martin and settled in Greenfield, Mass., where he conducted the "Germania Hotel" for twenty years (he died Sept. 22, 1898); Casper, who came to the United States in 1857 and settled in Greenfield, Mass., in 1866 (he learned the cutler's trade, following same throughout his residence in this country); John; George and Christina, who remained in Germany; and Martin.

Martin Markle received a common school education in his native land and remained there, on the home farm, until he was seventeen years old. In April, 1852, he came to the United States, arriving at New York April 23d, and after a short time in that city came on to Pennsylvania, where he ever afterward made his home. His first location was at Slatington, where he entered the employ of the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Company as lock-tender, holding that position for nineteen years. Having decided to enter business life he engaged in the general mercantile business at the lock (which is still known at Markle's lock) in 1862, continuing at that point for several years. On Dec. 1, 1871, he settled in Shamokin, where he was in business until his death. He purchased the John B. Douty Brewery, in Coal township, which for many years was well known under his management as the Eagle Run Brewery, operating it until 1895, when he sold his interests therein to P. H. Furmann and relinquished the more exacting duties of active business. But he by no means gave up his participation in the life of the city. In 1896, in connection with Mr. George C. Graeber, of Shamokin, he built the popular "Hotel Graemar" (the name being made up of the first syllables of both proprietors' names) in Shamokin, which has the reputation of being one of the best hostleries in the State of Pennsylvania; Mr. Markle laid the first brick himself, and he always took great pride in the hotel and its management. He was a director of the First National Bank of Shamokin (now the National Bank of Shamokin), which he also served as treasurer; a director of the Shamokin Powder Manufacturing Company; a director of the Shamokin & Mount Carmel Street Railway Company (which he helped to organize); and a director of the Shamokin Street Railway Company. In politics he was a Democrat, in religion a Lutheran.

On June 17, 1852, Mr. Markle married Helena Eith, daughter of Casper Eith, a native of Germany, and to them were born eight children, namely: Anna is the wife of Pius Schweibenz, proprietor of a brewery at East Mauch Chunk, Pa.; William M., born Aug. 18, 1854, died Aug. 18, 1898; Amandus S. was born Aug. 20, 1856, and died May 5, 1910; Helen married Daniel Stahl, foreman in the Eagle Run Brewery, and died Feb. 11, 1905; George F., born Aug. 14,

1861, died March 29, 1906; Sarah A. married (first) Charles Tretter and (second) William Philippi, and resides in Shamokin; Cecelia married Francis O. Rankey, a paper box manufacturer of South Bethlehem, Pa.; Henry died in infancy. The mother of this family died Nov. 9, 1898, and in 1900 Mr. Markle married (second) Mrs. Emily Allen, daughter of Isaac May, of Shamokin. Mr. Markle's death occurred Jan. 18, 1905.

WILLIAM M. MARKLE, son of Martin and Helena (Eith) Markle, was born Aug. 18, 1854, at Lockport, Northampton Co., Pa. During the greater part of his life he was in his father's employ, but during his last years, for about three years before his death, he was in the hotel business, conducting the "Central House" of Shamokin. He died at Shamokin Aug. 18, 1898. Mr. Markle was a good business man and had all the qualities of a substantial citizen. He married Catharine Snyder, daughter of Simon and Mary (Burgner) Snyder, and they became the parents of eleven children, viz.: Sarah C., who is deceased; William P., deceased; Mary M., deceased; Sarah J., wife of Joseph Sockolowski and mother of two children, Joseph and Catharine (Mr. Sockolowski is proprietor of a cigar store in Shamokin); Amandus A.; Albert M., deceased; Evelyn A.; George S.; Charles D.; Catharine A., who is still in school; and Annie, deceased. The family reside at No. 601 Franklin street. Mrs. Markle and her children are members of St. Edward's Catholic Church.

Simon Snyder, father of Mrs. Markle, lived and died at Pottsville, Pa. In early life he learned shoemaking, but did not follow that trade long, being employed as a tanner for many years. He married Mary Burgner, and their children were: John, Elizabeth, Mary M., Catharine (Mrs. Markle), and Theodore, all living; and three deceased, Sophia, Philomena and Frank.

AMANDUS A. MARKLE, son of William M. and Catharine (Snyder) Markle, was born May 5, 1885, in Shamokin, where he has passed all his life. He received his education in the public schools of his native city and at Tharptown, and during the first five years he worked was employed at the silk mill. He then changed to the Reitz & Hilbush planing mill, where he remained until 1905, since when he has been engaged as carpenter at the Big Mountain Colliery.

In 1905 Mr. Markle married Sallie Jordan, daughter of James Jordan, and they have had two children: James William, born Dec. 9, 1907, and Dorothy K., born Sept. 3, 1909. The family home is at No. 119 East Sunbury street. The Markles are members of St. Edward's Catholic Church.

GEORGE F. MARKLE, son of Martin and Helena (Eith) Markle, was born Aug. 14, 1861, and after receiving his education became interested, like his brothers, in his father's business affairs, working

for him practically all his life. For about one year he was a dairyman in Uniontown, this county. Like the members of the family generally, he had excellent business ability and was a good manager, being highly esteemed wherever known. He died March 29, 1906, and is buried in the Shamokin cemetery.

On May 24, 1885, Mr. Markle married Miss Catherine E. Batman, daughter of Augustus and Mary (Messner) Batman, and to this union were born two daughters: Lena N., now the wife of Charles Rogers and residing at Tamaqua; and Lillie M. Mrs. Catharine E. Markle continues to make her home at Shamokin.

Augustus Batman, father of Mrs. Markle, was a farmer in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, where he died. He married Mary Messner, and they had a family of seven children: Edward, a farmer in Rush Valley, Northumberland county, married Mary Witmer; Ellen married Daniel Zartman; Sallie married Monroe Bitterman; Mary married George Radle; Elizabeth married Daniel Smith; Catharine E. married George F. Markle; Polly married Gideon Kremer.

**WILLIAM PENN KEMBLE**, of Mount Carmel, Northumberland county, editor of the *Mount Carmel Item*, was born in Tower City, Schuylkill county, April 5, 1876, son of Isaac and Matilda (Bickel) Kemble. When he was four years old his family removed to Ashland, the subject of this sketch becoming a resident of Mount Carmel at the age of six. His paternal ancestors were identified with the early history of Northumberland county, the old Kemble homestead being located in Jackson township. His maternal ancestors were prominent in Dauphin county. Mr. Kemble is of long American lineage, having ancestors who fought in all the wars of the Republic and in the Colonial and Indian wars.

Educated primarily in the public schools of Mount Carmel and in the Shamokin Business College, Mr. Kemble studied civil engineering under his father, the late Isaac Kemble, C. E. Later he studied law, but abandoned that to take up newspaper work in 1896, when he entered the employ of William B. Wilson, editor of the *Mount Carmel Item*. On Feb. 1, 1897, he and his father purchased the paper. Later his brother, Edward B. Kemble, joined the publishing firm. On Nov. 1, 1902, their newspaper became a daily.

Mr. Kemble enlisted in Company F, 4th Pennsylvania Infantry, May 8, 1898. He participated in the first invasion of Porto Rico, where his command was engaged in skirmishes and outpost duty. He was honorably discharged at the end of the Spanish-American War.

On Dec. 31, 1902, he was married to Bertha E. Day Miller, of Shamokin. He has two children, Robert Penn and Frances Elizabeth.

**ROBERT B. TULE**, M. D., of Milton, Northumberland county, has been engaged in practice in Northumberland county ever since his graduation from medical college, but he is a comparatively recent comer to the borough, having settled there in 1907. He had considerable patronage in this locality before his removal hither, and he has established himself thoroughly in the confidence of his fellow citizens during his residence in the neighborhood.

Dr. Tule is a native of Lycoming county, and a member of a prominent old family of that section, his grandfather, John Tule, having been a well known farmer at Montoursville, where he followed agricultural pursuits until his death. John Tule married Mary Bubb, and they are buried in the lower cemetery at Montoursville. Their children were: Abraham, Charles, George, William, Kate, Elizabeth and Maggie.

Abraham Tule, son of John, was born at the old homestead in Lycoming county in 1831, and there he still resides, having now a fine farm of eighty acres, near Muncy, one of the finest places in the valley. He has engaged in farming all his life, and is still active and able to look after his own affairs, though his long life has been one of constant industry. Mr. Tule married Ann Diggan, daughter of Edward Diggan, and to them were born five children, viz.: Kempton, who is a resident of Muncy; Edward; Robert B.; Bella; and Virgie, who married Frank Gortner.

Robert B. Tule was born July 8, 1866, and attended the public schools of his home district in Lycoming county and the Muncy Normal School. Like many other professional men, he preceded his preparation for the medical profession by teaching, being thus engaged for three terms in his native county. Entering Jefferson Medical College, he was graduated in 1891, and immediately afterward settled in Northumberland county, which has since been the field of his work. His first location was at Montandon, where he built up a large practice, his personality and success combining to create a demand for his services which was most gratifying, for he has been painstaking and thorough in his work, and his skill has been demonstrated in numerous cases. Conscientious devotion to his patients, regardless of any consideration but the fact that they needed attention, has won him the good will of the community to a marked degree. In 1907, when he came to Milton, he purchased a fine home on Elm street, where he also has his office. Dr. Tule is a member of the Lycoming Medical Society, the State Medical Association and the American Medical Association; socially he holds membership in Milton Lodge, No. 256, F. & A. M. He is a Republican in politics, and in religious matters is identified with the Baptist Church.

Dr. Tule married Annie Warn, daughter of



James Warr, of Lycoming county. They have two children, James O. and Hazel I.

ISAAC C. BURD, president of the Burd & Rodgers Company, Incorporated, vice president of the American Filter & Cooler Company, and one of the most prominent and influential citizens of the borough of Shamokin, was born in Union county, Pa., July 9, 1863, son of Isaac P. and Susannah (Collier) Burd.

The early home of the Burd family was in Scotland, where Edward Burd, gentleman, lived on his estate of Ormiston, near Edinburgh. His wife was Jean Haliburton, daughter of George Haliburton, Lord Provost of Edinburgh.

Col. James Burd, third son of Edward Burd, was born at Ormiston in 1726, and came to America long before the Revolutionary war. For many years he was in the military service of the Province of Pennsylvania, being one of the noted military men during the French and Indian war, in which he commanded the 2d Battalion of a Pennsylvania regiment of Provincial troops. He completed the building of Fort Augusta (now Sunbury), Northumberland county, in 1756-57. He was with the Forbes expedition, and was in command at Fort Pitt. In 1748 Colonel Burd was married at Philadelphia to Sarah Shippen, daughter of Edward Shippen, and sister of Chief Justice Edward Shippen.

Isaac P. Burd, father of Isaac C., was born in Union county, and always lived in the vicinity of Swengel. He was but a boy when his father died, and he grew up in the care of strangers. He had one brother, John, and two sisters, Mary and Margaret. He was a carpenter by trade. During the Civil war he gave nine months of service to his country. His death occurred March 20, 1900, when he was nearing his eightieth birthday. He married Susannah Collier, born Jan. 28, 1822, died Jan. 10, 1903, daughter of Aaron Collier, a shoemaker and early settler of Union county, and his wife, Catherine Catheman, one of the large family of children born to David Catheman, a wealthy farmer. Aaron Collier and wife were the parents of George, Joseph, Sophia, Susannah and Lizzie. To Isaac P. Burd and wife were born seven children: George, of Ohio; Isabella, married to John Fry, of near Allenwood, Pa.; Catherine, who married Adam Diehl, of Swengel, Pa.; William, who conducts a general store at Swengel; Samuel, manager of the Winfield & New Berlin Railroad at New Berlin; John C., who died Dec. 4, 1902, at Shamokin; and Isaac C., of Shamokin.

Isaac C. Burd attended the common schools in Union county, and at the age of fifteen began clerking at Swengel, where he remained four years. He then came to Shamokin, and for two years was engaged as a clerk, at the end of that time forming a partnership with Mr. W. H. Zar-

ing. They conducted a general store for nearly two years, and then Mr. Burd sold his interest to his partner and started a small store of his own at No. 233 Spruce street. He has been very successful in his work, and has branched out until he has one of the finest stores of its kind in Shamokin. In August, 1907, the business was incorporated as the Burd & Rodgers Company, with Mr. Burd as president, the other members being some of his reliable employees.

Mr. Burd was united in marriage to Ida Rogers, daughter of H. L. and Susan (Reitz) Rogers. Two children have come to brighten their home, Walter H. and Catharine R. Mr. Burd is one of the original directors of the Market Street National Bank, and is vice president of the American Filter & Cooler Company. Fraternally he is a member of the P. O. S. of A., and his religious connection is with the Evangelical Church. He belongs to the Shamokin Auto Club.

BLOOM. The Bloom family now numerous in Northumberland and Clearfield counties, Pa., is descended from two brothers who came into Pennsylvania from New Jersey. In the archives of that State are recorded the names of five Bloom brothers who served in Backster's Brigade of New Jersey Volunteers. One was killed in action. After the war one remained in New Jersey, the other three coming to Pennsylvania. Of these, Stephen Bloom, the ancestor of Urias Bloom, of Sunbury, settled in Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, in Northumberland county; William, the ancestor of Amos Bloom, now also of Sunbury, took up a large tract of land in Clearfield county; the third settled in a valley near Bellefonte in Center county, where a large number of his descendants have since lived.

Stephen Bloom settled in Northumberland county prior to 1795, as shown by his will, and was therefore a pioneer in this part of the country. The name has since appeared frequently in the county archives.

Samuel Bloom, son of Stephen, was born March 21, 1772, and died in what is now Rockefeller township, this county, July 8, 1837. He lived on the old Bloom homestead in Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township now owned by Urias Bloom, his great-grandson, a property which consisted of nearly two hundred acres and which he purchased in 1797 from Martin Raker and wife. Samuel Bloom was a prominent man of his day, taking an active part in the work of the Democratic party and holding various important offices with honor and credit. On Feb. 28, 1809, he was commissioned justice of the peace and served many years; from 1813 to 1815 he was county commissioner; and he was county treasurer in 1834-36. He served as postmaster at what was then known as Augusta, but which office has since been abandoned.



He and his wife were Lutherans, and he was particularly prominent in the organization of the Zion Lutheran and Reformed Church at Augustaville, toward the erection of which he contributed generously; he was a charter member of this church and was serving as its treasurer at the time of his death. He and his wife are buried there.

Samuel Bloom married Magdalene Dunkelberger, who was born in Northumberland county July 20, 1773, and died Aug. 19, 1843. Their children were: John; Daniel, born Jan. 20, 1798, who died June 4, 1895 (wife Maria, born Sept. 8, 1798, died July 7, 1841; his second wife, Mary, died Jan. 1, 1903, aged eighty-four years, eleven months, eleven days); William, born Nov. 24, 1802, who died May 17, 1856; Samuel, who moved to Akron, Ohio, and died there aged about eighty years; Jacob, who is mentioned below; Henry, who died Nov. 22, 1880, aged sixty-four years, ten months, eight days (wife Maria, born Jan. 2, 1826, died April 16, 1904); Catharine, who married Jacob Bartholomew; Magdalene, who was married to George Keiser; and Elizabeth (1813-1901), who married George Keiser, after the death of his first wife, Magdalene.

Jacob Bloom, son of Samuel, was born on the farm later occupied by his son Hiram. He became a prominent farmer in his native township, where he settled after his marriage, in 1836 making his home permanently on the farm where he was born. Like his father he was a Democrat and a Lutheran and prominent in political and religious matters in the locality, serving ten years as justice of the peace and also holding the office of school director. He served his church as deacon, elder and treasurer. He married Julia Ann Bartholomew, who survived him, his death occurring in 1876. Nine children were born to them, viz.: (1) Deborah married D. D. Conrad of Rockefeller township. (2) Sarah married Samuel Sober, of Shamokin township. (3) Mary died unmarried. (4) Julia Ann married S. P. Malick, of Sunbury. (5) Hiram is mentioned below. (6) William settled in Lincoln county, Nebr. (7) Peter also settled in Lincoln county, Nebr. William and Peter are both living. (8) Magdalena married Harry Wolf and is deceased. (9) Martin L. enlisted in the service of the United States during the Rebellion, serving about three years, and died at the home of his father Dec. 7, 1864, from disease contracted in the army, at the age of about twenty-five years. He was unmarried. He was mustered in Oct. 8, 1861, in Company I, 58th Regiment, Pa. Vols., Capt. John Byers, Col. J. Richter Jones. This company was the first to enter Richmond after the surrender.

Hiram Bloom, son of Jacob, was born Oct. 22, 1831, in what is now Rockefeller township, and died Dec. 10, 1892. He learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed in connection with farm-

ing, also operating a custom sawmill. A prominent man in this township for many years, he held various positions of public trust with honor and to the full satisfaction of his fellow citizens, serving as township auditor (over twenty years) and as school director, and was elected a justice of the peace but did not serve. He was a leading member of the Lutheran Church, which he served as deacon, elder and treasurer. In 1852 he married Maria Hileman, daughter of Daniel Hileman, of Rockefeller township, and nine children were born to them, namely: Urias, of Sunbury; Mary Catharine, who died when about three years of age; John F., of Purdytown, who learned the trade of carpenter, was a teacher in the public schools and is now employed in the First National Bank of Sunbury; William E., who served as county superintendent of schools from 1886 to 1892 and is now engaged in the practice of law; Laura, wife of Daniel Long, of Rockefeller township; Daniel E., of Sunbury, assistant cashier in the First National Bank there; Frances, the wife of C. E. Dagle; Adella, wife of Elmer F. Troutman; and Florence Gertrude, who married Norman Sheetz and resides near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

URIAS BLOOM, president of the Sunbury Trust & Safe Deposit Company, one of the most important financial institutions of the borough of Sunbury, has a record as a public official and business man which entitles him to place among the leading citizens of this section of the county. He was born April 1, 1854, in Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, son of Hiram and Maria (Hileman) Bloom, and received his education in the common schools. He made such good use of his time that at the age of sixteen he was able to begin teaching. When a young man of about twenty he became a clerk in the office of the county recorder, Lemuel Shipman, remaining with him to the close of his service, in 1880, after which he was engaged by his successor, George D. Bucher, under whom he served until 1886, when he assumed the duties of the office himself. He was elected in 1885, running about two hundred and fifty votes ahead of his ticket, and upon his reelection, in 1888, he ran over twelve hundred votes ahead of his ticket. In Northumberland county the duties of register of wills, recorder of deeds and clerk of the Orphans' court are performed by one official. Mr. Bloom held the office for six years, giving the highest satisfaction in every respect. For many years he has been associated with the Sunbury Trust & Safe Deposit Company, having been secretary and treasurer of that institution for a number of years before assuming the duties of president, which office he now fills. As such he is one of the foremost figures in financial circles in the borough, and he is a man of irreproachable business and personal standing.

On Nov. 25, 1879, Mr. Bloom was married in

Lower Augusta township to Anna M. Winters-teen, and four children have been born to their union: Essie Uarda; Grace Imogene; Goldie Edna, who married J. Landis Strickler, of Hummels-town, Pa.; and Charles Eugene.

In religious connection Mr. Bloom is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Socially he belongs to the I. O. O. F., Conclave No 11, Sovereign Patriotic Knights (having served a term as Grand Master of the State of Pennsylvania), the Royal Arcanum and the Masonic fraternity. He is a Democrat in politics.

William Bloom, son of Samuel, was born Nov. 24, 1802, and died May or Nov. 17, 1856. His wife, Elizabeth (Bartholomew) was born May 26, 1806, and died Nov. 13, 1886. They were farming people, living on the place now owned by George Rebeck, which adjoins the old Bloom homestead in Rockefeller township. Mr. Bloom was a prosperous man, owning four farms, and was quite prominent in the township's public affairs, serving as constable (many years) and overseer of the poor. In political faith he was a Democrat, and he and his family were Lutheran members of the Augustaville Church; he was one of the pillars of the congregation, and served many years in the church council. His children were: Diana married Isaac Wolf; Julian married Martin Heim; Lydia married Moses Reitz; John is mentioned below; Peter lived at various places; Maria married Lemuel Shipman.

JOHN BLOOM, son of William, lived retired on his farm in Rockefeller township after a busy and useful career. He was born June 20, 1835, in Lower Augusta township, was reared to farm life, and followed farming throughout his active years, beginning on his own account when he reached his majority. He retired in 1907, and died Jan. 5, 1911. Mr. Bloom's farm, which is located on the Tulpehocken road, is an old-established business stand, formerly owned and conducted by William Deppen. After him one John Schmick had a tannery on the property, and a tavern was also conducted there in a stone house many years ago; it is probable that William Reeser ran the tavern at one time. Mr. Bloom always led a quiet and unassuming life, refusing all offers of public position. He was a Lutheran member of the Augustaville Church, to which his family belong.

On April 12, 1859, Mr. Bloom married Matilda Shipman, daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Yoxheimer) Shipman, and ten children were born to their union, viz.: Valeria married William E. Bloom; Tamar married Daniel L. DeWitt; Irene married John F. Bloom; Flora died in childhood; Emma died at the age of twenty-nine years, unmarried; Charles S. died in infancy; George E. died in infancy; Ella married William E. Reitz;

Lottie married Dr. John H. Snyder; Mabel married Leroy L. Fegley.

William Bloom, brother of Stephen (ancestor of the foregoing Blooms), took up a large tract of land in Clearfield county, Pa., at what is known as the "Peewee's Nest." He was born in New Jersey in 1752, and lived to the age of 104 years; he is buried at Curwensville, Clearfield county. He followed farming on land which he himself cleared, and where he erected a log house and barn. His wife, like himself a native of New Jersey, also attained an advanced age, living to be ninety-eight. They were the parents of eleven children, seven sons and four daughters: Abraham, James, Isaac, John, William, Benjamin, Peter, Mary (married Matthew Caldwell) and three daughters whose names are not recalled.

From the above source there is a large posterity, and we quote the following from the *Philadelphia North American* of Aug. 18, 1909, as being of interest in this connection:

"The Bloom reunion was held at the 'Peewee's Nest,' on the bank of the Susquehanna river, near Curwensville, Pa. The Bloom clan is one of the largest in Clearfield county. They are descendants of William Bloom, a native of New Jersey, and a Revolutionary war veteran, who came to Clearfield county with his wife in 1796. They came up the west branch of the Susquehanna river in a canoe and settled on the spot where the family reunion was held. The ancestor Bloom and his helpmate had eleven children, seven sons, four daughters, and from them are descended the many hundred of Blooms of Clearfield and surrounding counties. The eighth generation of the family participated in the reunion in 1909. The Blooms have figured extensively in the affairs of Clearfield county since its organization. They are a hearty and tall people, noted for longevity and multiplicity. Ross Bloom, of near Curwensville, who was eighty-eight years old, attended the gathering of the family. Benjamin Bloom, who attended the reunion, has a record of which he is proud. He is seventy-seven years old, and the father of thirteen children, eleven of whom are living. He has so many grandchildren that he fears of missing some should he endeavor to count them, scores of great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

"The Blooms are members of the Democratic party. During the Civil war the family sent many of its sons to do battle for their country."

Isaac Bloom, son of William, was like all his brothers and sisters born in Clearfield county. He was a farmer by occupation, and owned the farm on which he died. He married Mary (Polly) Appgar, who survived him, dying in 1870 at a ripe old age, and they had a family of twelve children, six



sons and six daughters, namely: John, James A. William, George, Reuben, Benjamin, Caroline (Mrs. Owens), Priscilla (married John Norris and had eighteen children), Geneise (married Samuel Taylor), Mrs. George Ogden, Margaret (married Nicholas McCracken) and Mrs. George Garrison.

James A. Bloom, son of Isaac, was born in 1808 and lived to the age of ninety-four, dying in 1902. He is buried in the country graveyard at Bloomington, in Clearfield county. A man prominent in the business and public affairs of his day, he was a well known and substantial citizen. He had the farm of 160 acres now owned by his son Harvey, and in connection with farming followed lumbering, rafting down the West Branch of the Susquehanna river to Marietta, in Lancaster county. He filled the township offices of constable, supervisor and school director. His wife, Mary Ann (Hile), of Shamokin Hills, died aged seventy-nine years. They were the parents of twelve children, as follows: Naomi married Robert Owen; Frampton, a retired railroad man, is a resident of Sunbury; Harvey lives on the old homestead in Clearfield county; Jane is a resident of Cleveland, Ohio; Edward is a resident of Grampian, Clearfield county; Amos is mentioned below; Julia died of whooping cough; Hattie lives in Binghamton, N. Y.; Mary died in September, 1910, at Philipsburg, Pa.; Alfred is a resident of Luthersville, Pa.; Daniel was accidentally killed by a tree, at the age of twenty-six years; one daughter died in infancy.

AMOS BLOOM, son of James A. Bloom, is one of the foremost merchants of the borough of Sunbury, where he has been doing business for the past twenty-five years. He was born July 14, 1846, in Clearfield county, was brought up on the farm, and had such educational advantages as the free schools of his day in that locality afforded. The district was then a typically rural section and the school and its equipment typical of the times. Slabs were used for seats, goose quills for pens, the old Sanders reader and an old-fashioned "ciphering" book were the manuals of instruction and the "schoolmaster ruled with the rod, whippings being common." Mr. Bloom's mother was a woman of unusual intelligence and taught her children at home, so that by the time he was seventeen Amos was able to teach school. He taught in all ten terms of four months each, and received \$35 a month for his services, which was considerable in those days, his board costing him but \$5 per month. Meantime he also learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed during the summer months, school being held in winter, when the boys were not needed so badly at home to help with the farm work. When twenty-two years old Mr. Bloom went to Iowa, where he followed his trade and also found profitable employment for a time binding wheat, which was then selling at 65 cents a

bushel. He received \$5 a day and his board, five meals daily and drink free, but eighteen to twenty hours constituted a day's labor. After two years in the West Mr. Bloom returned to Pennsylvania and resumed his former method of life, following carpentry in the summer and teaching in the winter, continuing thus until 1875. That year he engaged in the mercantile business at Northumberland, Northumberland county, whence in 1885 he came to Sunbury. He has since done an extensive general business in that place, having a well stocked store at No. 44 North Fourth street, where he carries a good line of general merchandise and wall papers. Mr. Bloom is undoubtedly one of the busiest men in the borough, for he has acquired additional interests during the passing years which keep him thoroughly occupied. He is a director and secretary of the Sunbury Mutual Fire Insurance Company, having served as such since its organization, in 1896; has been secretary of the North Branch Fire Insurance Company (capitalized at \$300,000) since 1910; is a director and treasurer of the Sunbury Ice Company; and is treasurer of the Hydraulic Ram Company of Sunbury.

Mr. Bloom has not taken an active part in the local administration except as member of the town council. Politically he is a Democrat with independent inclinations. He is a prominent member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and has been grand master of the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania since September, 1906. In religious connection he is a member of the Baptist Church at Sunbury.

On Aug. 27, 1873, Mr. Bloom married Kate Leshner, daughter of Daniel and Sarah J. (Van Kirk) Leshner. They have had one daughter, Annie Irene.

HARRY E. LEIBY, present chief burgess of Snyderstown, Northumberland county, is a young man who has risen rapidly in the business world and has also become prominent in social and political circles through his energetic and forceful character. Mr. Leiby was born at Paxinos, this county, May 7, 1886, son of Francis M. Leiby and grandson of Daniel Leiby.

Daniel Leiby was born in Columbia county, Pa., near Bear Gap, and died in that county at a comparatively early age. He was a farmer by occupation. His wife, Rebecca (Yost), is still living at the homestead. Children as follows were born to this couple: Esther, who married Joseph B. Campbell; Amy, who married George Frederick; William, of Sunbury; Abraham L., of Bear Gap; and Francis M.

Francis M. Leiby was born Oct. 2, 1859, in Columbia county, Pa., and has been a lifelong farmer. He first lived with Eli Neice for a time, in Rush township, and eventually began farming



on his own account, now owning a farm of about 150 acres in Rush township, near Snyderstown. He gives all his time to its cultivation, in which he has been very successful. Mrs. Leiby conducts a store in Snyderstown. On Feb. 14, 1885, Mr. Leiby married Ida M. Haupt, daughter of Freeman and Ella (Neyhart) Haupt, and they have had two children: Harry E. and Edna M., the latter born Sept. 22, 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Leiby are Methodists in religious connection. Politically he is identified with the Republican party. They are well known and highly respected citizens of their community.

Harry E. Leiby received his early education in the public schools of Rush township, later attending the State normal school at Bloomsburg. He then became a clerk in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Sunbury, where he remained one year. Going to Philadelphia, he found employment in the hat department of Strawbridge & Clothier's large establishment, where he continued for six months. In 1906 he made a trip to Europe, and returning to New York City became a drug clerk on Long Island, for a time. He then came back to Snyderstown, in 1907 embarking in the vehicle business in which he has since been interested, his location being at the corner of Market and Walnut streets, in the borough of Shamokin. In 1910 he became associated with Solomon Martz in this business, under the name Shamokin Motor Car Company, their specialty being the Buick motors. They are doing a promising business, their enterprise and up-to-date methods commanding a discriminating class of patrons. Mr. Leiby is well known in various portions of the county besides his business and home boroughs, and he belongs to the Americus Club and Lodge No. 267, B. P. O. Elks, at Sunbury. He also holds membership in the Odd Fellows lodge at Snyderstown.

Outside of his business Mr. Leiby has taken particular interest in politics as an ardent member of the Republican party. In March, 1910, he was honored with appointment to the office of chief burgess of Snyderstown, which is the largest borough in area in the State of Pennsylvania. It was a compliment to his ability and substantial qualities, and an evidence of the confidence of his fellow citizens, not often shown to a man of his years.

HENRY L. LEAM, treasurer of The Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Company, of Shamokin, Northumberland county, has been connected with that leading financial institution since its organization, in 1896, in his present capacity the greater part of the time. Before entering this line he was engaged in newspaper work almost from the beginning of his active career.

Mr. Leam was born Nov. 15, 1865, at Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa., son of Harry Leam and grand-

son of Anthony Leam, both of whom were natives of England. On coming to America with his family Anthony Leam settled at Port Carbon, Pa., where he followed mining, and there he died. His children were: Anthony, Thomas, Martha (Mrs. Brown) and Harry.

Harry Leam was born in England and came to America with his parents. His education was limited, as he commenced work when still a boy. Locating at Ashland, Schuylkill county, he built up a successful business as a contractor and builder, building many breakers, and he met his death while engaged in this work, on a slope, in 1867. All of his business life was passed at Ashland, where he became well known as an honorable, self-made, intelligent man. He married Esther Lewis, who still resides at Ashland, and they had three children, Annie, Henry L. and Minnie, the former still residing with her mother.

Henry L. Leam received his education in the public schools of Ashland, and upon commencing work found employment as a shipping clerk. From his native place he went to Pottsville, same county, where he became a member of the reporting staff of the *Miners' Journal*. His next experience was at Scranton, where he was city editor of the *Tribune*, a well known newspaper, and from there he went to Philadelphia, where he was engaged as a reporter on the *Press*. Moving to Shamokin, he became editor of the *Shamokin Daily Dispatch*, which position he held for three years, until he assumed his present business relations. On March 1, 1896, when The Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Company opened for business, he became teller, and two and a half years later was promoted to his present position, that of treasurer, which he has held ever since. His high personal character, no less than his business ability, has made him a most valuable man in this responsible office, which he has filled with honor. Outside of his connection with the bank Mr. Leam is well known in Shamokin as a member of the Royal Arcanum and the Masonic fraternity, in the latter connection belonging to Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M., Reading Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M., and Shamokin Commandery, No. 77, K. T. He is a Presbyterian in religious connection, and is serving the church in which he holds membership as a member of the board of trustees and secretary and treasurer of that board.

In August, 1894, Mr. Leam was married to Louisa A. Shields, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and they have had one son, Henry L. Leam, Jr.

JOHN ADAM CAKE, attorney, of Sunbury, has been engaged in the practice of law in that borough for a period of forty years and has extensive real estate holdings in that part of the borough formerly known as Caketown, the management of which occupies considerable of his time.

For a number of years he was actively interested in politics, from which he withdrew, however, some years ago.

Joseph W. Cake, his father, laid out an extensive addition to the original town plat of Sunbury which was named Caketown in his honor, and which he had surveyed in September, 1863. He died Jan. 1, 1879, and his wife died Aug. 25, 1879. She is buried at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., while Mr. Cake is buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery at Sunbury. They had children as follows: Alice, who married J. G. Lowery; Joseph; John Adam; Edith, who died young; and Amy, who married Joseph S. Adam.

John Adam Cake was born Aug. 25, 1846, in Harrisburg, Dauphin Co., Pa., and received his preparatory education at Russell's Military School, taking his collegiate course at Yale and Princeton. He studied law under Benjamin H. Brewster, at Philadelphia, and was admitted to the Northumberland county bar at Sunbury in March, 1870, for a year previous to which event he had continued his law studies under Messrs. Rockefeller and Rohrbach, in that borough. He has ever since maintained a law office in Sunbury, in that part of the borough once known as Caketown, but which has for many years formed a part of the municipality.

Mr. Cake was quite active in political affairs for a number of years. In 1867 and 1868, during his father's incumbency of the position of United States collector at the port of Philadelphia, he was assistant cashier at the custom house in that city. He was one of the early advocates of the Greenback movement, and was a delegate to the convention held at Toledo, Ohio, in 1878, for the organization of the National Greenback and Labor party, taking an active part in the work of that convention. He represented his district in the national conventions of that party held in 1880 and 1884, working hard during the Weaver and Butler campaigns, and in 1880 was himself the nominee of his party for Congress, in 1882 for judge of the Supreme court. Since the disintegration of the Greenback party he has been a Republican, but he has not taken any direct part in public affairs or in promoting the success of the party beyond the regular casting of his vote. He is an intelligent and public-spirited citizen, and uses his influence in a quiet way for the promotion of all worthy objects which have in view the advancement of the general welfare.

On Feb. 27, 1868, Mr. Cake married, at Pottsville, Pa., Minnie E. McCullough, daughter of Capt. Hugh McCullough, who lost his life while serving in the Union army at the battle of Murfreesboro. Mrs. Cake died the mother of four children: (1) John Adam, born at Sunbury Jan. 19, 1869, died there. He graduated from the Sunbury high school in 1887, after which he was a student

for three years at Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., and then returning to Sunbury read medicine with the late Dr. F. B. Masser, completing his preparation for the medical profession at the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1893. He practiced at Sunbury from that time until his death, meeting with a degree of success which comes to few. He was a working member of the Northumberland County Medical Society. Dr. Cake spent much time at college in the gymnasium and athletic sports, for which he always retained a fondness. In February, 1894, he married Clara Jones, of Shamokin, and they had one daughter, Helen Marie. (2) Minnie C. is the wife of Mason Noble. (3) Joseph W. is engaged as a conductor on the Pennsylvania railroad. (4) Edith.

Mr. Cake was married (second) to Mrs. Dunkelberger. He is a Mason, holding membership in Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., of Sunbury.

JOHN A. HILBISH, a resident of the borough of Northumberland who has recently retired from farming to devote his attention to other interests, is one of the leading spirits in the promotion of the development of his town and section and recognized as one of the most progressive citizens of his community. He has been associated with various projects affecting the general welfare of the locality, and his public spirit and efficient services have made him one of the most influential workers in the advance movement toward greater Northumberland. Mr. Hilbish was born Aug. 7, 1851, in Washington township, Snyder Co., Pa., son of Daniel P. Hilbish, grandson of Peter Hilbish and great-grandson of Peter Hilbish.

This family comes of the sturdy German stock which has given Pennsylvania so many of her useful citizens. The name, originally Hallowbush or Hallowbush, is now spelled in many ways—Hilbush, Hillbush, Hillbish, Hilbish and Hallerbush. Christian Hallowbush, the emigrant ancestor of John H. Hilbush, of Shamokin, Northumberland county, was born in 1718 in the German Palatinate, and came to America in 1724 with his brother Peter and widowed mother. They landed at Philadelphia, locating shortly after in Salford township, Montgomery county. Peter Hallowbush was born in 1709, and died in 1768, leaving five children, Catharine, Johst, Magdalena, Margaret and Ann Maria. Christian Hallowbush died in Montgomery county in 1778, the father of four children, Magdalena, Henry, Adam and Peter. Undoubtedly the family here under consideration is descended from this source.

Daniel P. Hilbish was born in 1810 in Washington township, Snyder county, and died in February, 1861. He is buried at Freeburg. A farmer by occupation, he prospered in his calling, and not only owned the old Hilbish homestead in



Snyder county but also the farm in Point township, Northumberland county, now owned by his son John A. Hilbish. He was a man of more than ordinary intelligence, a leader in the affairs of his district, held various public offices, and was one of the original founders of the Freeburg Academy, serving on the building committee and later as trustee. He contributed largely to the construction and was the leading spirit in the foundation of this institution, where his children were educated. On the question of education he had strong convictions, and he did much work beneficial to the community. He was a Republican in politics, and in religion a member of the Reformed Church, which he supported with his influence and means. He was liberal in such matters as he was generous and broad in all the associations of life. The old homestead which he owned, and which his son Samuel G. took after his death, has now (1910) been in the family name for 125 years, and was all in the forest when taken up by his grandfather, Peter. In 1846 Daniel P. Hilbish purchased the farm in Point township mentioned before, upon which he erected a full set of buildings, which the Pennsylvania Company purchased in 1909. He was a man whose judgment was so highly esteemed that he was frequently sought for advice by his neighbors, and he had the respect of all who knew him. He married Elizabeth Glass, daughter of George and Sarah (Brill) Glass, of Washington township, Snyder county, whose family were pioneers in that district, coming thither while the Indians were still roaming the territory. Mrs. Hilbish long survived her husband, dying in 1888 at the age of seventy-six years, and is likewise buried in the family plot at St. Peter's Church, at Freeburg, in Washington township. Eight children were born to them: Samuel G., who lives on the homestead; Sarah S., wife of Philip B. Moyer; Mary A., who married William Motz; Catharine A., who married James P. Artley; one that died in infancy; John A.; George A., who died in 1877, aged twenty-four years; and Emma K., deceased, who married Dr. J. D. Hilbish and after his death became the wife of John Motz.

John A. Hilbish was born on the Hilbish homestead and was during his early youth a pupil in the local public schools, later attending Freeburg Academy, from which he was graduated in 1866. Subsequently he attended Palatinate College, at Myerstown, Pa., and later the Millersville State Normal school. In 1868 he was licensed to teach public school and began teaching at Middleburg. In all he taught for five terms, during which time he gave the highest satisfaction to patrons and pupils alike, being regarded as an able disciplinarian as well as an efficient instructor. He holds the esteem of his old pupils to this day. In 1872 he engaged in the mercantile business in Freeburg and continued same successfully until 1881, car-

rying on a general store. In 1882 he built a fine residence in Freeburg. In 1883 he came to Northumberland and began the cultivation of his 230 acre farm, which has been in the family name since 1846. He farmed this place from 1883 to 1910, when he gave up agricultural pursuits to look after his other interests. He sold forty-seven acres of his land to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, which established its yards at that point, and in 1910 he laid out sixteen acres of his land in building lots. Mr. Hilbish has furthered other projects for the good of the community. He was one of the organizers of the new bank of Northumberland.

On Feb. 10, 1884, Mr. Hilbish married Melissa Kautz, daughter of Samuel B. and Sarah (Wetzel) Kautz, of Freeburg, and they have had three children, Charles E., John C. and Sarah I. Both sons are graduates of Bucknell University, and the elder is now engaged as a contractor in Northumberland; he is also a public surveyor. The daughter is a member of the class of 1912, Northumberland high school. Mr. Hilbish and his family worship at the Presbyterian Church of Northumberland. He is a Republican in politics, and has held public office. In 1909 he erected the new brick house at the corner of King and Hilbish streets, in Northumberland, in which he and his family now reside. The location is beautiful, affording an ideal view of the surrounding landscape.

FREDERICK W. V. LORENZ, a civil engineer of high standing, and one of the best known and most prominent citizens of Northumberland county, was born in Burgsteinfurt, Westphalia, Germany, Dec. 26, 1853, son of Victor and Augusta (Drost) Lorenz.

Victor Lorenz, the father, held high place in his native land. He was born Oct. 15, 1833, and received an excellent education. When but twenty-five years old he was made counselor to the Prince of Bentheim Steinfurt, a position he continued to fill for almost half a century. He died Oct. 14, 1902.

Frederick W. V. Lorenz was a student at the University of Halle, on the river Saale, until 1873. In 1877 he came to the United States, locating in Philadelphia, where, however, he remained but three months, in January, 1878, joining the P. & T. Collins expedition to Brazil. He was engaged in that country until November, 1879, when he returned to the United States, and became a civil engineer in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, and afterward was a clerk in the construction of the coal docks at Elizabethport, N. J., until January, 1882. At that time his employers sent him to Shamokin to fill the position of civil engineer in the construction of various branches. In September, 1887, he was



appointed teller of the First National Bank, a position he filled for some years. During 1895-96, and several times later, he filled the office of city engineer.

Mr. Lorenz has been active in public affairs. In 1902 he was elected to represent the First ward on the school board, and has since given very efficient service, in 1907 and 1908 serving as president of the board. In politics he is a Republican. Socially he belongs to the Cresco Club. He is also a member of the Madeira Mamore Association, which is made up of men connected with the building of railroads in Brazil, South America: annual banquets are held in Philadelphia.

On June 25, 1884, Mr. Lorenz was married to Clara Beury, daughter of Christian and Nancy (Lawton) Beury, of Shamokin. To this union were born four children: Helen B., born Aug. 30, 1885; Nancy L., born July 17, 1887, who married J. H. Cooper, of Sunbury, Pa.; and Charles Christian and Frederick Victor, twins, born Oct. 22, 1889, both of whom died within two years after birth.

Mr. Lorenz and his family are communicants of the Episcopal Church, in which he filled the office of vestryman. In 1898-1899, accompanied by his family, he made a trip to Europe, visiting Germany and France. In 1903 they made a second trip, visiting England, Ireland, Germany and Austria, and in 1919 a third, visiting England, Holland, Germany and Switzerland. Mr. Lorenz has won a high place in the estimation of the people of his adopted town, where he is an enterprising, public-spirited citizen.

H. M. BECKER, M. D., has throughout his practice made a specialty of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, in which line he has a reputation that extends all over the State of Pennsylvania and a patronage which takes him over a wide territory. He has made his home at Sunbury, Northumberland county, since 1899.

Dr. Becker is the only son of George F. Becker and grandson of Curtis A. Becker, a native of New Baltimore, York Co., Pa., who died there about 1889, at the age of seventy-three years. He is buried at Bear's meetinghouse, though he was a Lutheran in religious connection. He was a wheelwright and blacksmith of the old-fashioned type of tradesman, being able to make every part of a wagon as well as build the wagon itself. His wife was Mary Fisher, and their children were: Elias, George F., John, Simon (living at New Baltimore, Pa.) and Mrs. Shue. The daughter lives with her husband in Adams county, Pennsylvania.

George F. Becker was born May 29, 1835, at New Baltimore, Pa., where he continued to make his home until 1892. Like his father he was a carriage builder, and he made the first buggies

turned out in his section of the State. This was during Civil war times. He prospered in this business, employing from twelve to twenty-five men, and he also had a farm. From 1892 until his death he lived at Hanover, Pa. He died Nov. 19, 1903, and is buried at Bear's meetinghouse. He was a Lutheran in religious faith. He married Lucy Ann Myers, daughter of Conrad Myers, of Codorus township, at what is called Seven Valleys. Mrs. Becker is now living at Hanover, York county. Two children were born to her and her husband: Annie M. (wife of Levi Bowman) and H. M.

H. M. Becker was born May 3, 1873, at New Baltimore, and received his early education in the schools of New Baltimore, later becoming a student at the Cumberland Valley State normal school, from which he was graduated in 1892. From 1892 to 1894 he continued his studies at Gettysburg College, after which he took a course in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania. Graduating in 1898, he took a post-graduate course at the Polyclinic hospital, in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, subsequently, in 1903, taking a similar course in the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary and in the New York Polyclinic Hospital and Post Graduate School of Medicine. On Dec. 20, 1899, he settled at Sunbury, where he has since practiced, though his work is by no means confined to that borough or section. He is now engaged in dispensary work at the Wills Eye hospital in Philadelphia. Dr. Becker has numerous professional associations and has been active in medical organizations. He is a member of the Sunbury Medical Club, organized for sociability as well as study; a member of the Northumberland County Medical Society, of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, of the American Medical Association, of the American Ophthalmological Society, and of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity of Gettysburg College. He is a past president of his county medical society and has been district censor since 1904. He is a Mason, holding membership in Maclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M., of Sunbury, and in the Temple Club. Dr. Becker is a member of the surgical staff of the Mary M. Packer hospital at Sunbury, having charge of all the eye and ear work at that institution. He is medical examiner for various life insurance companies and insurance fraternities.

On Nov. 23, 1904, Dr. Becker married Maud O. Keefer, daughter of John S. Keefer, of Sunbury.

COL. WILLIAM CLAPHAM, who built Fort Augusta, and was the first officer in charge there, was commissioned captain and lieutenant-colonel March 29, 1756, and commanded the 3d Battalion, known as the Augusta regiment. The erection of

a fort at Shamokin (now Sunbury) had been urged repeatedly by friendly Indians. It was probably first suggested by Andrew Montour and Monacatootha at Harris's Ferry on Nov. 1, 1755, and at once received the favorable consideration of the governor, who intended to build it that winter. On Jan. 17, 1756, it was again brought to the notice of the governor at a conference at Carlisle. The Indians said the fort would be "a place of refuge in times of distress for us with our wives and children to fly to for our safety." Construction would probably have commenced at once if the weather had permitted. The Indians were impatient at the delay, and at other conferences, held Feb. 22d and April 10th, urgently requested the governor to keep his promise. The location was inaccessible, except by water, and opposition from the enemy was not improbable. The appropriations made by the Provincial Assembly were dispensed under the supervision of a board of commissioners, who were not in cordial sympathy with the governor's plans, and it was not until April, 1756, that their consent to this project was obtained. The consent of the commissioners was coupled with a request that four hundred troops should be raised for the expedition, and the 3d Battalion was accordingly recruited. It rendezvoused at Fort Hunter and marched on the east side of the Susquehanna as far as Fort Halifax, stopping en route at McKee's store (opposite the mouth of Sherman's creek), whence on June 5th Colonel Clapham marched with five companies and eighteen batteaux and canoes loaded, arriving the next afternoon at Fort Halifax. The progress of the expedition was attended with many difficulties. Considerable difficulty was experienced in ascending the Juniata rapids; many of the batteaux grounded, "though laden with no more than four barrels of pork and a few light things." It was the governor's idea to use canoes only in the transportation service, the batteaux being substituted at the suggestion of John Harris. While the transportation of the stores up the river was in progress the main body of the troops was employed in erecting Fort Halifax. This was not included originally in the plan of the expedition, but was undertaken by Colonel Clapham in the exercise of his discretionary powers. Continuing the march about five miles above Fort Halifax, the troops proceeded thence along the west bank of the river to a point opposite Sunbury, where they crossed in batteaux.

In a letter to Colonel Clapham dated June 12, 1756, the governor submits him two plans of forts, allowing him to use his own judgment in choosing the kind of fort best suited to the place and conditions, as well as to select the site, except that it had to be on the east side of the Susquehanna; and he was instructed to put up a breastwork at once, so that his men could carry on the work in safety.

The temporary defenses he constructed were approved by the governor in another communication. The work progressed but slowly, as there was but one team of draft horses to be had, but nevertheless it went steadily forward, for on Aug. 14th he wrote: "We have the walls of the fort now above half finished and our other works in such situation that we can make a very good defense against any body of French and Indians that shall seat themselves before us without cannon." The Colonel evidently was in favor of strengthening the fort, for in one letter he speaks of strengthening "this post by doubling the fort with another case of logs and filling up the intermediate space with earth in order to render it cannon-proof, which I think ought to be done"; and again: "This post, which is in my opinion of the utmost consequence to the Province, is already defensible against all the power of musketry, but as it is, from the nature of its situation, exposed to a more formidable descent from the West Branch, it ought, I think, to be rendered still stronger." On Sept. 23d he sent a plan (probably the original of which that in the British Museum is a copy) of the completed fort to Governor Denny with the information that its construction had required "little better than the space of six weeks." This referred only to the works originally projected, probably constructed from the plans furnished by the governor without any special engineering supervision. On Oct. 17, 1756, E. Meyer, an engineer in the Provincial service, and James Young, the commissary general, arrived at Harris's Ferry, thence proceeding to Fort Augusta with Captain Lloyd. Improvements were apparently made at Mr. Meyer's suggestion, judging by a later report of the Colonel, who continues to refer to the lack of tools and conveniences as hampering the work.

They were in constant danger of attacks by the French and Indians. Fort Granville was taken and burned July 30, 1756, and an attack upon Fort Augusta was deemed highly probable. The fleet of batteaux ascended and descended the river under a strong guard, the killing of more than one white person having shown this to be necessary. A friendly Indian chief bringing news of the approach of a large force of French and Indians, dispatches were at once transmitted to Colonel Clapham, who was then at Harris's Ferry, and he immediately returned to Fort Augusta, determined to defend it to the last extremity. The garrison was reinforced, and additional works were constructed which so strengthened the post as to warrant offensive measures. Accordingly, a detail was sent out to advance on the Indian town of Chingleclamouse (situated on the West Branch at the present site of Clearfield) and destroy it if occupied, otherwise to leave no trace of the visit. It was found to be deserted.

Life at the post was not only rendered hazardous



by constant danger of attack, but the lack of provisions and difficulty of transporting them made the situation doubly hard. Ammunition was low at a most critical period; food supplies were insufficient and uncertain; and inadequate finances made the payment of the men for their services so irregular that it was hard for the commander to keep them loyal. Nor was this feeling confined to the ranks. The "extremely parsimonious policy of the commissioners \* \* \* caused general dissatisfaction among the officers," who complained that they had not received the pay promised and asked permission to resign. This dissatisfaction prevailed among the officers of the entire regiment, Colonel Clapham upholding them in their demands. On Sept. 23, 1756, he wrote Governor Denny stating that four months' pay was due the regiment, and as many of the soldiers had families to support he had to lend the greater part of his own salary to them to keep them from deserting or returning home when their terms of enlistment expired. At length, "tired with the discouragements perpetually given to the service by the commissioners and with their particular treatment of him," he resigned his commission, and was succeeded in command of the Augusta regiment by Maj. James Burd, the officer next in rank, who arrived at Fort Augusta, Dec. 8, 1756. At that time there were 280 men "doing duty" and nine officers "for duty."

**RIGHT REV. JOHN JOSEPH KOCH, D. D.,** V. G., the beloved pastor of St. Edward's Roman Catholic Church, the oldest religious organization in Shamokin, and the first to build a church in the town, has long been identified with everything affecting the spiritual and moral advancement of the people with whom he has been so closely associated for forty-five years. As citizen no less than in his priestly capacity Father Koch holds the reverence and admiration of the people of Shamokin to an unusual degree. His sterling worth as a man, his high ideals of duty and responsibility, his broad Christian spirit, and his achievements in a long career of devotion, have won him a foremost place among the most influential people of the borough. A life of such wide usefulness falls to the lot of few men.

Father Koch was born Feb. 5, 1810, in Lorraine, France, part of the Province of Alsace-Lorraine which was ceded by France to Germany in 1871 after the war which ended in the triumphant march of the Germans to Paris, and his parents, John and Elizabeth (Francois) Koch, were also natives of that Province. At the age of eight and a half years he entered the University of Pont-a-Mousson near Nancy, Lorraine, from which he was graduated Aug. 5, 1857, at the early age of seventeen years. He then entered the Seminary at Nancy, having determined to study for the

priesthood, and he remained in that institution for about five years, taking the philosophical and theological courses, and leaving within four months of the time required to complete the work. The cessation of his studies was due to the fact that because of his youth he could not be ordained a priest for two years, he being two years under the age fixed by the church for ordination. This circumstance rendered it advisable for him to remain in France and await the time when he might enter the priesthood there. In 1861, in response to an invitation from Bishop Wood of Philadelphia, he came to the United States, priests at that period being comparatively few as compared with the extensive fields in which the work of the church was being energetically prosecuted. After spending two weeks in Paris he sailed for this country, and after a brief stay in New York City joined Bishop Wood in Philadelphia, in May. He entered the Seminary of St. Charles Borromeo, in Philadelphia. He was then twenty-two years of age, too young to be ordained unless by special dispensation, the age of ordination to the priesthood being twenty-four years. In order that his services might be utilized and he might immediately enter upon the duties he had chosen for his life work, a dispensation was granted by Bishop Wood, who ordained and admitted him to the priesthood Feb. 25, 1863. He was first installed as an assistant at St. Patrick's Church, Philadelphia. Two months later he was appointed assistant chaplain for the hospitals in the Quaker City, an honor which was bestowed upon him because of his special fitness for the work and his knowledge of Latin, French, German, Italian and English.

Father Koch's abilities as a priest quickly demonstrated themselves and he was transferred to this section to take charge of important territory. He located in Milton, Northumberland county, in November, 1863, assuming the charge of the church there, St. Joseph's, and also of the churches and missions in five counties, including one at Cascade, Lycoming county, where there was an Irish settlement numbering seventy families, and where he built a church; a German congregation at Danville, St. Hubert's, where he built the church; at Trevorton, where he took up and zealously pushed to completion a church which was unfinished when the priest died who formerly had been in charge of the congregation (he paid off the debt there); the churches at Sunbury and Lewisburg; and the missions at Herndon, Ralston and Trout Run. His mission extended from Ralston, Lycoming county, to Georgetown, Northumberland county, and included five churches and fifteen stations. For three years our subject made his headquarters at Milton, vigorously performing the multitude of duties incumbent upon him as the shepherd of so many flocks of the faithful in the adjacent country. Under his pastorate the debts of St. Joseph's were



paid, the building repaired, and other substantial improvements carried out. In August, 1866, Shamokin was organized into a parish, with Trevorton, Locust Gap and Mount Carmel as missions. Father Koch was appointed the first pastor, and removed to Shamokin Sept. 2, 1866, in obedience to orders transferring him to the larger sphere of usefulness and placing upon him the important responsibility of enlarging and perfecting the organization in behalf of his church in the coal region of Northumberland county. He took control the second Sunday in September and was the first resident pastor of St. Edward's Church in Shamokin.

A brief review of the history of St. Edward's Church is necessary to a clear and satisfactory understanding of the conditions which existed when Father Koch assumed charge of the church and the remarkable energy he displayed in the accomplishment of remarkable achievements in the years which he has devoted to the church and the Catholics of Shamokin and vicinity. Many Catholics were employed in the construction of the Danville & Pottsville railroad, and as early as 1838 Catholic services were held in Shamokin by the priests of Pottsville and Minersville. A half acre of land in the west end of the village was secured for a church and cemetery and in 1839 sufficient money had been raised to erect a frame edifice, 20 by 32 feet in dimensions, unplastered and very plain, on the southwest corner of the site. The leaders in this enterprise were Patrick Reilly, master mechanic in the railroad shops, and Matthew Brannigan, and the small church was built by Stephen Bittenbender. It was dedicated as St. Edward's Church, Oct. 11, 1840, by Bishop Kenrick of Philadelphia. These early Catholics of the little village of Shamokin were administered to by priests of Pottsville, Minersville, Danville and Milton, and occasionally by a missionary, and thus their faith was kept fittingly before them and they rejoiced in their worship, though in a most humble and scantily furnished church. Rev. Michael Sheridan, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Danville, had charge of the congregation from 1854 to October, 1857, when he was succeeded by Rev. Edward Murray, who served as pastor for nearly nine years, giving way to Father Koch in September, 1866.

Upon taking control of the Shamokin parish Father Koch immediately set out to infuse new life into the congregation and to build up the church. He soon bought the site upon which the present handsome edifice stands, for \$3,400. The old frame building was demolished, giving way to a considerably larger edifice, which was opened on Thanksgiving Day, 1866. So rapidly did the congregation of St. Edward's increase under the able guidance of Father Koch that in the spring of 1867 it was necessary to further enlarge the church

that the people might comfortably be accommodated and that none might be deprived of the privilege, which they so greatly desired, of attending services. In the spring of 1869 a parochial residence was erected on a lot adjoining the church, at an expenditure of \$8,500. Constantly the attendance upon the church increased and within a short period of time the congregation had grown so large that a new place of worship was an imperative necessity. Ground was broken in the summer of 1872, foundations were put in, and Sept. 14th Father Koch laid the first stone in the wall of the church which is to-day the pride of the Catholics at Shamokin. The corner stone was laid with impressive ceremonies May 23, 1873, by Bishop O'Hara of Scranton. A contract had been let for the entire stone work, but the contractor abandoned the work, an act which would utterly have discouraged a less energetic, less persevering man than our subject. Determined that there should be no unnecessary delay, Father Koch for the time acted as his own contractor, and hiring masons superintended the construction of the walls until they were ready for the roof, at the same time keeping up with his many pastoral duties. In December, 1873, the roof was on, the tower was built and walks had been laid about the structure. On Christmas morning the first mass was celebrated in the basement of the new church, in which the services were held until June 6, 1880, when the finished church was dedicated. The edifice is of white cut sandstone, quarried from the mountain-side about a mile from Shamokin; its interior is 64 feet wide and 125 feet long, and the tower is 207 feet high. The completion of the building was delayed by the lack of funds, but Father Koch hopefully and energetically kept at work and finally was enabled to see the church finished in reasonable time. In November, 1876, a chime of four large bells was hung in the tower, weighing, with the fittings, 8,500 pounds. The frescoing in the interior was done in four months, under the direction of a well known Philadelphia artist. Over the main altar are paintings representing the Crucifixion, St. Patrick, and the patron of the church, St. Edward, the figures being life-size. In the center of the ceiling a beautiful fresco twenty-two feet in diameter portrays the "Resurrection of Christ" and is surrounded by figures of the four Evangelists, and around the walls are paintings of the twelve Apostles. Especially noticeable are two beautiful pieces of statuary standing on either side of the altar, one representing "Christ meeting His Mother on His Way to Calvary," and the other "The Descent from the Cross," both of which were imported from France by Father Koch. The building is lighted with electricity (St. Edward's was the first church in the world to be lighted with electricity) and heated by steam, and has a seating capacity of over one

thousand, and as many as fourteen hundred persons have gathered within its walls.

Especial attention has been paid to educational facilities by Father Koch since he assumed charge of St. Edward's Church. In 1874 he organized a parochial school, using the old church as a school building, and opened it in September of that year. The school was for the first year of its existence in charge of lay teachers. In 1875 the school was placed under the supervision of four Sisters of Charity from Mount St. Vincent, New York, and in 1877 a convent was erected for them. Subsequently a lot was purchased opposite the church and the present brick school was built, being completed in 1883-84. The school is now conducted by fourteen Sisters of Charity and has over seven hundred pupils.

The congregation of St. Edward's now numbers about four thousand souls, and of these over 2,650 are communicants. Its Sunday school is very large and the rector takes great pride in it.

For twenty-three years Father Koch has been vicar general of the Diocese of Harrisburg. On the death of Bishop McGovern, in 1898, he was appointed administrator of the diocese.

St. Joseph's congregation at Locust Gap worshipped in the school building until 1870, when Father Koch erected a church costing \$7,800, which was finished and dedicated Aug. 27, 1871. In 1872 he purchased four acres of land adjoining the village of Springfield for a cemetery, which was consecrated, and has since been used by the Catholics of this portion of the county.

**JOHN J. W. SCHWARTZ**, late of Shamokin, former treasurer of Northumberland county, and for many years one of the most prominent and popular citizens of his borough, was born near Paxinos, in Shamokin township, this county, July 21, 1841, son of Francis Peter Schwartz. His great-grandfather was a native of Saxony, emigrating in his youth to the New World, and serving throughout the Revolution in the Continental army. In 1803 he located at Reading, Pennsylvania.

John Schwartz, grandfather of John J. W., settled at Sunbury, where he died and is buried. His children were: Maj. John; Francis Peter; Anna, married to Jacob Seitzinger; Mary, married to John Ruch; and Elizabeth, married to Fred Haas.

Francis Peter Schwartz, son of John, was born in 1796, and died in 1862, aged sixty-six years. He was well known in Northumberland county in his day, and for many years taught school and wrote deeds and wills. He had a wide reputation for superior education. In his young manhood he was employed for a year in one of the departments at Washington, D. C. For some time he conducted the *Publick Inquirer*, one of the early

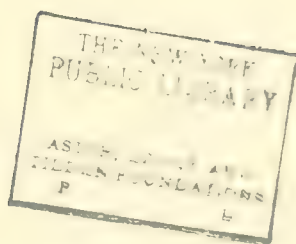
papers of Sunbury, started in 1820 by Samuel J. Packer. During the war of 1812 he served as ensign in Capt. Jacob Hummell's company from Northumberland county, and has the distinction of being the only soldier of the war of 1812 that was buried at Reed's church, in Ralpho township. He was town clerk of the borough of Sunbury at an early date. His death occurred at his home near Paxinos. He married Julia Haas, daughter of Peter Haas, and their children were: John J. W.; Rosina, who married Jeremiah Bloom; and Francis P., who died young and is buried in a small burying ground in Cumru township, Berks county.

John J. W. Schwartz attended the public schools, but from the early age of ten years was obliged to contribute to the support of the family, hiring out to neighboring farmers in the Shamokin Valley until he reached the age of eighteen. During this time he had three or four months' schooling each year. When about eighteen years of age he became a clerk in the store of Haas & Fagely, of Locust Gap, at a salary of a hundred dollars a year and board. This occupation he continued for a period of twenty-five years, and became a very valuable man. He remained with the firm until June 16, 1863, when he and George Martz of Shamokin were mustered into the United States army, in Company A, 28th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Capt. Thomas R. Jones, serving during the emergency. On his return from the army Mr. Schwartz resumed his former position, remaining therein until Jan. 1, 1864, when he came to Shamokin to clerk in the store of William Fagely & Co. From there he went to the Cameron colliery to keep books and ship coal for the firm of John Haas & Co. This firm was later succeeded by Haas, Fagely & Co., but Mr. Schwartz continued in its employ until the workings were sold July 1, 1871, when he went back to again clerk in the store of Haas, Fagely & Co. and their successors, Fagely & Martz. In February, 1873, he accepted a position as bookkeeper for the firm of Patterson, Llewellyn & Co., miners and shippers of coal. He worked for this firm until he announced himself as a candidate for the office of county treasurer on the Republican ticket, and at the election the people of the county showed their trust in his honesty and integrity by giving him an excellent majority. His election was doubly honorable because of the fact that he was the first Republican to attain that office in Northumberland county. From 1885 to 1887 he served as treasurer of the county, having been elected on the Republican ticket. Mr. Schwartz was also an earnest worker in municipal affairs. For twelve years he served on the school board, part of the time as its secretary, and for one term was a member of the council. In 1888 he became chief Burgess of Shamokin. He clerked in the prothonotary's office three years and seven months, from 1894 to 1897, being deputy under



*Joe M. Schwartz*





Charles L. Kramer. He has served his party as county chairman. In 1897 he was appointed justice of the peace, by Governor Hastings, to fill the unexpired term of the late Squire Francis A. Miller, who died in 1897, and in 1900 was elected for a five years' term. This was during the great coal strike, when his office was a hard one to fill. He was at one time owner and editor of the *Shamokin Daily Herald*. From 1903 to the time of his death he was a notary public. He was engaged also as pension agent and in the real estate and insurance business, representing the Svea Company, of Gothenburg, Sweden, and the Pittsburg Underwriters. He was assessor of his ward, the Ninth. His office was at No. 543 North Market street.

In his work he had the advantage of speaking fluently in both German and English and was a man of unswerving integrity and possessed an unimpeachable character. Socially he was genial and pleasant, always having a heart of sympathy and a broad hand of generous help for the suffering, the poor and the needy. With these noble traits of character he formed friends by the legion who grieve and lament his sad death. He was a charter member of Lincoln Post, No. 140, G. A. R., of which he was a past commander. Fraternally he belonged to Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M. Both these organizations were represented at his funeral.

Mr. Schwartz married Elizabeth Strawser, daughter of John R. Strawser. They had the following children: George, who died young; Wynona L., who married Charles E. Hale; Catherine A., of Shamokin; William H., of Shamokin; Bertha, who died young; Reuben F.; John F. M., of Philadelphia; and James A. G., of Kansas City, Mo. There are four living grandchildren. Mr. Schwartz died Nov. 8, 1910, after a six months' illness, and is buried in the Shamokin cemetery.

John F. M. Schwartz, son of J. J. W., born at Shamokin, Pa., March 4, 1880, was educated there, and spent some time in his father's office. He enlisted for service in the Spanish-American war, was in the army ten months, and has been engaged in the brokerage business since 1899, having his offices in Philadelphia. He married Mary Fisher, of Pottsville, Pa. She was the daughter of Charles Fisher, a Civil war veteran, whose war record was as follows: Joined Company C, 96th Regt., P. V. I., at the age of fifteen years, and served under Generals McClellan, Pope, Burnside, Hooker, Meade, Sheridan and Grant. He saw service at the following battles: Gaines's Mills, Charles City, Malvern Hill, Second Battle of Bull Run, Charles Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Salem Church, Gettysburg, Hacketts Mills, Wilderness, Winchester, Fisher's Hill, Cedar Creek and Spottsylvania. At the latter place or battle, he was promoted to Color Sergeant and had the honor of placing the first Union flag on the enemy's

works. In so doing he was shot down and wounded, this occurring on the same day he received his promotion to Color Sergeant.

MAJ. JOHN SCHWARTZ, brother of Francis Peter and uncle of John J. W., was born in Northumberland county Oct. 27, 1793, and was ten years old when the family settled at Reading. He clerked in a local store, and became familiar with the mercantile world. Later he became interested in the iron business, and with Simon Seyfert as a partner erected the Mount Penn Furnace, in Cumru township, Berks county. He met with great success in his undertaking, and retired from business in 1858.

Major Schwartz was always a staunch Democrat, and after his retirement from business became active in his work for the party. In 1858 he was elected to Congress as an independent Democrat. He made a deep impression upon his fellow members there for his fearless championing of any measure he thought right, and a speech he made in May, 1860, on the tariff, was long remembered for its able exposition of that vexing problem. A short time afterward he was taken ill, and died in Washington in June, 1860. Both bodies of Congress adjourned at the announcement of his death, and his remains, accompanied by the sergeant-at-arms of the House and a committee, were taken to Reading, and interred in the Charles Evans cemetery.

During the war of 1812-15 Gov. Simon Snyder appointed him quartermaster of a brigade raised in Berks and adjoining counties, with the rank of major. He marched with the brigade to Baltimore, and was on duty at Camp Dupont until the threatened British invasion was averted. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church at Reading, and was prominent in Masonry. He was of a social nature and had many friends, while in business and public life he maintained ever a reputation for honesty and integrity that was never questioned.

PROF. MICHAEL F. KANE, who was the first principal of the Coal township high school at its establishment in 1899, has been a teacher since 1884 and throughout those years has been engaged in Coal township, where he bears a high reputation as an instructor and a citizen of the most useful and valuable type. He was born Sept. 10, 1855, at Johnstown, Pa., son of James Stewart and Mary (Breslin) Kane.

James Stewart Kane was a native of the North of Ireland, and on coming to America first settled at Johnstown, Pa. Before the breaking out of the Civil war, however, he removed to Pittsburg, and there he entered the Union service July 12, 1861, as private in Knapp's Pennsylvania Battery (E), with which he served until his death, in November, 1864, from typhoid fever. He is buried

in the National cemetery in Georgia. His army service was highly creditable, as he rose by meritorious service to the rank of second lieutenant. He married Mary Breslin, like himself a native of Ireland who came to America when young, and their marriage took place at Johnstown in 1854. Mrs. Kane died in 1870, at Phoenixville, Chester Co., Pa. She was the mother of four children: John, who died young; James S., now a resident of Atlantic City, N. J.; Martha, who is the wife of Robert Tole, of Shamokin, Pa.; and Michael F.

Michael F. Kane attended parochial school in Pittsburg and later was a pupil at St. Vincent College, at Latrobe, in Westmoreland county, Pa. In 1870 he came to Mount Carmel, Northumberland county, to live with his uncle, Bernard Breslin, with whom he learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed in all for about fifteen years. He had attended public school to some extent after coming to Mount Carmel, and having retained his ambition for a higher education he took a course at the old normal in Milton taught by Prof. William Wolverton. In 1884 he began teaching, for several years having different schools in Coal township—at Bear Valley, Excelsior, Coal Run and Springfield. When the Coal township high school was established, in 1899, he was elected the first principal, which position he now fills, proving himself an educator of unusual resource, one who has been a leader in progressive methods and an exponent of the most approved modern ideas upon the training of the young. For some time Mr. Kane also discharged the duties of vice principal at his school. He is naturally one of the best known teachers in this part of Northumberland county, and he is, moreover, one of the most popular with old and young alike. His success in his profession is not only the result of special fitness for the calling of his adoption, but of unwearied preparation carried on and continued along with his experience. He has the earnest enthusiasm of the educator who follows his work because he loves it, and he makes his influence felt in every circle into which his duties call him. He is one of those teachers who have enlarged the sphere of the educator's usefulness until it now has no recognized limits, and he is respected by his co-workers and beloved by many former pupils who trace their first ambitions to his suggestion and encouragement. Mr. Kane was supervising principal of the Coal township schools for six years, and was the first to establish an organized system in the district. Principally through his efforts the schools reached their high standard of excellence.

On July 13, 1883, Mr. Kane married Sarah A. Durkin, daughter of Edward Durkin and member of a family which settled in Shamokin in the early days. Seven children were born to this union: James M., Mary A., Edward F., Gerald, Regina

(deceased), F. Cyril and Michael J. The family home is at No. 1271 Oneida street, Shamokin.

Professor Kane is a member of St. Edward's Catholic Church, a member in high standing of the Knights of Columbus, the Holy Name Society and the Knights of St. Edward, and an active member of the St. Vincent De Paul Society. He also belongs to the Sons of Veterans. He is vice president of the Central Building and Loan Association of Shamokin.

WILLIAM FREDERICK EICHHOLTZ, one of the owners and editors of *The Sunbury Daily* and *The Northumberland County Democrat*, is a son of Jacob Ely and Rosa (Schaffle) Eichholtz.

The Eichholtz ancestors emigrated from Germany to America about 1750 and have pursued various trades. Numerous ancestors are recorded in the annals of Lancaster county as having fought in the war for independence. Rev. George Eichholtz, grandsire of William Frederick, was a Lutheran minister, whose calling took him to all parts of eastern Pennsylvania, and he died in Lycoming county, this State, in 1885, at the age of seventy-two years. His wife, Harriet (Ely), died in 1881. To Rev. George and Harriet Eichholtz were born eight children, four sons and four daughters. The father of Rev. George Eichholtz came to America from Germany with John Jacob Astor, with whom he was for a time engaged in the fur trade.

Jacob Ely Eichholtz was born Nov. 11, 1836, in Lebanon, Pa., second son of Rev. George and Harriet (Ely) Eichholtz. He learned the printer's trade at Mifflintown, and was engaged in newspaper work all his life, as "jour," publisher, reporter, editor and proprietor. He came to Sunbury Jan. 1, 1867, and purchased *The Northumberland County Democrat*, which publication he continued during his lifetime. On Dec. 6, 1872, he established *The Sunbury Daily*, which was one of the pioneer penny newspapers of Pennsylvania. He was appointed postmaster by President Cleveland in May, 1885. He died Oct. 30, 1898. He was first married in Lancaster, Pa., Jan. 19, 1860, to Harriet Erisman, who died in 1863. By this marriage he had two sons, one who died in infancy, and Herbert, who died in 1909. His second marriage, which took place in Lewisburg, Pa., Feb. 11, 1866, was to Rosa Schaffle, a member of the Lewisburg Schaffle family, of French and German descent, who emigrated to this country over a hundred years ago. Rosa (Schaffle) Eichholtz was the mother of four children, two girls and two boys, William Frederick, the third child, being the only one, however, who survived early childhood. She died May 3, 1898.

William Frederick Eichholtz is a native of Sunbury, born Aug. 12, 1872. He obtained his early



education in the common schools of the borough, graduating from the high school with the class of 1891. He entered Bucknell Academy after his graduation from the high school, and graduated from Bucknell University with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1897. Upon graduation from college he became a member of the publishing firm of Eichholtz & Co. Through both inheritance and training he was fitted to fill the position to which he afterward fell heir.

Mr. Eichholtz holds an enviable position in Masonic circles in Sunbury, having served as Master of Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., as High Priest of Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M., and as Eminent Commander of Mount Hermon Commandery, No. 85, Knights Templar. He is also a member of the B. P. O. Elks.

DANIEL L. GRIER, postmaster at Watson-town, Northumberland Co., Pa., is a native and lifelong resident of that borough, born Oct. 24, 1859, son of Benjamin F. and Caroline (Tobias) Grier.

Benjamin F. Grier was born in 1814 in one of the lower counties of Pennsylvania, was a blacksmith, and followed his trade at Watson-town. He assisted in building the Pennsylvania railroad in his district. He was one of the earliest members of the Methodist Church there, and also a charter member of the local organizations of the following orders: Masons, I. O. O. F. and Knights of Pythias. He married Caroline Tobias, daughter of William and Sarah (Follmer) Tobias, the former a native of Berks county and member of an early settled family of that region. To Mr. and Mrs. Grier were born the following children: William, deceased; Sarah, who died young; Benjamin F., deceased; Alfred, deceased; Calvin, deceased; Oliver W., of Watson-town; Jeremiah, of Williamsport; Daniel L., of Watson-town; and Mary, deceased. Mr. Grier died Aug. 11, 1901, at the age of eighty-six years, ten months.

Daniel L. Grier was reared at Watson-town, and there received his education in the public schools. When a young man he began work with the Watson-town Planing Mill Company, was later with the Wagner-Hiles Company, of Watson-town, and was subsequently engaged in contracting for some years on his own account, in 1886-87 being contractor in the blind department of the Watson-town Planing Mill Company. He found this work congenial and profitable, and after the mill burned resumed work with the company. He was also employed by the Watson-town Door and Sash company, with which company he was connected at the time of his appointment as postmaster.

On April 12, 1905, Mr. Grier was appointed postmaster at Watson-town, to succeed the late D. C. Hoguel, receiving his commission April 15, 1905. He has filled that position continuously

since, having been reappointed under President Taft. His services are highly efficient, and appreciated by all concerned. Three rural free delivery routes start from the Watson-town post office—No. 1, going northwest; No. 2, covering territory northeast of No. 1, and No. 3, running east of town. The office is now third class, and the business has increased over two hundred dollars during Mr. Grier's time. His administration has been highly satisfactory in every respect, his conscientious effort to serve his fellow citizens faithfully being universally recognized.

On Jan. 25, 1887, Mr. Grier married May M. Lloyd, daughter of James and Susan (Straub) Lloyd, the former a merchant at Selinsgrove, Snyder Co., Pa. To this union have been born four children, namely: B. Lloyd, contractor for the Standard Steel Company, of Burnham, Pa.; Ned A., who assists his father in the post office; a son who died in infancy, and Anna Marie.

Mr. Grier is associated fraternally with the Masons (as a member of Watson-town Lodge, No. 401, F. & A. M.) and with the Knights of the Golden Eagle. He attends the Methodist Church. Politically he is a Republican, and stands well in the councils of his party, but he has never held any official position connected with the administration of borough affairs. In December, 1902, he was a candidate for county auditor, being defeated by only seventeen votes.

JOHN PHILIP OTTO, deceased, who was a resident of the borough of Northumberland from 1873 until his death, was throughout that long period engaged as a shoemaker and shoe merchant. He was one of the substantial and valuable citizens of the place, and was serving as secretary of the school board there at the time of his death.

Mr. Otto was a native of Germany. He was born on Wednesday, Feb. 21, 1851, at Geldburg, Saxony, at 7:30 a. m., son of George and Catharine (Feder) Otto, who were of Hanover, Germany. His godfather was John Philip Metzger. The family came to America in 1854, locating first in New York State, four miles above Albany, where they lived for a year and a half. In 1856 they removed to the city of Philadelphia, Pa., where the parents passed the remainder of their days, George Otto dying in 1867, at the age of fifty-five. His wife died on Thanksgiving Day, in 1865, aged forty-four. Mr. Otto in Germany was known as "Herr" George Otto. He had royal blood in his veins, and was a man of rank and wealth, but lost all his possessions after coming to America. He served seven years in the German army, in which he held a colonel's commission, and while living in Geldburg, Saxony, was engaged as a butcher and hotel proprietor. He had three brothers, two of whom were John and Henry (a Lutheran minister in Saxony), and also sisters. He and his family

were Lutherans in religious faith. The following children were born to George and Catharine Otto: Gustav, of Philadelphia, who died the latter part of February, 1911; Wilhelm, who died young; Christian, who died young; Henry, who died young; John Philip; Mary, who died on the ocean while the family were en route to America (these six were born in Germany, the others in America); Peter, who died in Pueblo, Colo., several years ago; Charles, who died at Milton, Pa.; Annie, who died in the West; Harry, of Hollidaysburg, Pa., now the only survivor of the family; and Mary, who died in infancy.

John Philip Otto commenced to learn shoemaking at Pottsgrove, Northumberland Co., Pa., when he was fifteen years old. He followed the trade in Philadelphia for two years, in 1873 coming to Northumberland, in which borough he ever after made his home. He was in the shoe business all these years and prospered by industry and persevering labor, being one of the most esteemed residents of the place, where his upright and useful life won him universal good will. He was a school director for some time, being secretary of the school board at the time of his death. Politically he was a Republican. Mr. Otto passed away at 8 a. m. Wednesday, March 23, 1911, and was buried in Riverview cemetery March 25th.

On April 16, 1875, Mr. Otto married Mary A. Gilbert, daughter of Jacob and Catharine (Teats) Gilbert, of Union county, Pa., and they had two children: Carrie M. married B. F. Merrel, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and they have a daughter, Ruth A.; Christian Herman died when seventeen years old. Mr. Otto was a Seventh Day Adventist, to which religious belief his wife also adheres.

A branch of the Otto family living at Williamsport, Pa., came from Hanover, Germany. They are extensive manufacturers of paper and give employment to a large number of people.

**LEIGHOU or LEIGHOW.** There are two families of this name in Point township, Northumberland county, descendants of Christopher Lecha, the ancestor of all the members of the Leighou branch in America. During the one hundred and thirty years that the family has been in this country the spelling of the name has undergone many changes. From the time of the arrival of the first settler until 1788 it was spelled Lecha—pronounced Lēh' yāh. By 1790 it had become Lighy. In 1809 his eldest son, at least, had changed the name to Lighou, while the younger members of the family, seemingly without exception, adopted the letter "w" for the termination. Within the next two decades an "i" was inserted before the "i" in both spellings, thus making them Leighou and Leighow. At present there is but one branch of the family retaining the "u" termination, and further, other branches, notably those of Colorado and Kentucky,

have entirely changed the spelling to the form of Lehow. The first spelling found in the Pennsylvania Archives, Leche, is believed to be simply an unintentional mis-spelling, one of the common mistakes of that time. In the following the Roman numerals indicate the generations, beginning with Christopher, the immigrant.

It is believed that (I) Christopher Lecha came from Alsace-Lorraine, which, although German in language and customs, then belonged to France (1648-1871). Family tradition states that he came with LaFayette during the Revolution, and served under him in that war. However, the first known official mention of him is made in the Pennsylvania Archives, Sixth Series, Vol. III, page 769, where in a military record of June 10, 1784, he is enrolled in the 8th Company, 2d Battalion, of the Northampton county militia, under command of Col. Philip Boehm. In the Third Series, Vol. XIX, page 90, it is stated that he resided in Lower Saucon township, Northampton county, which is on the southern side of the Lehigh river as it empties into the Delaware. At the taking of the first census, in 1790, he still resided here, and that place is given as his home between 1790 and 1795. At this time the name had become Lighy. From this place he migrated, probably up the Lehigh, across the mountains at Wilkes-Barre and down the Susquehanna, to Danville, Pa. Here he acquired considerable tracts of land, the major portion of which he lost, just prior to his death, about 1820, due to conflicting title claims. He is buried in the Grove Presbyterian churchyard at Danville. Christopher's wife was named Rachel. They had five children, John, Henry, Elizabeth, Lewis and Tobias, the elder three having been born in Northampton county.

(II) John Lighou, son of Christopher, born March 23, 1783, in Northampton county, changed the spelling of his name from Lighy. About 1795 he came into Northumberland county with his father. On June 6, 1809, he was married by Rev. Philip Pauli, of Reading, to Sarah Weimar, who was born Feb. 20, 1787, daughter of Peter and Catharine (Lybrand) Weimar, and about this time, or earlier, he located in the Tuckahoe Valley. In 1824 he bought from John Cowden the tract of land which is now the homestead of his grandson Oscar, in Point township. This tract was known as "Martin's Valley," having been surveyed at the instance of Robert Martin, the first permanent settler of Northumberland, in 1773, and bought by John Cowden from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1822. Also, he bought the land comprising the present farms of the Edward Leighow heirs, Howard Leighow, William Geise and Mrs. Margaret Knouse. He was a member of the Unitarian Church established by Dr. Joseph Priestley, the discoverer of oxygen. In 1834 he was one of the trustees of the church who secured the property



on which the first permanent building was erected. He was a pianomaker by trade, and a few pianos made by him are still in existence about the county. It is believed that he learned the trade from Samuel Mans. He had ten children and is the ancestor of all the Leighous of Point township. Mrs. Sarah (Weimar) Lighou survived her husband a number of years, dying Jan. 31, 1811. Her father, Peter Weimar, born about 1762, was according to family tradition a direct descendant of a Duke of Saxe Weimar, Germany. He was a Justice of the Peace in the Montour Valley, Northumberland county, from 1823 to 1826. His wife, Catharine (Lybrand), was a member of a Philadelphia family. The ten children of John and Sarah (Weimar) Lighou were: Elizabeth Leighow (born March 20, 1810), John Weimar Leighow, William Henry Leighou, Henrietta Leighow (born March 16, 1815), George Augustus, Sara K., Mary Ann, Charles K., Charles Lybrand and Oscar Edmund.

(III) John Weimar Leighow, born March 25, 1811, died Aug. 28, 1875. He was married at East Lewisburg, Pa., to Harriet Waters, born in 1827, who died May 25, 1893. Their children were: Edward, Charles, Kate, James and Jennie. Edward, who died Jan. 31, 1910, lived at the old homestead of John Lighou in Point township; he married Annie Hamor and had one child, Aline. Charles, born April 15, 1854, removed to Colorado. Jennie lives in Los Angeles, Cal., James and Kate are dead. Kate married Henry Garman, and their son, Victor, lives in Reading, Pennsylvania.

(III) William Henry Leighou and his descendants will be mentioned more fully later.

(III) George Augustus Leighow, born July 24, 1816, married Louisa Robbins, born in 1826, who died May 24, 1893. They had children: Eugene, Sara Jane, Mary Louisa, George and Howard. The last named married Regina Ertley, and they have five children, Grace, Thomas C., Dorothy Jane, Merle A. and Hattie M. This is a Point township family. Eugene and Mary are dead; Mary married John Collins, and lives in Ohio. George is in Washington State.

(III) James K. Leighow, born Aug. 2, 1823, served in the Civil War as saddler sergeant, Company F, 1st Regiment, Pennsylvania Cavalry Corps. He married his second cousin, Mary Weimar, and they had two sons, both of whom are married and have children. Charles A. lives in Portland, Oregon, and C. Wallace in Oakland, California.

(III) Charles Lybrand Leighow, born May 28, 1826, moved to Colorado, and died October 6, 1874. He changed the spelling of his name to Lehow. He married Mary E. Shellabarger, and their daughter, Mrs. Charles Howard Little, lives at Xenia, Ohio.

(III) Oscar Edmund Leighow, born Jan. 29, 1829, also moved to Colorado, where he died, in Denver, March 11, 1894. He also wrote his name Lehow. He married Eloise L. Sargent, and their son, Weimar Sargent Lehow, lives in Denver.

(II) Henry Leighow, son of Christopher, born Aug. 22, 1785, died Aug. 25, 1850. He lived on a farm at Red Point (near Danville, Pa.) and later in Northumberland. In the War of 1812 he served as a private in the 81st Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. In 1815 he married Ellen Clark, born Nov. 3, 1794, died Dec. 10, 1849, and they had children: William, Pembroke, A. Jackson, John, Henry and Mary Ellen. Of these,

(III) William Leighow, born April 4, 1817, died July 14, 1862. He married Catharine Weimar, and they had three daughters, Gemella Medora (married C. D. Bisbee, of Chicago), Margaret Helen (married S. B. Morgan, of Watsontown, Pa.) and Anna Jean (married J. H. Tracy, of Salt Lake City).

(III) Pembroke Leighow, born Feb. 20, 1825, died March 17, 1895. He married Elizabeth A. Sanner and had four children: (1) James married Margaret Messenger and lived in Woodland, Clearfield Co., Pa. They had three children, Emma E., Oscar M. and Margaret; the two last named are married and have children. (2) Charles, unmarried, lives in Haldeman, Rowan Co., Ky. (3) Henry Kellar married in November, 1886, Elizabeth Ulrich, and lives in Haldeman, Ky.; he had five children. (4) Mary Ann, unmarried, lives in Haldeman.

(III) Andrew Jackson Leighow, born Sept. 12, 1828, died May 27, 1890. His wife, Rebecca, born in 1834, died Feb. 20, 1908. They had five children: Harry Pierce, who died unmarried; John, who died in infancy; Clinton, who died Feb. 9, 1910 (he married and had two children, Harry Pierce and Rebecca); Martin, a twin of Clinton, who died in infancy; and Mary Ellen, who married Charles Allen Graves and lives in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

(II) Elizabeth Leighow, daughter of Christopher, born about 1789, married Henry Dale, the ancestor of the Dales of Northumberland, Pa. They lived first at the present site of the Stone Mill, in Point township.

(II) Lewis Leighow, son of Christopher, born Oct. 29, 1799, died March 22, 1845. He was married twice, marrying first Theodosia Gulick and (second) Mrs. Sara Jane Cousert, nee Ammerman. His descendants are living principally in Montour and Columbia counties, Pa. His children were: Charles B., Rachel, Hugh, George M., Mary E. and William Henry. Of these,

(III) Charles B. Leighow, born Feb. 10, 1827, married Sarah Ernest, and lives in Danville, Pa.



They have six children: Clarence, married and living in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. (no children); Clara; Margaret; Elizabeth; Alice, and Lucinda.

(III) George M. Leighow, born Dec. 31, 1837, a half brother of Charles, served a term as county commissioner of Montour county, 1902-1905. He married Sarah Elizabeth Ephlin, and they have eight children, namely: William is married and lives in Chelsea, Oklahoma; Oscar, married, lives at Catawissa, Pa.; Annie is married; Frank, married, lives at Lime Ridge, Pa.; Edward is unmarried; Ella is married; Morris and Ralph are both married and living in Danville, Pa. The members of this family live in Danville, and Bloomsburg and that vicinity.

(III) William Henry Leighow, born June 24, 1844, married Margaret Catharine Barr. They have had seven children: Lafayette, Walter, Jennie, Laura, Edith, Maud and Margaret. They live at Millville, Pennsylvania.

(II) Tobias Leighow, son of Christopher, had a son John.

(III) John Leighow, son of Tobias, married Margaret Ernest (sister of the wife of his cousin Charles), and they had children Michael and Martha. The former lives in Northumberland, Pa., is married to Lizzie Rishel, and has two children, Ethel Claire and Paul Gernon.

(III) William Henry Leighow, son of John and grandson of Christopher, born Feb. 13, 1814, inserted the "e" in the spelling of the name and was the only member of his family to preserve the "ou" termination. He was a farmer, and his homestead in Point township is now owned by his son Oscar, having been in the family considerably over one hundred years. For a time he lived in the house erected by Dr. Joseph Priestley, at Northumberland. In partnership with Grant Taggart he conducted a general merchandise store there, in the building now standing on the northeast corner of Queen and First streets, which building they erected. Mr. Leighow had various interests, and was one of the first directors of the old First National Bank of Northumberland, organized in 1861. He was a man of public spirit and served the community faithfully in official capacities, being jury commissioner of the county from 1876 to 1879, and a member of the school board of Northumberland borough for many years. In 1875 he was president of the board, and he was later a director of the Point township schools. It was during his period of service that the present eleven-room building was erected. He taught, when a young man, in No. 2 building, Point township. In 1858 he moved to the farm, where Oscar Leighow now lives. He bought from Messrs. Voris, Foust, Weakley and Forsythe the farm now the property of Mrs. Anna Leighow. Mr. Leighow died Nov. 18, 1881, and is buried in the cemetery at Northumberland. He was one of the assembly

which organized the Baptist church of Northumberland, July 7, 1842.

On May 29, 1838, Mr. Leighow married Lourissa Vastine (for genealogy of Lourissa Vastine see page 728), who was born Aug. 29, 1817, daughter of Jeremiah Vastine, and died May 24, 1894. Their six children were born as follows: Elizabeth, Aug. 25, 1841; Arthur, Aug. 29, 1846; Vastine, Oct. 8, 1851; Oscar, Aug. 10, 1855; William H., Dec. 28, 1858; Benjamin R., June 11, 1861.

(IV) Arthur Leighow, son of William Henry, born Aug. 29, 1846, married Eliza S. Welliver, and lives at White Hall, Montour Co., Pa. They have six children: Benjamin A., who married Carrie Cooper, and has one son; Amos Vastine; Isaiah James; William E.; Mary Jane; and Cyrus George.

(IV) Vastine Leighow, son of William Henry, born Oct. 8, 1851, died in January, 1904. He married Mrs. Mary (Eckert) Smith. Had no children.

(IV) William Henry Leighow, Jr., son of William Henry, born Dec. 28, 1858, died in January, 1906, unmarried.

(IV) Benjamin R. Leighow, son of William Henry, born June 11, 1861, died Feb. 18, 1895. He married Anna Shaffer, but left no children.

(IV) Oscar Leighow, son of William Henry, born Aug. 10, 1855, at Northumberland, attended the elementary and high schools there and later was a student of Freeburg Academy. He taught for sixteen years, in the Northumberland High and Point township schools, beginning in 1873 at No. 1 building in Point township, and he has taught in all the buildings in the district except No. 4; he was engaged in the borough for two years. Meantime in 1877, he commenced farming in Point township, and has ever since followed that vocation there, having 170 acres of fertile land, devoted to general crops. The present set of buildings upon the property have been erected by him. Mr. Leighow has always ranked among the most intelligent and progressive men of his section. For twenty-one consecutive years he has filled the office of township assessor, to which he was first elected in 1885. He is president of the local telephone company, which secured rural service for the district; was for many years master of the local Grange; and in these and various other associations has proved himself one of the most capable and useful citizens of his locality. He and his family are members of the Baptist Church.

On Dec. 27, 1876, Mr. Leighow was married, at Selinsgrove, Pa., by Rev. Emory L. Swartz, Methodist Episcopal minister, to Hannah Mary Lesher (for genealogy see page 728), who was born May 12, 1856, at Pine Creek, Lycoming Co., Pa., daughter of Robert Alexander and Sarah (Vandling) Lesher, and seven children have been born

to this union: Estella May; Lourissa Vastine; Robert Benjamin, mentioned below; Sallie; John Vandling; Paul Henry; and Catharine Emma. The first five graduated from the Northumberland High school, while the latter two are now attending. Estella, Lourissa, Robert and Sallie graduated from the Bloomsburg State Normal School, all in the Class of 1902, and have been teaching ever since—Estella and Lourissa in Point township; Sallie has taught several years in the Northumberland High school. John took two years' work at Bucknell University and is now a student in forestry at Pennsylvania State College.

(V) Robert Benjamin Leighou, son of Oscar, was born March 28, 1882, in Point township. He was graduated in 1906, in the General Science course, from Bucknell University, having specialized in chemistry. He was chosen as one of the ten speakers at Commencement, and was awarded the Hollopeter prize—the first prize in chemistry. The following year he taught in the Mansfield State Normal School, as Head of the Department of Chemistry and Organic Science, and was later employed as first assistant chemist for the National Tube Company, of McKeesport, Pa. In 1907 he was appointed to the position of Head of the Department of Chemistry of Materials, in the School of Applied Industries, of the Carnegie Technical Schools, Pittsburgh, which position he now holds. On Aug. 12, 1908, he was married at Auburn, N. Y., to Bertha Emily Jones. They have one child, Christine Elizabeth, born Sept. 4, 1909.

**VASTINE.** The Vastine family is descended from Abraham Van de Woestyne, who with his three children, John, Catherine and Hannah, left Holland in the seventeenth century and crossed the ocean in a sailing vessel, landing at New York (then New Amsterdam) in 1690. They soon crossed over into New Jersey. About the time William Penn founded Philadelphia they came into Pennsylvania, and in 1698 we find them in Germantown, where the daughters, Catherine and Hannah, joined the Friends.

John Van de Woestyne, son of Abraham, was born in Holland May 24, 1678, and came to America with his father, landing at New Amsterdam in 1690. Records show him living in 1698 in Germantown, Pa., where he owned real estate. He purchased several tracts of land from one Jeremiah Langhorn, in Hilltown township, Bucks Co., Pa., whither he moved about 1720, being one of the pioneers in that county. He was very influential in the opening of roads there, and his name, which appears on a number of official papers and documents on record in Bucks county, is found on many petitions pertaining to roads and improvements in Hilltown township. There he erected a granite dwelling along the pike leading from Philadelphia to Bethlehem. It stood, as was the

custom in that day, with its gable to the road, fronting south, at a point two miles north of Line Lexington and four miles southwest from Sellersville, Bucks Co., Pa. On the above mentioned old petitions for the opening of roads the name is spelled Van de Woestyne, which has changed gradually, to Van Styne and then to Vastine—its present form. It has also been found in the forms Voshne and Vashtine. The name in Dutch meant "forest," hence the early settlers often called John Van de Woestyne "Wilderness." John Van de Woestyne died at Hilltown Feb. 9, 1738; his wife, Abigail, survived him some time. They were the parents of five children, as follows: (1) Abraham, born May 24, 1698, died in October, 1772, in Hilltown. He married Sara Buckman, and they were the parents of five daughters: Abigail, married to Andrew Armstrong; Ruth, married to James Armstrong; Mary, married to Robert Jameson; Rachel, married to Hugh Mears; and Sara, married to Samuel Wilson. Thus far we have been unable to learn anything about their descendants. (2) Jeremiah, born Dec. 24, 1701, died in Hilltown in November, 1769. He and his wife Debora were the parents of one son and two daughters: Jeremiah (whose wife's name was Elizabeth) died in New Britain, Bucks Co., Pa., in April, 1778; Martha married John Louder; Hannah married Samuel Gresham. (3) Benjamin, born July 1, 1703, died Aug. 17, 1749. (4) John died Feb. 9, 1765, in Hilltown, Pa., unmarried. (5) Mary, born March 1, 1699, married a Mr. Wilson and removed to South Carolina.

Benjamin Vastine, son of John and Abigail, was the progenitor of the family in Northumberland county, Pa. He became a member of the Friends Meeting, and at one of the meetings held in 1730 in Philadelphia requested permission to hold meetings in his house. About 1738 he married Mary Griffith, and their union was blessed by the birth of seven children, as follows: Hannah married Erasmus Kelly; John married Rachel Morgan; Abraham married Elizabeth Williams; Benjamin married Catherine Eaton (he died in September, 1775); Jonathan married Elizabeth Lewis; Isaac married Sara Matthews; Amos married Martha Thomas.

Jonathan Vastine, fourth son of Benjamin and Mary (Griffith) Vastine, was born about 1747 at Hilltown, Bucks county. With his nephew Peter, who was also his son in law, he came to Northumberland county, Pa., first to Shamokin, then to the territory south of Danville, where they purchased large farms (and erected buildings), the former about six hundred acres where later Valentine Epler lived, and the latter three hundred acres near that of his uncle. The original deeds for Jonathan Vastine's land are in the possession of Mrs. Elisha Campbell, of South Danville. Jona-



than, like his father, was a member of the Society of Friends. He died about 1833 and is buried in the old Quaker burying ground at Catawissa, Pa. About 1770 he married Elizabeth Lewis, daughter of John and Anna Lewis, and their union was blessed by the birth of five sons and three daughters, as follows: Benjamin married Elizabeth Van Zant; Ann married Thomas Robbins; Hannah married Peter, son of Benjamin Vastine; Mary married William Marsh; John married Catharine Osmun; Jeremiah married Elizabeth Reader; Thomas died unmarried; Jonathan married Nancy Ann Hughes.

John Vastine, second son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Lewis) Vastine, married Catharine Osmun, and they had four sons and two daughters: William married Elizabeth Hursh; Amos married Susan Lurch; Margaret married Charles Heffley; Sarah Ann married Robert Campbell; Thomas married Lena Vought; and John, after winning his way through the medical school of the University of Pennsylvania, and beginning practice, died aged nineteen.

In the family of William and Elizabeth (Hursh) Vastine there were eight children, as follows: Amos, Jacob, Hugh, Simon, Ezra, Elizabeth, Ellen and Daniel.

The children of Amos, the eldest son of William and Elizabeth (Hursh) Vastine, were: Elizabeth, who died in 1879, aged twenty-one years; William, born Oct. 29, 1859; Laura; John Hursh and Ella K., twins; and Amos Beeber.

Of these, William, the eldest son, a progressive and influential citizen of Danville, Pa., married Boone Gearhart, born March 4, 1859. They have two daughters, Katharine G. and Elizabeth Boone Vastine.

Jeremiah Vastine, third son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Lewis) Vastine, was born July 30, 1780, and died Sept. 22, 1840. He owned a farm in Rush township, near Elysburg, Pa. He was married April 8, 1802, by John Patton, to Elizabeth Reader, who was born Oct. 27, 1782, and died June 21, 1860. They had a family of two sons and three daughters, as follows: Jonathan died single; Mary married C. Fisher; Margaret married Daniel Robbins; Lourissa married William Henry Leighou, and they were the parents of Oscar Leighou, of Point township; Thomas married Eliza Reader, and one of their children was named Catharine (the others are not known).

**LESHER.** The Leshner family traces back to George Loesch, born about 1700, who married Anna Christina Wallborn, and lived at Tulpehooken, fifteen miles from Reading. Their daughter, Maria Catharine Loesch, born May 12, 1730, married Johannas Lischer, who was born Nov. 28, 1712, at Wittgenstein, Hesse, Germany, where his father died, Johannas subsequently coming to

America with his widowed mother. Sailing from Rotterdam on the ship "Hope," he landed at Philadelphia Sept. 23, 1734. His parents were Menonites. His marriage to Maria Catharine Loesch took place April 16, 1759, in the Moravian church at Bethlehem, Pa. He died May 12, 1782, she on May 10, 1802.

Johan Georg Leshner, son of Johannas and Maria Catharine (Loesch) Lischer, was born in Berks county April 6, 1768. He settled in Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, where he followed farming, and died Nov. 1, 1823. He is buried in the Riverview cemetery, Northumberland, Pa., and the inscription upon his tombstone reads:

Adieu my friends, dry up your tears;  
I must lie here till Christ appears.

On June 25, 1786, he married Anna Flickinger, who was born May 22, 1762, and died Oct. 24, 1841. They are interred in Lot 23. He was a Lutheran in religion. Their children were: Michael, who settled at Newfane, near Lockport, N. Y., where he had an eighty-acre farm, and later moved West (he had children); (John) George; William, whose death was caused by the bite of a mad dog (he was unmarried); Mrs. Crites, and other daughters.

John George Leshner, son of Johan Georg and Anna (Flickinger) Leshner, was born Oct. 20, 1792, and spent all his life in Point township, where he was a farmer throughout his active years. He owned 240 acres of land, of which 201 acres are still in the family name and owned by his son Charles M. He died in Point township, on what is now the farm of his son Charles, Jan. 16, 1866, aged seventy-three years, two months, twenty-six days, and is buried in the Leshner plot in Riverview cemetery. He and his wife, Catharine (Robbins), were Presbyterians in religious belief. She was a daughter of Daniel and Catharine (Hulheiser) Robbins, of Liberty township, Montour Co., Pa., and died Oct. 22, 1869, aged seventy-five years, seven months, two days. Her father, Daniel Robbins, was a man of extraordinary physical strength, which he retained even during the latter period of his life. He died aged 106 years. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Leshner, as follows: Robert A., born Oct. 19, 1817; Daniel, born Sept. 8, 1819; Lucy Ann, born April 21, 1822; Mary, born April 2, 1824; Sarah J., born Sept. 17, 1826; George, born Nov. 28, 182-; William, born Feb. 14, 1831, who died May 29, 1896; John, born Aug. 12, 1833; and Charles M., born Aug. 28, 1836, the youngest being now the only survivor.

Robert Alexander Leshner, son of John George and Hannah Catharine (Robbins) Leshner, was born Oct. 19, 1817, in Tuckahoe Valley, and died April 3, 1903. A boat builder and lumber mer-



chant, he built the boat used to carry the first locomotive from Harrisburg to Port Treverton (Herndon), to be used on the Shamokin & Port Treverton railroad. Later he established a homestead on Blue Hill. He was not only a progressive, scientific farmer, but was also prominent in the public affairs of his locality. He was the last surviving member of the first fire company organized in Northumberland. On March 22, 1853, he was married at Lewisburg, Pa., by Rev. Mr. Conser, to Sarah (Sallie) Vandling, who was born June 30, 1833, at Northumberland, Pa., and died Jan. 10, 1907. Their daughter, Hannah Mary, became the wife of Oscar Leighou.

Henry Wendling, immigrant ancestor of Mrs. Sarah (Vandling) Leshar, came to this country about 1765. In the course of time the name Wendling came to be written Vandling.

John Vandling, son of Henry, married Catharine Rhodenbach.

John Vandling, son of John and Catharine (Rhodenbach) Vandling, was born June 3, 1800. He was a man of remarkable stature, six feet, three inches in height, and weighed as much as 240 pounds. A school teacher for many years, he taught for a long period at No. 4 school in Point township. Later he lived in Harrisburg, where he died. On Feb. 12, 1824, he was married at Moorestown, Pa., by Rev. Mr. Gutelius, a German Reformed minister, to Susan Douty, who was born Oct. 26, 1799. Their daughter Sarah became the wife of Robert Alexander Leshar and the mother of Mrs. Hannah Mary (Leshar) Leighou.

Henry Baldi Douty, grandfather of Mrs. Susan (Douty) Vandling, was a Huguenot refugee who came from France with his father and brother and located at an early date in Lancaster county, Pa. "Two sons are definitely known, namely: Nicholas and Henry Baldi Douty, both of whom were born in France. The former removed to the mouth of Seneca Lake in New York (present Geneva), and the latter, who was an accomplished scholar and schoolmaster, was one of the first residents of Milton, Pa. He suddenly disappeared in 1790, and was supposed to have been murdered." (From "Memorials of the Huguenots in America," by Stapleton, page 97.) Henry Baldi Douty married Elizabeth Cooper.

John Douty, son of Henry Baldi Douty, was married Jan. 21, 1799, to Mary Martz, daughter of Peter and Susanna (Brown) Martz. Their daughter Susan married John Vandling.

**ROSSITER.** Charles E. and William M. Rossiter, brothers, of Sunbury, are identified with the industrial life of that borough in important capacities, the former the only florist ever established there, the latter holding a responsible position at the Susquehanna Silk Mills, where he has won recognition by eminent ability and the practical

application of his wide knowledge and experience as an engineer.

Thomas Rossiter, the first of this family of whom we have record, lived in Brush Valley, Pa., in the vicinity of Philadelphia, and it appears that he was an officer of the Revolutionary army during the hard winter of 1777-78 at Valley Forge. On Dec. 28, 1780, Thomas Rossiter appeared as a soldier of the fourth class on the muster roll of Capt. Sampson Thomas's company. It seems the time of service was classified into several parts, Thomas Rossiter's name appearing both times. On the muster roll of the Charlestown company of militia, for the last part of the Revolutionary period, 1782, in the list of Capt. Samuel Roberts' company, appears the name of Thomas Rossiter marked "cripple." There was also a Daniel Rossiter on the muster roll of Capt. Sampson Thomas' company on Dec. 28, 1780, a soldier of the third class, and some relationship evidently existed between him and Thomas; tradition says they were brothers. They were always of the same company, and except that Daniel is mentioned as a soldier of the third class, and Thomas as a soldier of the fourth class, their records, which appear in Vol. V, 5th Series of Pennsylvania Archives, are identical.

While at Valley Forge Thomas Rossiter was taken sick, and one Betsy Coats (who was a sister of ex-Governor Pennypacker's grandmother) became his nurse. She was not only an able nurse, but a lady of most pleasing personality, and the attachment formed during his illness became so strong that after the war they married and they settled on one of her father's farms in the vicinity of Valley Forge. They lived and died in that region, and are buried there. Their son, Thomas Rossiter, Jr., when seventeen years old hired out to a Quaker farmer in the neighborhood, a man named VanDerslice, among whose children was a daughter Rachel, then only three years old. The youth became so attached to her that one night he asked her father if he might marry her provided he waited until she became of suitable age, and the father replied, "Thee may." When she reached the age of eighteen they were duly married, and they lived and died in the neighborhood, where their remains rest in the Friends' burying ground at what is known as the Corner Stores. They were farming people all their lives. All their family, which consisted of six sons and one daughter, were six feet or over in height, in this respect taking after their father, who stood six feet, three inches. A blacksmith by trade, his great strength was developed to an unusual extent, and he once, on a wager, cut a five-acre field of rye before breakfast. When he was eighty years old he was visited by his son Morris, who then lived at Sunbury, and such was his strength even at that advanced age that he lifted a 100-pound anvil with one hand and threw it into the street; and at that

age he "skinned the cat" on the branch of an elm tree. He never knew what sickness was by personal experience throughout his long life, dying at the age of eighty-seven. Of his children, Lewis died at Phoenixville, Pa., when eighty-three years old; Ellis died at Phoenixville when about eighty-six; Thomas lived and died at Phoenixville; Joseph lived near Phoenixville; Morris was the father of Charles E. and William M. Rossiter.

Morris Rossiter was born in 1829 at Valley Forge. He learned the trade of blacksmith, and though not acceptable as a soldier during the Civil war because not physically strong he gave able and patriotic assistance to his country helping to make cannon at the Phoenixville rolling mills. At the close of the war, in 1865, he settled in Sunbury, Northumberland county, working for the Northern Central Railroad Company at that point until the road changed hands, becoming the property of the Pennsylvania & Erie Company, by which he was employed until obliged to give up work at his trade on account of failing health. Becoming a market gardener, he found that business successful and profitable, and followed it for nine years, his sons Charles and Harry assisting him. He died at Sunbury in 1892, and was buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery. He was a Methodist in religious connection, and politically a staunch Republican. He married Margaret Fullmer, daughter of Ezekiel Fullmer, and to them were born four children, three sons and one daughter: Annie, who married Samuel Stroh, a blacksmith, of Sunbury; Charles Ellis; Harry E., born in 1864, at Lumberville, near Phoenixville, Pa., now living at Sunbury; and William Morris. The mother, who still survives, is now (1910) seventy-five years old.

CHARLES ELLIS ROSSITER was born Aug. 29, 1861, at historic Valley Forge, and came to Sunbury with his parents in the fall of 1865. He received his education in the public schools of the borough. Mr. Rossiter worked for his father until the latter's death, and he has been employed in the florist business ever since old enough to be of any assistance, having sold his first flower when only twelve years old. The first in Sunbury to engage in this line, he is so far the only florist that has ever done business in the borough, and his business has expanded to such an extent that he now has 28,000 feet of glass in his greenhouses, which are modern in every respect and thoroughly adapted to the needs of his trade. He ships considerable out of the borough, having a wide patronage, and gives employment to from three to eight men, according to the season. Mr. Rossiter is a man of executive ability, thoroughly acquainted with the business side of the industry as well as with its technical work, and he has accordingly developed his establishment into a representative modern plant, which is a credit to his enterprise and to the

community in which it is located. His establishment is at No. 351 Walnut street.

Though a busy man, Mr. Rossiter has found time to cultivate his taste for taxidermy, and there are a number of specimens of his skill in that line in his office.

In June, 1887, Mr. Rossiter married Blanche R. King, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Croman) King, of Hughesville, later of Sunbury, where Mr. King died in 1908; he was a veteran of the Civil war, during which he participated in thirty-eight engagements. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Rossiter: Grace, who has taught school in Sunbury for two terms and is now a student at Bucknell University, at Lewisburg; Morris, a graduate of Sunbury high school, now attending State College; Frank, a member of the class of 1911, Sunbury high school; Sarah; Helen, and Paul.

Mr. Rossiter is a Methodist in religious faith, and he is a pillar of his church, one of the working members and at present holding office. He is independent in politics, voting according to the dictates of his conscience.

WILLIAM MORRIS ROSSITER was born July 8, 1873, in Sunbury, and there received his literary education, in the public schools. Later he took a correspondence course in mechanical engineering at a Chicago school, and he is also an accomplished man in various branches of electrical science. In his youth he became associated with his father in the florist business, working in that line at different times until he reached the age of twenty-one. Then he became employed in the steel business, being with Ludwig Rockwell & Son for two years. He was engaged in the manufacture of bicycles, during 1897 devoting himself to the production of the "Eclipse" wheel. His next venture was in the coal and ice business in Sunbury, dredging coal out of the Susquehanna. Since the fall of 1902 he has been associated with the Susquehanna Silk Mills. His first position with this important industrial concern was as machinist, after which he was appointed master mechanic, and he has since been promoted to mechanical architectural engineer at this large establishment. Mr. Rossiter showed such ability along the line of architectural engineering while acting as mechanical engineer, and developed such aptitude in making practicable and valuable plans, that he came to be intrusted with all the architectural and electrical engineering at the plant as well as his original responsibilities. His plans and estimates were so skillfully made, and the construction so ably supervised, that his accuracy regarding the cost was a matter of astonishment to his employers, who have shown rare appreciation of his ability. The dye house of the Susquehanna Silk Mills, constructed in the summer of 1910, is therefore a monument to his genius, as the entire construction of this building of monolithic concrete, costing \$60,000, was



placed in his hands. It is a one-story structure, 150 by 220 feet in dimensions, and has a double cement roof with three-inch air chamber. During the erection of this building he had 120 men under his charge. Ordinarily he has thirty-five. He is of an inventive mind, making extensive improvements on textile machinery, and has been allowed and granted patents on some of his inventions. Mr. Rossiter is a self-made man, having risen to position and prosperity by his own efforts, and he is a hard worker, deserving the good fortune that has come to him. Like his brother, he is a taxidermist of ability, and although he has many other cares he has done considerable work in this line in his leisure hours. He is a member of Maclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M., and of the Temple Club at Sunbury.

On Oct. 11, 1899, Mr. Rossiter married Ella B. Gross, daughter of Isaac M. and Amelia (Hancock) Gross, who own the historic Fort Augusta property, the fort dating from 1756. More complete mention of the Gross family will be found elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Rossiter have had six children, Jane, Gertrude, Monroe, Mary, William and Marcello. The family occupy a beautiful residence on North Front street. They are members of the Reformed Church.

During the Spanish-American war Mr. Rossiter was in the service as a member of Company I, 1st Regiment, United States Volunteer Engineers, a regiment composed of engineers of all descriptions, civil, mechanical, electrical, etc., assembled by special act of Congress, and containing men from every section of the United States. This regiment numbered 1,100 strong, sturdy men, selected from nearly six thousand applicants. They were encamped at Camp Townsend, Peekskill, N. Y., where the regiment was mobilized and mustered. They embarked from New York Aug. 6, 1898, and arrived in Porto Rico ten days later. This regiment was part of General Miles's expedition, made extensive surveys of the island, built bridges and roads, erected ice plants and waterworks and put things in general in good sanitary condition.

**REV. GEORGE KOPENHAVER**, of Mahanoy, Northumberland county, a clergyman of the Reformed denomination, has five churches in his present charge: St. Peter's, at Mahanoy; Himmel's, at Rebuck; St. Paul's, at Urban; Zion's, at Herndon, and St. David's, at Hebe. He is a native of Schuylkill county, Pa., born Dec. 14, 1872.

The first known ancestor of the Koppenheffer (name variously spelled) family was Thomas Koppenheffer, a resident of Heidelberg township, Lebanon Co., Pa., who died there prior to 1762. He left a wife and the following children: Henry, Michael, Simon, Thomas (who in 1808 resided in Bethel township), Regina (married John Tice), Eve and Catharine.

Henry Koppenheffer, son of Thomas, was old and feeble when he died, in August, 1807. He left a wife, Catharine, and children: Henry, Elizabeth, Catharine, Eve, Margaret, Barbara and Christina.

One Christopher Koppenheffer (probably a brother of Thomas) died in Heidelberg township, Lebanon county, in September, 1785, leaving a wife, Barbara (Snebely), and a daughter, Catharine, who married Christ. Ley, of Heidelberg township.

Jonathan Koppenheffer, grandfather of Rev. George E., is buried at St. John's Church, near Berrysburg, Dauphin Co., Pa. He was a farmer. His wife's maiden name was Hepner, and their children were: Emanuel, George, John, Moses, Emeline (married), Sarah (married Elias Schaup), Catharine (married William Matter), Emma (married Henry Witmer) and Mary (married Simon Lahr).

John Koppenheffer, son of Jonathan, was born in Mifflin township, Dauphin Co., Pa., in August, 1838. He was reared to farm life and began farming for himself in Mifflin township, where he continued to be so engaged for some twelve years. He served during the latter part of the Civil war, in an infantry regiment. In 1905 he retired to Vera Cruz, where he enjoys the comforts he deserves after a well spent life. He is a Republican and was school director of Lower Mahanoy township a number of years, and always was a strong advocate of education. He has reared a most creditable family, two of his sons being in the ministry, and one a farmer on the homestead. His wife, Hannah, daughter of Daniel and Lucetta (Schrefler) Moyer, died Oct. 31, 1905, aged sixty-six years, six months, three days. They had ten children: Lillie, Mrs. D. W. Erb; Laura, Mrs. Ephraim Witmer; Lizzie, Mrs. Jonathan H. Witmer; Annie, Mrs. H. M. L. Bohner; Carrie, Mrs. William Weaver; Mabel, Mrs. Monroe Phillips; Mary (twin of Mabel), Mrs. Jacob Dreibelbies; Rev. H. Grant, who was stationed at North Carolina; Rev. George E., and William L.

George E. Koppenhaver was but one year of age when his parents came to Mifflin township, Dauphin county, where they lived about one year. Then they settled in Lower Mahanoy township, where their son George E. received his early education in the public schools. He then attended a summer normal school at Dalmatia, and at the age of eighteen years was licensed to teach school by Prof. W. C. Bloom, then superintendent of schools of Northumberland county. He taught his first term at Washington schoolhouse, in Lower Mahanoy township, and also another term in the same township, at Vera Cruz (Malta P. O.). While teaching he took a spring term in Central Pennsylvania College and in the spring of 1894 entered Ursinus Academy, the following year entering the



collegiate department, from which he was graduated in June, 1899. He took a post-graduate course there and was an instructor in the academic department for two years, after which he taught the Winfield (Md.) Academy one year. In 1902 he entered the Ursinus School of Theology, then located at No. 3262 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, but now affiliated with Tiffin Seminary and located at Dayton, Ohio. He graduated from the Ursinus School of Theology in Philadelphia in 1905, and his first charge was at McAdoo, Pa., where he was stationed about two years. He was then called to a large field at Ringtown, in the same county, preaching there sixteen months, when he received a call from the Mahanoy charge, which he has since served. He has over five hundred members at these five churches to look after, and is a conscientious and effective worker. He has resided with his family at Mahanoy since 1908. Mr. Kopenhaver is a close student of the Scriptures, and he has a good working library.

In 1901 Mr. Kopenhaver married Cora A. Witmer, daughter of Ephraim and Harriet (Hain) Witmer, of Lower Mahanoy township. Mrs. Kopenhaver taught school in that township for a period of nine years. She is an intelligent, capable woman, an ideal minister's helpmate. Mr. and Mrs. Kopenhaver have three children: Ralph W., Hannah J. and Mary E.

Benneville Koppenhaffer, a citizen of Lower Mahanoy township, whose home is along the Mahantango creek, was born Aug. 25, 1829, son of Benjamin and Hannah (Radel) Koppenhaffer, and grandson of Michael Koppenhaffer (also spelled Koppenhaver), who lived in the Lykens Valley, where he operated a large farm, and where he died about 1831, aged seventy-one years. He is buried at St. John's Church, near Berrysburg. His wife, Catharine Garret, died some years after her husband. They had the following children: Michael, John, Jonathan, George, Daniel, Benjamin, Catharine, Betsy and Sarah.

Benjamin Koppenhaffer, son of Michael, was born Feb. 22, 1801, and died April 10, 1871. His wife, Hannah Radel, was a daughter of John Radel. Mr. Koppenhaffer was a farmer in the Lykens Valley, where he owned a tract of eighty acres. His latter years he spent with his son Benneville, dying at Vera Cruz. He was a member of St. John's Union Church of Berrysburg, where he held various church offices, he and his wife later belonging to the Vera Cruz Church. She later married John A. Snyder, being his third wife. To Benjamin Koppenhaffer and his wife were born five sons and three daughters: Joel, David, Henry, John, Benneville, Dinah (married John Lehman), Mary Ann (died unmarried) and Sallie (married John Miller).

Benneville Koppenhaffer was born and reared in

Mifflin township, in the Lykens Valley. He learned blacksmithing and followed that trade for thirty years at different places while he was young, later having a shop along the Mahantango creek, on the Dauphin county side. He then purchased his present eighty-one-acre farm on the Northumberland county side of the Mahantango creek, and there farmed until his retirement, in 1898, being succeeded by his son Benneville, Jr. He is a Democrat and was a school director of Lower Mahanoy township for six years. He and his family are Lutheran members of the Vera Cruz Church, which he served as deacon and elder.

On Jan. 1, 1854, Mr. Koppenhaffer married Susan Witmer, daughter of Michael Witmer, and to them have been born twelve children: Catharine, married to Isaac Snyder; Anna, married to Daniel Snyder; Matilda, who married Philip Zerbe and (second) Philip Updegrove; Sarah, who died unmarried; Emma, married to Daniel Snyder (no relative to the others); John; Isaac; Benneville; William; Jacob, who died aged seven years; and two daughters, who died young.

PETER CLEMENT, the ancestor of a numerous posterity who now reside in Northumberland county, many writing the name Clemens, was a native of Berks county, Pa., born in that part now included in Schuylkill county, and there lived in Pine Grove township. Coming to Northumberland county, he settled in the vicinity of Augustaville, in Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, and there followed farming. He died in 1817, when about forty-six years old, and is buried at the old Augustaville Union Church. His wife, Sophia Kramer, born Sept. 16, 1781, survived him many years, dying Feb. 18, 1854, and she, too, is buried at the Augustaville Church. They had children as follows: Samuel, who lived and died at Sunbury, was a boat contractor and builder, his nephew, Benjamin, working for him some years (he had two children, Nelson and another); Michael died young; Abraham is mentioned below; Jacob and John settled at Harrisburg; Peter is mentioned below; Hannah went out West, where she married, lived and died.

Peter Clement, son of Peter, born Dec. 25, 1813, in Jackson township, Northumberland county, did laboring work, and owned a few acres of land upon which he lived, located about two miles north of Herndon. This home his grandson, Francis Clement, now owns and occupies. Peter Clement was a Lutheran in religious faith. He died March 8, 1854, and was buried in a private graveyard in Jackson township, near Deppen's schoolhouse, but later he was re-interred at Peiffer's United Evangelical Church, at Mandata. His wife, Rebecca (Adams), born Jan. 28, 1814, died Aug. 26, 1864. They were the parents of the following children: Benjamin; Abraham; Isaac; Jere-

miah; Peter; Samuel; Mary, who married John Hile; Lovina, who married James Wetzell; and Abbie, who married Daniel Reitz.

Benjamin Clement, son of Peter and Rebecca (Adams) Clement, was born in Jackson township, and was reared by Benjamin Heim and wife, who had stood sponsors for him at his baptism; he was named Benjamin after Mr. Heim. The Heims had no children, and after they died Benjamin Clement became the owner of their eighty-acre farm, where he settled in 1861 and passed the remainder of his life, cultivating it from the time of his marriage until his death. His widow and three of his children still make their home on that place, which is in Jackson township. Mr. Clement learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed during his earlier life. He died in Jackson township Jan. 19, 1909, aged seventy-four years, four months, seventeen days. He was a member of Peifer's United Evangelical Church, which he served officially, and he and his wife are buried at that church. Politically he was a Democrat, and he was quite active in public affairs, serving as supervisor and overseer of the poor of Jackson township. His wife, Mary (Brower), was a daughter of Nathan Brower, of Jackson township. They had a family of eight children: Ira B. is mentioned later; Jane married Oliver Leffler; Flora married Harvey Hess; Howard is a resident of Herndon, Pa.; Daniel died Dec. 20, 1898, aged twenty-six years, eight months, twelve days; Francis is mentioned later; Bertha and Amanda are both unmarried, and they and their brother Francis continue to make their home on the old place.

IRA B. CLEMENT, son of Benjamin, is engaged in farming in Rockefeller township, where he has a valuable place of 135 acres. He is a native of Jackson township, born Sept. 2, 1863, and was reared to farming, in his early manhood hiring out among farmers until he reached the age of twenty-five. In the spring of 1889 he began farming for himself on the Daniel Holshue farm, in Lower Mahanoy township, where he was a tenant for fifteen years. He then farmed the Israel Byerly place near Hickory Corners, in the same township, for a period of two years, in the spring of 1906 moving to his present farm, in Rockefeller township, which was formerly the Jared Snyder place. Mrs. Clement was reared on this farm. It is nicely located and in an excellent state of cultivation, Mr. Clement being an intelligent, industrious farmer, ranking among the substantial citizens of his township. He is serving at present as one of the members of the school board. Mr. Clement is a Democrat in political matters, and he is a member of Peifer's Evangelical Church at Mandata. His wife is a member of the Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church in Rockefeller township.

On Sept. 14, 1889, Mr. Clement married Ella Snyder, daughter of Jared and Elizabeth (Rebuck) Snyder, and they have a family of four children: Mary, Amanda, Mabel and Samuel.

FRANCIS CLEMENT, son of Benjamin, was born Dec. 8, 1875, in Jackson township, was reared on the homestead, and has followed farming there all his days. He now owns the old homestead place, the property at present comprising sixty-eight acres, and is regarded as one of the thoroughly progressive young agriculturists of his district. Peter Clement, his grandfather, built the barn on this farm, and the other buildings were erected by Benjamin Clement, father of the present owner. On Oct. 11, 1908, Francis Clement married Alice Tressler, daughter of William Tressler, of Rockefeller township. Mr. and Mrs. Clement are members of the United Evangelical Church (Peifer's) at Mandata.

Abraham Clement, another son of Peter, the pioneer in Northumberland county, was born April 6, 1816, in Lower Augusta township, where he lived for a time, later moving to Milton and thence to Mooresburg. He was a miller by trade, and followed farming also, living with his son Peter, however, for some years before his death. He died in Point township, where his son Peter now lives, March 27, 1895, aged seventy-nine years less eleven days, and is buried at the Oak Grove Church in Montour county. His wife, Lucy Ann (Heilman), was a daughter of Daniel Heilman, of Lower Augusta township, and died when sixty-three years of age. She, too, is buried at Oak Grove Church. Fourteen children were born to this couple: Peter; Sophia, born March 16, 1843 (married Elias Baylor); Christiana (married Peter Seiler); Daniel, born Nov. 22, 1845; Mary (Maria), born Dec. 17, 1846 (married D. C. Young; she was lame); John, born March 3, 1848; Samuel, born Feb. 27, 1849 (deceased); Abram, born Sept. 12, 1850; Jane; Jeremiah, born Sept. 29, 1855; Hannah, born March 3, 1857 (married S. Raup); Catharine, born June 1, 1858 (married Samuel Wagner); Jacob and Lucy, both of whom died in infancy. Some of this family are out West.

PETER CLEMENS, son of Abraham and Lucy Ann (Heilman) Clement, was born Oct. 29, 1841, in Lower Augusta township. He was educated in the public schools and brought up to farm life, which he has followed most successfully. When twenty-three years old he enlisted at Philadelphia in Company I, 112th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served almost two years, lacking only a few days of that period. Returning to his home county after the war he was married March 27, 1866, to Caroline Brouse, daughter of Samuel Brouse, of Snyder county, later of Northumberland county, and then located in Point township. He did laboring work for one year, in the spring



of 1867 moving to Montandon, where he resided a few years, until the spring of 1870. He has since farmed in Point township, where he rented land for twenty years, in the year 1889 settling on his present place in that township, a fifty-three-acre farm of good limestone soil, where he has profitably followed general farming and trucking. For eighteen years he also engaged in lime-burning, carrying on that business until 1907, so extensively that he burned as much as 95,000 bushels in one year. Mr. Clemens has been interested in the various activities of his community, has filled the office of school director five years and that of supervisor many years, and has long been an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Point township, of which he has been a trustee since 1904; he was elder for a number of years, and has served in all the various church offices. His family are also Lutherans in religion. Politically he is a Democrat. He is a man whose upright life and devotion to duty commend him to the confidence of his fellow citizens, and he is respected wherever known. To Mr. and Mrs. Clemens have been born children as follows: Harvey S., now of Northumberland; Albert W., of St. Joseph, Mo.; Catharine A., who is unmarried and living at home; Lucy A., a widow, of St. Joseph, Mo.; Maria V., who died aged twenty years; Mary M., who married Spencer Black, of Watsonstown, Pa.; Abraham B., of Sunbury, this county; Maud S., who married August Schaffer and lives in Point township; and Jeremiah, also of Point township.

ABRAM CLEMENS, son of Abraham and Lucy Ann (Heilman) Clement, was born Sept. 12, 1850, in Lower Augusta township, where he attended school. When twelve years old he went with his father to Milton, where he continued his studies for a time, and he remained with his father until his marriage, living at Mooresburg for six months. In 1871 he came to his present farm in East Chillisquaque township, the Andrew Kurtz place, on the road between Milton and Danville. This property he bought in 1885. It comprises about seventy acres, and a fine limestone quarry is located on the tract. In addition to farming Mr. Clemens has done an extensive business burning lime, which is very plentiful on his land, finding a ready market for the product in his immediate vicinity. He has prospered by hard work and strict attention to business, and he enjoys the esteem of his neighbors, whom he has served in the office of school director. In politics he is a Democrat, in religion a member of the Lutheran Church, which he serves at present as elder.

In 1870 Mr. Clemens married Sarah Kurtz, daughter of Andrew and Sarah (Teel) Kurtz, and granddaughter of Andrew Kurtz, who lived in Northampton county. Mr. and Mrs. Clemens have a large family, viz.: Andrew married Betty Nori-

conk and has children, Harold and Lee; Maggie married Irwin Faus; Cora married Charles Rine and has two children, John A. and Emeline J.; Newton married Bertha Zoug and their children are Miriam, Myrland, Carol and Herman; John A. married Irene Benneth and their children are Melvin and Mildred; Peter married Lottie Wagner; Maud married Myrle Cranly and has children, Margaret and Paul; Jeremiah married Della Renn and their children are Charlotte and Roy Henry; Bessie married Frank Muffley and has one son, Abram C.; Samuel and Pearl are unmarried.

JOHN WEISER BUCHER, formerly of Sunbury, a citizen of that borough whose activities in business, social and public circles made him known to most of its residents, was born there Sept. 15, 1835. He is a member of the third generation of his family to live at that place, the Buchers having been active and prominent here from the early days, the emigrant members of the family having settled in Sunbury in the days of the Indian occupation.

John, Henry and Dietrich Bucher came to Pennsylvania from Switzerland, Dietrich establishing an iron furnace near Reading, Berks county, John and Henry locating at Sunbury, Northumberland county. Henry Bucher, who was the grandfather of John Weiser Bucher, was born April 16, 1764, in Switzerland, was a farmer by occupation, and resided at what is now the southwest corner of Walnut and Third streets, owning much land in Sunbury—nearly all that part of the borough between the Susquehanna river and Shamokin creek from the mouth of the latter to Spruce street. He was the first to put this land under cultivation. He married Catharine Epley, who was born Jan. 24, 1768, and died at Sunbury Aug. 17, 1847. Mr. Bucher died at Sunbury Feb. 3, 1824. Their children were: Henry; Elizabeth, who married George Weiser, a tanner; Mary, who married Jacob Leisenring; Francis; George, who was a soldier in the war of 1812; and John. Of this family, Henry lived and died in Sunbury; he had a hotel on Front street, and operated the ferry for some years.

Francis Bucher, youngest son of Henry and Catharine (Epley) Bucher, lived at the old homestead in Sunbury. He learned the trade of tanner and was one of the last persons engaged in that business in the borough. He died March 19, 1875, at the age of seventy. On Dec. 8, 1831, he married Mary Ann Masser, and to their union were born six sons and two daughters: The eldest two, both named Henry, died in infancy; John Weiser is the oldest surviving member of the family; Emily died unmarried in 1908; Edward (deceased) married Amelia Fisher (whose mother was ninety-seven years old in 1910—the oldest living woman in Sunbury); Richard, who lived and died



in Sunbury, was in the army for fifteen years, was held prisoner at Andersonville for over a year and was in Custer's forces; Louisa died young; William H. is a resident of Sunbury.

John Weiser Bucher received an academic education, and learned the trade of tanner with his father. When about twenty years old he became clerk and deputy to the register and recorder, filling that position about six years, after which he was appointed deputy prothonotary, serving as such one year; he also served one term as deputy treasurer of the county. He served one year in the Civil war, and upon his return to Sunbury resumed the tanning business, at which he was engaged for two or three years. He then entered the employ of Ira T. Clement, in whose employ he continued for a quarter of a century, beginning as bookkeeper in his manufacturing establishment, and after several years in that position becoming secretary of the Sunbury Steam Ferry and Tow Boat Company and associate manager or superintendent of the various manufacturing industries of Mr. Clement. In July, 1890, he was elected secretary and treasurer of the Sunbury Trust & Safe Deposit Company, then a new banking concern, just established in its quarters at Fourth and Market streets. Though not as active in business as formerly, Mr. Bucher retained many of his local interests as long as he remained in Sunbury. On Feb. 19, 1911, he and his daughter Sarah left Sunbury for Kingman, Ariz., to make their home with his son William Henry.

Mr. Bucher took a prominent part in administering the public affairs of the borough, having served many years as town clerk and in the council, and in 1868 as chief burgess; he was also elected treasurer of the borough, in every position justifying the confidence his fellow citizens have shown in his ability and integrity. He cast his first vote for Buchanan, but has since been a Republican in politics.

In February, 1865, Mr. Bucher enlisted in Company C, 11th P. V. I., at Harrisburg, and served one year in the 19th Army Corps, as a private under General Hancock. He was mustered out at Charleston, S. C. He is a prominent member of Lieut. William A. Brunner Post, No. 335, G. A. R., of Sunbury, and served as quartermaster of that organization continuously from 1895. The history of the members of that post which he compiled, containing a biography with detailed war record of 246 comrades, cost him much time and labor, occupying him for over two years, and is a valuable and interesting work; he has also compiled a complete roster of the post. Mr. Bucher is quite an authority on matters of local history, having long devoted much of his leisure to intelligent study, and his fine library of over fifteen hundred volumes contains many valuable works, which he thoroughly appreciates and enjoys. In

his more active years he was prominent in various fraternal bodies, and he was the oldest Mason in Sunbury (member of Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M.) and the oldest Odd Fellow in that borough (member of Lodge No. 203). He formerly held membership in the Knights of Pythias, I. O. R. M., P. O. S. of A. and American Mechanics. He was long identified with the First Reformed Church of Sunbury, which he served many years as organist. In 1891 Mr. Bucher erected the beautiful home at No. 1048 River Road which he occupied until his removal from the borough.

On Dec. 15, 1858, Mr. Bucher was married in Sunbury to Hester A. Beard, daughter of James Beard (deceased), at one time prothonotary of Northumberland county and afterward a lawyer. She died Dec. 26, 1862, leaving three children: Francis Edward, who graduated from Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., and is now a prominent lawyer in Philadelphia; John Beard, a merchant of Sunbury; and Mary Margaret, born Sept. 13, 1862, who died Feb. 14, 1877. On March 4, 1868, Mr. Bucher married (second) Mary Jane Clement, daughter of Ira T. Clement, and she died in December of the same year, leaving a daughter, Laura Irene, born Dec. 19, 1868, who died Nov. 2, 1892. On Feb. 13, 1872, Mr. Bucher married (third) Mary Faust, and to their union were born five children: Samuel Faust, who is deceased; William Henry, a graduate of Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa., and of the Medico-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia, who was a surgeon in the United States navy from 1897 and because of physical disability stationed at Kingman, Ariz., since 1908 (he is now retired); Sarah Helen, unmarried; George Franklin; and Mary Ann Masser, deceased.

**TROUTMAN.** The Troutman family, numerous and well known in the lower end of Northumberland county, particularly in and around Jordan township, has been long established in that region. At St. David's Church, at Hebe, in that township, are buried many of the name, and we find record there of one Heinrich Troutman, born Dec. 23, 1764, died Dec. 16, 1833, a farmer who lived in the South Jordan district and was a Reformed member of Hebe Church. His children by his first wife were: Peter, Jacob, Anna (married Henry Bohner), Adam and Jonas. By his second marriage, to Catharine Ham, born April 10, 1774, died Oct. 23, 1854, he had children: George, Benjamin (who married a Dreibelbis) and Abraham (who married Anna Schaffer, daughter of John).

Abraham Troutman, brother of Heinrich, above, was born Dec. 9, 1773, and died April 1, 1852. His wife Elizabeth, born Oct. 7, 1780, died May 9, 1844. Their daughter Salome, born June 30, 1816, married Heinrich Troutman, and died April 15, 1848.

Among the wills on record in Northumberland county we find (Will Book 2, page 97) that of Peter Troutman, Mahanoy township, filed April 3, 1809, whose "dearly beloved wife," Eve, is appointed executor; names of children are not given, but all the estate is bequeathed to them. The will of one Jacob Troutman, who died early in November, 1844, appoints his wife, Anna Maria, as the executor, and shows the children to have been Catharine, Abraham, Mary, Christena, Lidia, Elizabeth ("shall have the cow she raised from a calf in advans"), Laha, George, Esther and Solomy. At the time of the father's death the family lived in Jackson township. Another Jacob Troutman died in October, 1854; one John Troutman was his executor. One Moses Troutman died in July, 1868; executor, Solomon Troutman.

Jacob Troutman, the known progenitor of many of the name now residing in Northumberland county, may have been a son of the Heinrich previously mentioned, though we have no definite records to substantiate the theory. But as Heinrich lived in the region in which the family is so well represented, and as Jacob had a brother Peter (also mentioned among Heinrich's children), it is possible they were of the same line. Jacob Troutman owned and lived upon a farm in Jordan township, near Uniontown, the property now owned by Phoebe Troutman, one of his granddaughters; the place now comprises eighty acres. He is interred in the Uniontown cemetery, the burial place of many Troutmans. He and his wife Magdalena (Brosius) were the parents of the following children: John; Polly, Mrs. John Leshner; Moses; Carolina, Mrs. Nathan Brower; Peter; Samuel; and Eve, Mrs. Isaac Wolf.

John Troutman, son of Jacob, was born June 10, 1817, in Jordan township, near Uniontown, and was a lifelong farmer and one of the most prosperous men in his section, of which he was a leading citizen for many years of his long life. Besides his home place of 132 acres (which was given to his son John L. and his daughter Magdalena) he owned six farms, the one now owned by his son George L., another which his son Simon obtained, one given to his daughter Ellemina, Mrs. Jeremiah Peifer, another owned by his son Adam L., another owned by his son Henry, and another by Joel Kratzer, son of his daughter Ellemina by her first marriage, to Joel Kratzer. Mr. Troutman was active in church work, the founder and leading member of Troutman's United Evangelical Church, so named in his honor. He built the meetinghouse of that congregation at Uniontown, was always a liberal contributor to the church, and one of its pillars to the end of his life. Mr. Troutman served some years as treasurer of his township. He died upon his farm March 17, 1900, and is buried with his wife in the family plot in Uniontown cemetery.

Mr. Troutman was twice married, his first union being with Sarah Leshner, who was born Oct. 19, 1817, and died April 27, 1841. Mr. Troutman subsequently married her sister, Harriet Leshner, who died April 27, 1888. They were daughters of Samuel and Magdalene (Smith) Leshner, who were from Berks county; Mr. Leshner was a large property owner. Mr. Troutman was the father of fifteen children, Engeline and Simon by his first wife, and the following by his second: Magdalena (who died unmarried), Ellemina (wife of Joel Kratzer and second Jeremiah Peifer), Henry L., Isaac L., Moses L., Mary (who married Hiram Landis), Amos, George L., John L., Phoebe, one that died in infancy, Cornelius, and another that died in infancy.

GEORGE L. TROUTMAN, son of John, was born June 21, 1858. He was reared to farm life, and worked for his parents until he attained his majority, after which he began farming on his own account in Upper Paxton township, Dauphin county, where he was a tenant for a few years. In 1881 he came to his present home in Jordan township, a 120-acre farm located on the road between Hebe and Klingerstown, formerly the homestead of John Eister, who built the present barn in 1840 and the house in 1836. Samuel Wiest bought the property from Mr. Eister for his son Jacob, who occupied it for thirty-five years, since when it has been in Mr. Troutman's possession. It has long been regarded as one of the most valuable farms in the valley, its successive owners having taken considerable pride in keeping it up, and it has not deteriorated under Mr. Troutman's management. He is one of the industrious and thrifty farmers of his section.

On Dec. 8, 1878, Mr. Troutman married Mary Wert, daughter of William and Catharine (Riegel) Wert, and they have three children: Alice A., who married John Romberger and lives on the homestead (they have one son, Ralph T.); Victor, of Klingerstown, Pa., married to Sallie B., daughter of Tobias Wiest; and Dora A., who married William B. Wiest, Jr., and is now living in Alberta, Canada, where they settled on a homestead of their own and have prospered.

Mr. Troutman and his family have been identified with the Troutman United Evangelical Church, of which his father was the founder. He is a Republican in political sentiment.

Isaac L. Troutman, sixth son of John Troutman, and grandson of Jacob, was born Sept. 4, 1849, in Jordan township, and was reared on the parental farm, working for his parents throughout his youth. When about twenty-one years old he began farming for himself in Rockefeller township, at Seven Points, where he located about 1869, from that time for many years working for his father-in-law, Daniel Klinger, with whom he



lived. Mr. Troutman remained with Mr. Klinger until his death, and he still lives on that place. He and his family are Lutheran members of the Cross Road Church, in which he has been active, having held the offices of trustee, deacon and elder, in which latter he is still serving. Politically he is a Republican.

Mr. Troutman married Mary Ann Klinger, daughter of Daniel and Caroline (Schadel) Klinger, and they have had children as follows: Lizzie married Theodore McKinney and they live at Sunbury, Pa.; Harvey Albert married Edna Long and lives at Sunbury, Pa.; Elmer F. is mentioned below; Lillie married Elmer Zimmerman and they live in Rockefeller township; William H. died aged fourteen years.

Daniel Klinger, father of Mrs. Troutman, was born Nov. 2, 1824, and married Caroline Schadel, who was born May 22, 1827. They came from the vicinity of Klingerstown, Schuylkill county, after their marriage, and settled in Rockefeller township, where they passed the remainder of their lives, and there they are buried, at Emanuel Lutheran Church. Mr. Klinger died Aug. 21, 1908, Mrs. Klinger on Oct. 22, 1907. They were farming people and among the prosperous residents of their section.

ELMER F. TROUTMAN, son of Isaac L., was born Nov. 22, 1876, in Rockefeller township, where he attended the local schools and was brought up to farm life. Working for his parents until he reached his majority, he began farming for himself in the spring of 1898, on the tract of sixty-seven acres in the Plum Creek district, in Rockefeller township, where he has since lived. This was formerly a Furman homestead, later owned by a Klinger, and the present set of buildings on the place was erected by William Furman. Mr. Troutman has improved the property materially since it came into his ownership, and the barn and stables have been equipped with modern appliances and are kept scrupulously clean, his live stock being a matter of pride and probably the finest in the township, this being true of his cattle and horses both. He has made a specialty of dairy farming, keeping fifteen milch cows in the summer season and in winter usually as many as twenty-three, running a milk team to Sunbury daily. He has been enterprising and industrious, and his intelligent methods and good management have brought their own reward.

On Dec. 22, 1899, Mr. Troutman married Adella Bloom, daughter of the late Hiram Bloom, who was a farmer of Rockefeller township. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Troutman, Gertrude and Russell. Mr. and Mrs. Troutman are Lutheran members of the Plum Creek Church. He is a Republican in political connection, and has several local elective offices.

Joseph Troutman, great-grandfather of William L. Troutman, of Hebe, in Jordan township, was a farmer of that township.

George T. Troutman, son of Joseph, born Jan. 27, 1804, was a farmer in Jordan township, owning the place which he occupied and cultivated. It is now the property of S. W. Reed, a farm of about 130 acres. He married Festina Klark, who was born Nov. 22, 1811, and died June 4, 1876, surviving Mr. Troutman, who passed away Feb. 14, 1869. They are buried at Hebe. Their children were: William K., Henry K., Joseph K. (died Dec. 27, 1906, aged sixty-six years, eight months, two days; wife Esther died May 31, 1888, aged forty-three years, three months, fifteen days), Aaron K., Harriet, Catharine, Louisa, Helena, Mary and Sarah.

William K. Troutman, son of George T., was born in Northumberland county, and was a farmer of Jordan township, where he had a tract of 125 acres which he cultivated during his active years. Later, when he retired, he moved to a small place near Hebe. During his early years he was a tenant farmer, but by hard work and thrift he became well-to-do, and he was one of the respected citizens of his township, which he served as tax collector. Politically he was a Republican, and during the Civil war he served in the Union army, as a member of Company K, 172d Regiment. He and his family worshipped with the Reformed congregation at Hebe, and he served as elder and trustee of the church.

Mr. Troutman's first wife, Lydia (Leitzel), daughter of Benjamin Leitzel, was born Jan. 15, 1834, and died Nov. 26, 1868, the mother of seven children: Amelia married Peter Kratzer; Elizabeth married William Bohner; Catharine married Peter Boyer; Lydia married William Hoffman; Emma married John Long; Cossom married Maggie Shaud; William L. is mentioned below. The father died Nov. 2, 1897, aged sixty-six years, nine months, fourteen days, and is buried at Hebe by the side of his first wife.

WILLIAM L. TROUTMAN, son of William K. and Lydia (Leitzel) Troutman, was born May 5, 1864, in Lykens Valley, Dauphin county, and like the average farmer's son was trained to agricultural pursuits from boyhood and worked for his parents until he became of age. His early literary training was obtained at home and in the schools at Pillow, Dauphin county, and when twenty years old he was licensed to teach, by Prof. W. J. Wolcott, then superintendent of schools in Northumberland county. His first experience was at the Grove schoolhouse, No. 2, in Jordan township, and he has taught twenty-five years in all in that township, where he was engaged for twenty years consecutively. For two terms he was located at Leek Kill, in Upper Mahanoy township. His first professional certificate was granted in 1900, his



second in 1909, by Prof. W. W. Fetzer, county superintendent. Mr. Troutman was not only regarded as a successful educator, but also as an executive officer, for while teaching he was appointed school director of his township, serving as such about a year, and during that time he was secretary of the board of health in his township; the district had three cases of smallpox in his term. In the summer season Mr. Troutman followed farming, for the most part as a tenant farmer, though he at present owns a farm of ninety-eight acres and oversees the work of cultivation. In 1885 he moved to near Hebe, and in 1906 moved into the village, where, he built his present home in 1909. He has for a number of years been active in public affairs in the locality, having served one term as assessor of Jordan township and two terms as justice of the peace, to which office he was first elected in 1897, being reelected five years later by a large majority. In politics he is a Republican. He has been a most active member of the Reformed congregation of St. David's Church at Hebe, of which he was deacon for twelve years and elder for six years, and he has been secretary of the consistory for the past twenty years, being still the incumbent of that position. For fifteen years he was the efficient superintendent of the Sunday school.

On Christmas Day, 1886, Mr. Troutman married Susan M. Lahr, daughter of Josiah and Harriet (Rebuck) Lahr, and they have a family of ten children, born as follows: Grant, June 21, 1888 (he has been engaged in teaching public school in Jordan township and in the spring of 1910 entered the Keystone State normal school, at Kutztown, Pa.); Clarence, Nov. 30, 1889; Earl, Sept. 25, 1891; William, Dec. 31, 1892; Ammon J., June 29, 1894; Eva G., May 30, 1896; Nettie, June 4, 1898; Rosco R., June 30, 1900; Ruth F., May 12, 1902; Paul L., Nov. 2, 1906.

EDGAR O. SEAMAN, of Watsonstown, dealer in vehicles of all kinds, harness, farm implements, and a number of allied commodities, has found an excellent field for that business in the borough, which is situated in the midst of a prosperous agricultural community, from which he draws a large trade. He is a native of Watsonstown, born Sept. 30, 1878, and he comes of a family which has been located in Pennsylvania since the middle of the eighteenth century, for over a hundred and sixty years. The form Seaman is the English spelling of a "surname of occupation" denoting a sailor or one connected with the navigation of a vessel, and was applied to officers as well as common sailors, although technically restricted to those without rank. The German spelling is Seemann; Middle English, Seamon; Anglo-Saxon, Seaman; Dutch, Zeeman; Icelandic, Sjomathe; Swedish, Sjoeman; Danish, Soemand.

Johan Ludwig Seaman, the ancestor of the Seamans here under consideration, was a native of Germany, and prior to coming to America was for eight years a member of the bodyguard of Frederick the Great of Prussia. He emigrated to America in 1748, landing at Philadelphia Oct. 25th of that year, and soon thereafter removed to Bern, which later became Upper Bern and is now Tilden township, in Berks county, Pa. He had children: Eberhart, born in 1752; John, born in 1753; Henry; Margaretta, who married a Real; Mary Magdalena, born in 1759, who married Philip Kauffman; Ludwig (Lewis), born in 1764; George, and Michael.

On Nov. 18, 1793, one Lewis Seaman received a warrant for 100 acres of land in Northumberland county, Pa. [Pennsylvania Archives, Third Series.]

John Seaman, son of Johan Ludwig, married Elizabeth Schlappig, and to them were born children as follows: John, Christian, Samuel, Catharine, Elizabeth, Magdalena, Christiana, Maria and Johan George.

Johan George Seaman, son of John, who owned the old homestead in Upper Bern (now Tilden) township, a tract which then consisted of 275 acres, lived on the place now occupied by John Becker. He was in comfortable circumstances and was well and favorably known in upper Berks county. He married Magdalena Kauffman, and to them were born these children: John; William K.; George, Jr.; David; Reuben; Mary, who married Samuel Kline; Rebecca, who married William Loeb; Hester, who married Benneville Machmer; Catharine, who married William Machmer; and Eliza, who married John Geschwindt.

William K. Seaman, the grandfather of Edgar O. Seaman, was born in Tilden township, Berks county, and after his marriage and the birth of some of his children moved to Northumberland county, Pa., settling on a farm at Pottsgrove, in Chillisquaque township, where he put up a fine set of buildings. He prospered in his own undertakings, but lost considerable money going bond for others. He died in July, 1898, at the age of eighty-four years, and is buried in Harmony cemetery at Milton. Mr. Seaman was a Lutheran in religion and a Democrat in politics. He and his wife Mary had children as follows: Penrose, who settled in Union county, Pa.; Caroline, Mrs. Charles Hoy; Manassa, who died when about fifty years old; and William B.

William B. Seaman, son of William K., was born May 5, 1838, in Chillisquaque township, this county, and received his education in the schools of Pottsgrove. He was reared to farming, and began on his own account after his marriage on a place in his native township, where he farmed on shares until he moved to Delaware township to the farm of his father-in-law, S. M. Miller.

He was at that location for about thirty years, thence moving to another farm in the same township, which he cultivated for eight years. In 1907 Mr. Seaman retired from active pursuits and settled in the borough of Watsonstown, where he remained only two years, however. He has since lived in Washington, D. C., with his daughter, Mrs. McCardle. Like the members of his family generally, he is a Democrat and a Lutheran. Mr. Seaman married Barbara L. Miller, who was born in 1844 and died in November, 1898; she is buried at Watsonstown. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Seaman, namely: Franklin died when fourteen years old; William H. died in infancy; Mary Emeline married U. F. McCardle; Edgar O. lives in Watsonstown.

Edgar O. Seaman, son of William B., received his education in the public schools of Delaware township, and at the Watsonstown high school. He farmed for his father until 1902, since which year he has been in business in Watsonstown, where he was a coal dealer for three years. For the next year and a half he was in the livery business in the borough, and then conducted a grocery store for two years, in 1909 embarking in his present line. He handles all kinds of vehicles and farm implements, including cream separators, as well as harness and fertilizers, and has the local agency for the famous Weber heavy wagons, finding a steady and profitable demand for all his goods in the territory adjoining Watsonstown, where many prosperous farmers are located. He understands his customers and their wants, and by obliging and intelligent service has built up a large trade. Socially Mr. Seaman is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and he is a member of the Lutheran Church.

John Seaman, evidently of the same stock as above, was a native of Berks county, Pa., who settled in Butler county, this State, at an early day.

Samuel Seaman, son of John, came from Berks county, and died in the Mahantango Valley, where he owned a home, his house standing near the site of the present residence of his grandson, Adam H. Seaman. His son Adam also lived there. Samuel Seaman is buried at Zion's Church in Stone valley, in Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county. He married in the community in which he lived and died. He was an excellent wood worker, and made many grain cradles, some of which are still in use in the Mahantango Valley. They were considered as good as any made.

Adam Seaman, son of Samuel, was born Jan. 24, 1819, and passed the greater part of his life in the Mahantango Valley, engaged at laboring work. He owned his home, which was located along the Mahantango creek, not far from County Line, Northumberland county. He died Nov. 5, 1899,

while living with his son Adam H. Seaman, in Northumberland county, and he and his wife are buried at Zion's Stone Valley Church. Mr. Seaman was a member of the Reformed denomination, his wife of the Lutheran Church. Her maiden name was Phillipine Hepner, and she was born Jan. 11, 1825, daughter of Jacob Hepner. She died Sept. 6, 1882. Mr. and Mrs. Seaman had the following children: Isaac; Aaron, who married Lucy Klinger; Rebecca, Mrs. Fetter; Levi, who died unmarried; Sarah, Mrs. Adam Spotts; Elias, who married Sarah Ann Michael; Frank, who married Molly Aurand; Adam H.; Jere, who married Lucy, widow of his brother Aaron; and a son that died in infancy.

ADAM H. SEAMAN, son of Adam, is a farmer in Lower Mahanoy township, this county. He was born July 21, 1862, across the Mahantango creek in Dauphin county, Pa., and spent all his boyhood in this vicinity. His education was begun at home and continued in the local public schools and at Uniontown high school, which he attended for two terms. Later he took a business course at Delaware, Ohio, graduating in 1886 from G. W. Michael's business college at that point. When twenty-one years old he began to teach public school in Mifflin township, Dauphin county, and was thus engaged for two terms. Sawmilling, however, was his principal vocation during his young manhood. For fifteen years he was thus engaged at different points in central Pennsylvania—Williamsport, Danville, Harrisburg and Marysville—as well as in Snyder county and at Tuscarora. Then he went to Boiling Springs, Cumberland Co., Pa., where he took a contract to operate a double stave and shingle mill for the South Mountain Land Company for five years. During three and a half years of this period he lived with his family at Boiling Springs. In the spring of 1901 Mr. Seaman settled in Northumberland, not far from his birthplace, purchasing a tract of twenty-seven acres on which, the same year, he erected a large modern home. Here he has since engaged in farming, being an up-to-date agriculturist, enterprising and able to make the cultivation of his property profitable. He also owns twenty-five acres of timberland in the locality, across the Mahantango creek in Mifflin township, Dauphin county. Mr. Seaman is a useful citizen, and has twice been elected auditor of Lower Mahanoy township, on the Republican ticket. He and his family are members of Zion's Stone Valley Church, Mr. Seaman belonging to the Reformed congregation, his wife to the Lutheran. He has served as deacon.

On Feb. 25, 1888, Mr. Seaman married Emma E. Radel, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Lenker) Radel, and they have had a family of six children, namely: Gurney G.; Grace V., who married Scott L. Sundry and lives at Ismay, Mont. (they have



two daughters, Edith Irene and Edna May); Loyetta Ruth, who died in childhood; Mabel M., who is a mute and at present a student at the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb at Mount Airy, Philadelphia; Emery V.; and Jennie M.

JOHN WESLEY FRYLING, of Sunbury, who serves as clerk for the Sunbury Water Company and is interested in fruit growing in that region, having a tract of thirty acres in Rockefeller township, is a son of the late John Wolverton Fryling.

John Wolverton Fryling was born at Sunbury July 4, 1817, and in his early life did farm work. He taught private school and singing school, and later, in Sunbury, did private tutoring, in Latin and mathematics, for boys entering college. He then became a clerk at Sunbury in the employ of his father-in-law, Henry Yoxtheimer, one of the first wholesale and retail merchants in that place, remaining with him ten years, at the end of which time he bought out the business. After conducting it alone for several years he took Mr. W. T. Grant into partnership, and Fryling & Grant continued the business successfully for several years. Mr. Fryling then became interested in the manufacture of caskets and building supplies as a member of the firm of Fryling, Bowen & Engel, being thus engaged until 1874, when he went to Upper Augusta township, Northumberland county, and commenced farming, carrying on agricultural pursuits there for a period of four years. His next move was to Newton, Harvey Co., Kans., where he bought a farm of 160 acres which he cultivated for three years. Returning to Sunbury, he clerked a few years and then took the position of tax collector for the borough, holding same until his death, which occurred May 22, 1888. Mr. Fryling was one of the best known citizens of Sunbury in his day, and he held the respect of the many who knew him. He was an ardent Republican, and during the Civil war enlisted in Company D, 3d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, then known as "minute-men," with whom he was out for service a short time; but owing to business demands he called upon his son Harry to take his place, the young man serving with credit and honor. Mr. Fryling was an active and generous member of St. John's Methodist Church at Sunbury and served as a member of its building committee. He married Margaret Yoxtheimer, who was born Nov. 30, 1821, daughter of Henry Yoxtheimer, of Sunbury, and died Jan. 11, 1901. Mr. and Mrs. Fryling are buried in the old Sunbury cemetery. They were the parents of eleven children: (1) Henry Yoxtheimer, born July 17, 1844, was a member of Company D (Capt. C. J. Brunner, Lieuts. A. J. Stoah and Jacob Rohrbach), 3d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, mustered into Harrisburg Sept. 11-13, 1862, was detached for special duty on the staff of Gen. John

W. Reynolds, and served after the balance of the company was mustered out. He is now general manager of the Elk Graphite Milling Company, of St. Mary's, Pa. He married Frances Hettrick, of Hummels Wharf, and they have three children, George, Helen and Frances. (2) William A., born Feb. 12, 1843, died Aug. 29, 1843. (3) Rebecca A., born July 17, 18—, married Capt. Andrew N. Brice, of Punxsutawney, Jefferson Co., Pa., and their children are Mayme, William and Edward L. (4) Mary E. married Capt. E. Torrington, and they reside at Topeka, Kans. (5) Emma married Prof. J. H. Black, well known as one of the first principals of the Sunbury high school, and they now make their home at Huntingdon, Pa. (6) John Wesley is fully mentioned below. (7) Charles Wesley married Alice Dundore and they have had six children. Elsie M., Ruth, Charles and Harry, living, and two deceased; this family lives at Sunbury. (8) Annie, twin of Charles Wesley, married David McMahan and they live at Walton, Harvey Co., Kans. (9) Sarah L., born Jan. 30, 1850, died Aug. 2, 1858. (10) Willie P., born June 19, 1860, died May 9, 1867. (11) Elsie, born May 10, 1863, died June 5, 1873.

John Wesley Fryling was born Feb. 11, 1855, at Sunbury, and in his early years attended Colonel Rohrbach's private school in the old Statehouse building, Sunbury, then Prof. N. Foster Brown's Academy at Klines grove; later the academy moved to Sunbury. Subsequently he attended Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport, for two terms, after which he did farm work for his father until 1878. That year he went to Columbia county, Pa., where he farmed one year, in 1879 going out to Kansas, where he remained one season; he was the only man in his district who raised his own cabbage plants. Coming back to Sunbury he was engaged in selling sewing machines for a time, until appointed assistant postmaster there, in 1880. His service in that capacity covered four years and nine months. In October, 1885, he went to work for the Pennsylvania Railway Company, in the shops as carpenter, and the following year was transferred to the freight office of the Philadelphia & Erie road, where he kept all the accounts. He was a trusted employee of that company until he left its service, in 1906, on Sept. 1st of which year he became a clerk for the Sunbury Water Company.

In 1903 Mr. Fryling bought thirty acres of valuable land in Rockefeller township, this county, and he is making a specialty of apple growing, having already set out a thousand apple trees. He is an expert in this particular branch of fruit culture, and has also had success with other fruits, finding the business both agreeable and profitable. He has thirty-five acres of timberland adjoining this thirty-acre tract. On April 16, 1910, he bought the Rohrbach farm, 255 acres in Upper Augusta township, a mile from Sunbury, 100 acres



of which are in timber. In the spring of 1911 he planted a fifteen-acre orchard, one thousand peach trees.

In church connection Mr. Fryling is a Methodist and well known for his untiring efforts in the interest of that denomination. He first joined St. John's Church, in 1869, and he handled all of the facing brick used in the construction of that edifice, having the honor of laying the last brick. He served as steward of that church, and is now officiating in the same capacity in the Catawissa Avenue M. E. Church, in which he now holds membership. He is a Republican in politics.

On Nov. 15, 1877, Mr. Fryling married Mary Catharine Seasholtz, who was born June 2, 1857, daughter of Christian B. and Lucinda (Yetter) Seasholtz, and died Oct. 4, 1887; she is buried in the Sunbury cemetery. Three children were born to this union: Robert Bruce, born Oct. 12, 1878, died Jan. 4, 1879; Edith Mabel, a graduate of the Sunbury high school, class of 1900, is now buyer for the art department of Hennessy's department store, Butte, Mont.; Margaret Yetter graduated from the Sunbury high school in 1904 and from Ursinus College, at Collegeville, Pa., in 1909 (she made a special study of the classics, history and political economy) and taught in 1910-1911 in the public schools in Sunbury. The family home is at No. 444 Catawissa avenue, Sunbury.

**BLASSER.** The Blasser family has been settled in Northumberland county for about a century, and the brothers Abraham D. and Jacob D. Blasser, of Herndon, Pa., now living retired, are worthy representatives of a name which has been respected throughout that period. They are grandsons of John Blasser, who was one of three brothers (another being Abraham) who came from their native country, Switzerland, and settled along the Susquehanna river in Union township, Snyder Co., Pa. In 1812 John Blasser crossed the river into Northumberland county, settling in Lower Mahanoy township with his wife and one child, a daughter, Betzy. He was a farmer, a man of good business ability and highly successful, and was an influential citizen, prominent in public matters as well as in the interest of his private concerns. He owned seven hundred acres of land, a large part of which he obtained by warrant from the State, and profitably operated Blasser's Fishery on the Susquehanna, at what is now known as Dalmatia. He caught shad by tons, single fish often weighing as much as nine pounds, and as the river then abounded with fish this business was very lucrative. He served as general supervisor over the roads of five townships, making his trips over the roads of which he had charge on horseback. In religious faith he was a Mennonite, and attended services at a meetinghouse in Snyder

county, though most of the meetings at that time were at the homes of those interested. John Blasser died about 1850, at the age of seventy-four years, and was laid to rest in a private burial ground on his farm, but in 1876 he was reinterred in the cemetery of the Stone Valley Union Church. His wife, Susanna Riegel, died in 1861, aged seventy years. They had three sons and one daughter: Betzy, who married Henry Latsha; John, who died aged twenty-one years; Jacob, at one time a resident of Lower Mahanoy township, who moved out to Indiana in 1858 and died there (he was a farmer); and Abraham.

Abraham Blasser, son of John, was born April 10, 1816, in Lower Mahanoy township, and was a lifelong farmer there, dying April 7, 1876, on the farm where he was born. He was a man of high worth and held the confidence of his fellow citizens, who chose him to a number of township offices, in all of which he gave faithful service. Like his father he was a Mennonite in religion. He married Anna Mary Daniel, daughter of John Adam and Rosina (Wagner) Daniel, and they are buried at the Stone Valley Church. They were the parents of three sons and three daughters: John died unmarried; Abraham D. and Jacob D., twins, are mentioned below; Mary married David Wetzler; Sarah married John Seal; Susanna married Andrew Star.

**ABRAHAM D. BLASSER,** son of Abraham, was born Dec. 9, 1837, on the Blasser homestead farm in the upper section of Lower Mahanoy township, this county; a large and valuable tract containing nearly five hundred acres, which he and his twin brother Jacob D. Blasser own in partnership. It is nearly two miles long, and is the largest single farm in Northumberland county. The brothers were reared to farming, which they continued to follow successfully throughout their active years, cultivating the farm in partnership and making many improvements on the property, which is in excellent condition. Both lived there, there being two dwelling-houses, two large barns and two sets of buildings on the land. Upon his retirement from active work, in 1891, Abraham D. Blasser settled in Herndon, of which place he has since been a much esteemed citizen. He was instrumental in the organization of the borough, was one of the first councilmen, continuing to hold that office six years, and has done much to further the best interests of the place, where he is recognized as a man of intelligent public spirit. While living in Lower Mahanoy township he served as a member of the school board.

On May 14, 1860, Mr. Blasser married Elizabeth Lenker, daughter of Adam and Sallie (Messner) Lenker, and to them were born two daughters: Sarah D., born in 1863, died in 1866; Mary Agnes, now the wife of Capt. Jacob F. Hoffman,

received her education in the local public schools and at Allentown (Pa.) Female College, meantime, before she entered college, teaching in the public schools of Lower Mahanoy township and at Berksburg, Dauphin county. Mrs. Hoffman has marked artistic talent, and has a gift for painting, doing creditable work as a scenic artist and china decorator; she is also a musician of rare attainments, holding several diplomas and medals of honor.

Mr. and Mrs. Blasser live on Main street, in the borough of Herndon, their home being next door to that of his brother. They are members of the Reformed Church. He is a Republican in political opinion.

JACOB D. BLASSER, twin brother of Abraham D. Blasser, has practically the same history, the brothers have always lived together on the home place until they retired. Jacob D. Blasser, however, did not remove to Herndon until 1893. They have always been, on terms of ideal brotherliness, and their homes in Herndon are side by side.

On Aug. 25, 1857, Mr. Blasser married Harriet Leader, daughter of Marks and Sallie (Wolf) Leader, of Jackson township, and granddaughter of John and Susanna (Marks) Leader, of the same township; Susanna Marks was a native of Berks county. Sallie Wolf was a daughter of Michael Wolf. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Blasser: (1) Julius Frank, whose home is at Millersburg, Pa., married Minerva Emerick, and they have eleven children (including two sets of twins), Charles and John (twins), Mabel, Mary, Jacob, Hattie, Naomi, Julius and Alice (twins), Ray and Moses. (2) Sarah A. married Andrew Bucher, and they resided at Mahanoy, where she died May 23, 1895, at the age of thirty-two years. They had one son, Charles. (3) Maggie D. married John Schwab, of Elizabethtown, Pa., and died July 2, 1909, aged forty-one years, the mother of three children, Dory F., Mary E. and Erma.

Mr. and Mrs. Blasser are now Reformed members of the church at Herndon. While in Lower Mahanoy township they were identified with the Stone Valley Church, of which Mr. Blasser was an elder for three years. He is a Republican in politics, but he has always refused to run for public office.

GEORGE W. YOXTHEIMER, who is now living retired in the borough of Northumberland, was born March 12, 1848, in Point township, and was for many years engaged in farming there. He is a great-grandson of Henry Yoxtheimer, Sr., a farmer who lived in what is now Rockefeller township, being a pioneer in the Plum Creek Valley. He was a Lutheran in religious faith. He and his wife Maria had children as follows: Maria, Mrs.

Peter Sampsel; George, who lived in Lower Augusta township; Jacob, who lived in the vicinity of Milton, this county; Henry; Mrs. Zimmerman; Sallie, Mrs. Leopold; and Mrs. Campbell.

George Yoxtheimer, son of Henry and Maria, was the grandfather of George W. Yoxtheimer.

Henry Yoxtheimer, son of George, was born in 1809 in Rockefeller township, and died in 1857 in Snyder county, where he is buried, in the Schreiner graveyard. He was a laborer and farmer, and at the time of his death was living a half mile northwest of Shamokin Dam, in Monroe township, Snyder county. His wife, Elizabeth (Mayer), daughter of Peter Mayer, died in 1881, at the age of sixty-nine years, and is buried at Selinsgrove. Their children were as follows: Hulda, Charles W., George W., Mary E., Benjamin T. and one that died young.

George W. Yoxtheimer was educated in the public schools in the neighborhood of his early home and at Selinsgrove Institute. He taught school at Selinsgrove for a time, but his active years were devoted principally to farming, to which vocation he had been trained from boyhood. For six years he worked out among farmers, and after he was married began farming on his own account in Snyder county, living near the Union county line—in fact, some of his land was situated in that county. After renting four years he again crossed the Susquehanna, and buying a house in Northumberland borough was in the employ of the Van Alens for four years, running plate rolls. At the end of that time he bought a tract of forty-five acres in Point township, to which he added as his circumstances and opportunity permitted, and later he bought a 100-acre farm. Twelve years later he sold his first purchase and the twelve acres mentioned to his son James H., who also bought nineteen acres of the 100-acre farm, and in the spring of 1910 he rented his home farm to his son-in-law. He has since lived retired. In March, 1910, he purchased a home in the borough of Northumberland, to which he moved early in 1911. Mr. Yoxtheimer was an industrious man, and was successful beyond the ordinary. He took an active interest in the local welfare, serving three years as school director and later three years as supervisor. He is a man who has the thorough respect of all who know him.

On Aug. 17, 1875, Mr. Yoxtheimer married Mary C. Gibbons, daughter of Abel and Susan (Morgan) Gibbons, who occupied the place later owned and occupied by their son-in-law, Mr. Yoxtheimer, and six children have been born to this union: James H. married Anna V. Jones; Susan E. married John K. Young; Alvena married George E. Derk; Hattie M. married James Hope-well; Stella A. married John G. Brown; Margaret F. married Charles E. Orwig. Mr. Yoxtheimer



and his family are members of the Methodist Church at Northumberland. Politically he is a Republican.

Henry Yoxtheimer, another son of Henry Yoxtheimer, Sr., was born in Northumberland county in 1793, and died Nov. 27, 1849. He is buried in the Fourth street cemetery, at Sunbury. Mr. Yoxtheimer was a potter by trade, and followed that business on Arch street, in Sunbury, opposite the jail. There he began merchandising on a small scale, and he was a pioneer general merchant of Sunbury, also dealing in grain, which was shipped by canalboat to Philadelphia and there exchanged for merchandise which was brought from Philadelphia to Sunbury by the same means of transportation. In 1826-27 he erected a large brick building which had a frontage of sixty feet on the south side of Market street, the site embracing part of what later became the courthouse yard and the property where Judge C. R. Savidge now lives. At the eastern side was an archway, the only one embodied in a store at Sunbury; it led to a large warehouse at the rear of the lot, where grain and produce were stored. Mr. Yoxtheimer owned one of the first canalboats regularly engaged in the carrying trade between Sunbury and Philadelphia, and he was a pioneer coal operator at Shamokin. After his death his store at Sunbury was continued by his sons-in-law, John W. Fryling and William T. Grant. It was one of the leading business establishments of the town for some years.

Mr. Yoxtheimer was twice married, his first wife being Margaret Malick, who bore him two children: Margaret married John W. Fryling, who is now deceased; William (deceased) served in the Civil war and was a resident of Safe Harbor, Lancaster Co., Pa. Mr. Yoxtheimer's second marriage was to Mrs. Nancy (Bacon) Follmer, and they had one child, Rachel, who married William T. Grant, late of Sunbury.

**WIRT.** In business and agricultural life the Wirt family is represented among the substantial citizens of several portions of Northumberland county. Its members have been useful and worthy residents of the several communities with which they have been identified, and the name has always been associated with the qualities of integrity and thrift which characterize those who bear it. Benneville Wirt, now of Sunbury, was long engaged in the hotel business in the borough of Mount Carmel. Daniel W. Wirt, his brother, is a prosperous farmer of Little Mahanoy township. John Wirt, their cousin, a resident of Rockefeller township, is one of the leading undertakers in his section of this county. We give the line of these Wirts as far back as the records show.

The name is variously spelled Wirt and Wert

by most of the present members of the family; the earlier spelling was probably Wirth, as shown by tombstone records. The family is of German origin. Adam, the first of this line to come to America from Germany, arrived in this country with his wife Eva before the Revolutionary war, and settled at what is now the site of Millersburg, in Dauphin county, Pa. These pioneers had nine sons, who settled in different parts of the country, the family becoming scattered over New Jersey, the Carolinas, Ohio and through the West, besides having many representatives in Pennsylvania.

Henry Wirt (or Wert) was a pioneer farmer of the Mahantango Valley, in Northumberland county, having settled in that section when the Indians still roamed the forests, and the Red men were neighborly with "Henner" Wirt, to whom they bade farewell when they left the region. He and his wife Elizabeth are buried side by side at the Stone Valley Church in Lower Mahanoy, where we find the following tombstone records: Johann Heinrich Wirth, born Dec. 22, 1769, died June 2, 1846; his wife Elizabeth, born Nov. 30, 1771, died Sept. 6, 1838. They had children as follows: John and Michael (born March 16, 1798, died Dec. 27, 1872; wife Lydia, born June 18, 1809, died Sept. 2, 1884), who both lived in the Mahantango valley; Henry and Philip, who lived in the Sugar Valley, near Lewisburg, Pa.; Mrs. Philip Korstetter; Mrs. Michael Schaffer; and Mrs. Peter Bischoff.

John Wirt, son of Henry, lived for a number of years in the Mahantango Valley, in 1838 settling at Mandata, where he engaged in the milling business. That year he built the frame mill at Mandata, which is still standing, and he followed the business for a number of years, prospering continuously. He acquired considerable land about Mandata. He and his family worshipped at the Stone Valley Lutheran Church, where he and his wife Barbara, daughter of Matthias Witmer, are buried, their tombstone records reading as follows: Johannes Wirth, born Nov. 16, 1795, died Sept. 8, 1852; his wife Barbara, born Nov. 30, 1794, died July 30, 1871. Their children were as follows: Lydia married David Campbell; Elizabeth was the second wife of David Campbell; Catharine married Jacob Garman; Anna married Frederick Snyder; Mary married Martin Harris; Michael died soon after his marriage to Mary Leshner; John married Judith Wentzel; Daniel married Rebecca Seiler; Moses married Mary Ann Spotts.

John Wirt, son of John and grandson of Henry, was born April 26, 1826, in Lower Mahanoy township, on his father's farm, and is now probably the oldest surviving resident of that district. In his earlier manhood he followed the milling business, but since 1875 he has lived at Mandata, where he conducted a store for fourteen years, being quite



successful as a merchant. He also farmed for some years, now living in retirement and the enjoyment of the rest he earned by years of industry. During the Civil war Mr. Wirt was drafted three times. He married Judith Wentzel, who died Oct. 1, 1902, aged eighty-one years, nine months, twelve days; she is buried at the Stone Valley Church. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wirt, namely: Benneville; William of Mandata, who in his earlier life was engaged in cattle dealing (he married Sarah, daughter of Elias Bower, and has two sons and two daughters); Daniel W.; and Michael, deceased.

BENNEVILLE WIRT, son of John and Judith (Wentzel) Wirt, was born June 29, 1848, in Jordan township, Northumberland county. He was reared to manhood under the parental roof, and during his youth assisted his father as clerk in the store, making himself generally useful. At the age of fifteen he commenced to learn the miller's trade at Mandata from one William Good, following that work for seventeen years in all, working nine years for his father in the milling business after he had thoroughly mastered its details. He then rented a mill at the mouth of Mahantango creek, known as Boyer's mill, which he operated successfully, but he remained there only a short time, the following spring going to Millersburg, where for three years he ran a flour mill for Samuel Buck. The mill was sold at the end of that period and Mr. Wirt continued with the new owners for four years. In 1882 he came thence to Mandata, where he lived while engaged in his cattle dealing operations, purchasing carloads of cattle in Crawford county which he sold at Herndon, this county. In this line he was associated with his brother William, under the firm name of Wirt Brothers, and they continued in the business two years. In the spring of 1884 Benneville Wirt located at Herndon, where he conducted the "Union House" (now the "Wiest Hotel") for one year, after which he settled in Mount Carmel. He was a resident of that borough for over twenty-five years, for a quarter of a century conducting a hotel there. When he gave up that business, after a successful career, he lived retired at Mount Carmel for two years, in September, 1901, coming to Sunbury, where he now makes his home. Though he has given up many of his responsibilities he still attends to the management of his property, owning considerable real estate which he acquired as he prospered in his other ventures, and he has valuable holdings in Mount Carmel and Hazleton, Pa., and in Brooklyn, N. Y. He also deals in real estate, and has been connected with a number of important transactions in that line. Mr. Wirt has always enjoyed excellent standing among those with whom he has been associated in business, having a high reputation for honor and straightforwardness in all his undertakings.

On April 30, 1871, Mr. Wirt married Mary Malinda Witmer, daughter of Isaac L. Witmer, and to their union have been born eight children, six of whom are deceased. The survivors are Alice, wife of U. J. Evans, of Scranton, Pa., and Charles of Sunbury. Mr. Wirt and his family are members of the Reformed Church. He is a Republican in politics, and a Mason in social connection, holding membership in Mount Carmel Lodge, No. 378, F. & A. M.

DANIEL W. WIRT, son of John and Judith (Wentzel) Wirt, was born April 11, 1855, at Mandata, and was reared at that place. He was trained to farming, and when quite young began driving his father's huckster wagon, being thus engaged until 1876, the year of his marriage. After that for many years he cultivated what was formerly the Scholly homestead, which he owns, a tract of 140 acres located on the Little Mahanoy creek, which has the reputation of being the finest and most valuable farm in Little Mahanoy township. It is unusually well watered, is in a high state of cultivation, and improved with substantial and convenient buildings, all kept in first-class condition. The Swiss barn on this property was built by Mr. Wirt in 1881, and replaced the one destroyed by fire that year. The present dwelling was erected in 1882. Mr. Wirt retired from the active work of farming in the spring of 1908, since when the place has been carried on by his son-in-law, Conrad Raker.

Mr. Wirt has not only become well known in his section as a successful farmer, but also in his connection with local public affairs, he having served fourteen years as school director of Little Mahanoy township, five years as supervisor under the old law, and three years in that office under the new law. For years his chief recreation has been found in fishing, and before the sulphur of the coal mines killed the fish of the Mahanoy creeks he caught large numbers. His trips are usually successful, and he takes great delight in a good catch.

In 1876 Mr. Wirt married Amanda Swartz, daughter of the late David and Elizabeth (Shaffer) Swartz. To this union was born one child, Tama, now the wife of Conrad Raker, who as previously stated is now engaged in cultivating the Wirt farm. Mr. and Mrs. Wirt have one son, Fred. Mr. and Mrs. Wirt are members of the Lutheran congregation of St. Paul's Church, at Urban, in Jordan township. Politically he is a Democrat.

Daniel Wirt, son of John and grandson of Henry, was born May 6, 1829, at Mandata, in Jordan township, Northumberland county, and died there Sept. 9, 1855, at the early age of twenty-six years. His death was caused by typhoid fever. Early in life he began to learn the milling business, working at the Mandata mill for ten years, until his

death. He owned the property, obtaining it from his father, and was on the road to prosperity when cut down so suddenly. He was a particularly well built and strong man, and his early death was deeply mourned. On Jan. 10, 1853, he married Rebecca Seiler, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Ebright) Seiler, residents of Jackson township, this county. Daniel Wirt is buried at Zion's Church in Stone Valley, of which he and his wife were Lutheran members. They had two children, John and Sarah, the daughter marrying Dr. Richard P. Haas; they reside at Williamstown, Pa. Ten years after Mr. Wirt's death his widow married Henry Dornsife, of Little Mahanoy township, and they moved to Kansas City, Mo. They had four children, Ervin, Elizabeth, Samuel and Daniel, all in Kansas City. Mrs. Dornsife is now (1911) seventy-seven years old.

JOHN WIRT, son of Daniel and Rebecca (Seiler) Wirt, was born Oct. 5, 1855, at Mandata, Jordan township. He received his education in the common schools, and when sixteen commenced to learn cabinetmaking, which he has continued to follow to the present time. He served his apprenticeship at Sunbury, and at the end of eight years' training and experience there began working for the Pennsylvania Railway Company in the shops at Renovo, Clinton Co., Pa., remaining there six years. In the spring of 1885 he came to Rockefeller township, this county, settling near Seven Points, at the place where he has since made his home. Here he owns one of the best farms in the county, a level, fertile tract in a high state of cultivation, for though he has combined farming with his other interests he has made a success of both. He is a practical agriculturist, as his fine crops show, and his buildings and all the farm surroundings bespeak excellent management and a care in the details which betokens unusual executive ability. In 1904 Mr. Wirt erected a large hay barn, and in 1905 he remodeled the residence. He is constantly making changes which improve the appearance of his property and enhance its value as a home as well as from a more material point of view.

Meantime Mr. Wirt has followed the undertaking business, in the pursuit of which he has become one of the best known men in his section of the county, his patronage coming principally from Shamokin, Rockefeller and Lower Augusta townships, though he has had many customers outside of that particular territory. Since he embarked in that business, in 1890, he has conducted 1,468 funerals. He is an intelligent and esteemed citizen, and has high standing among his neighbors and friends.

On Jan. 15, 1880, Mr. Wirt married Emma Caroline Weiser, and they have three children: Jennie M., now the wife of Frederick Drumheller, of Sunbury; Earl; and Beulah R. Mr. Wirt and

his family are members of the Reformed congregation at Augustaville. He is a Republican and has taken considerable interest in local politics, having served as judge of elections. He was constable for many years, and has also been supervisor of his township.

Mrs. Wirt is a descendant of Conrad Weiser, the celebrated interpreter and friend of the Indians, whose name is so closely linked with the Colonial history of this section of Pennsylvania. Her grandfather, Jacob Weiser, was a grandson of Conrad, and had brothers Peter, John, Jonathan and Thomas, and sisters Caroline, Lavinia, and five not named. Jacob Weiser was a native of near Womelsdorf, in Heidelberg township, Berks Co., Pa., was a carpenter by occupation, and lived near Herndon, in Northumberland county. He married Mary Magdalena Highhold, who was from Myers-town, Lebanon Co., Pa., and who was a member of the family generally known by its proper name of Eichholtz, of which "Highhold" is an Anglicized corruption; most of the family use the original spelling. Jacob and Mary Magdalena Weiser had a family of twelve children, six sons and six daughters, namely: Elizabeth Regina, Rebecca, Reuben, John, Caroline, Emanuel, Levi, Lavinia, Clementine, Sarah A., Jeremiah G. and Jonathan. Of these, Reuben, who married Esther Malick, was the father of Mrs. John Wirt.

Moses Wert, son of John and grandson of Henry, was born Jan. 24, 1832, in the Mahanango Valley in Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county. He was a lifelong farmer, living in Jordan township, near Mandata, where he had a tract of two hundred acres, until fourteen or fifteen years before his death, when he retired. Upon giving up active labor he settled in Herndon, where he died in 1904. His widow still occupies their home at that place. He was a man well known and highly respected, and though he devoted himself principally to the management of his own affairs, he served as supervisor. He was a Democrat in politics and in religion a Lutheran, his family adhering to the same belief. In his earlier years he belonged to the Stone Valley Church, but after removing to Herndon he became a member of the church there, and he is buried in the Wirt and Shaffer family plot at Herndon. He was a devout Christian and an enthusiastic church worker, serving in various church offices and taking a keen interest in the welfare of the Sunday school.

Mr. Wert married Mary Ann Spotts and they had four children, namely: Clara Rebecca married George T. Shaffer, of Herndon, who is deceased; Emma J. married John P. Tressler, of Herndon; Alveretta, who died in 1886, was the wife of Dr. Fred D. Raker, of Shamokin; John A. married Ella S. Eisenhart.



The following account of the Wirts was given by Mrs. Emma Wert Lentz, of Altoona, Pa.: My great-grandfather's name was John Wirt 1st and my grandfather's name was John Wirt 2d. He was married to Elizabeth Miller. They had seven sons and two daughters (my father, Simon Wirt, of Millersburg, being the oldest), Simon, Elias, Josiah, Joseph, Jonathan, Amos, Benjamin, Susan and Rebecca.

I glean from my father's obituary that his grandfather was a Revolutionary soldier, served seven years under George Washington and participated in the battles of Germantown and Brandywine. His father, John Wirt, 2d, was in the war of 1812 and had a son and grandsons in the Civil war. I have lost sight of some of my cousins and cannot give an accurate list. There were five in our immediate family: (1) Linda E. E. (2) Sarah A. married H. H. Moper, of Millersburg, and had three sons: Charles E., of Hughesville, Pa.; Simon, of Harrisburg, Pa.; and H. H. Neff, deceased. Her second marriage was to Jonas Gorman of Lykens by whom she had two daughters, Jessie and Pauline. Mrs. William Ennis and Mrs. Russell Brodus, both of Bowling Green, Va. (3) Mary C. married Cyrus Mark, of Lebanon county, and (second) Frank S. Bowman, of Millersburg, and had two sons: Hay Wirt, editor of the *Millersburg Sentinel*, and Rev. Dr. Linn, pastor of Park Avenue M. E. Church, Philadelphia. (4) Rev. John A., D. D. married Martha Buehler, of Gettysburg, and had four sons, Ray and Edgar, deceased, John (married) and Guyon. (5) Emma J. married Rev. D. S. Lentz, and has had four children, Suzanne, Linda Wirt, Marie, and David (deceased).

Edgar, son of Dr. Wirt, of Des Moines, was married and had two children, a daughter and a son.

**WILLIAM E. STOFFLETT**, jeweler and optician at Shamokin, Pa., has enjoyed a career in that city that is a good illustration of what may be accomplished in a very short time by true worth and the exercise of upright business principles. Mr. Stofflett came to Shamokin in 1902, and in these few years has won a merited place in the front rank of the best and most prominent citizens.

The early home of the Stofflett family was in Alsace Lorraine, France, the emigrant ancestor coming from there to America and settling in what is now Northampton county, Pa., and in the latter place Josiah Stofflett, great-grandfather of William E., was born. He followed farming, and led a life of industry and integrity.

Levi Stofflett, son of Josiah, was born in Northampton county, and he, too, became a farmer. He died in his native county.

Joseph Stofflett, son of Levi, was born in Northampton county. In his young manhood he learned

the bricklayer's trade, which he followed some time, and then began contracting and building. He was very successful and continued in active work until his death, April 12, 1906. He was buried at a church near Allentown. He married Susanna Heberly, who died in 1904. They had four sons: Rev. Sefellen E., a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., is now a minister of the Reformed Church, and is located at Hazleton, Pa. Levi J. continued his father's contracting business, and is located in Northampton county. William E. is mentioned below. Joseph H., a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, was admitted to the Northampton bar, and died in 1902, a young man of great promise.

William E. Stofflett was born near Allentown, Pa., Aug. 7, 1870, and attended the local schools and Allentown business college. He then began to learn the jeweler's trade, spending two years in Reading with G. A. Slichter. From Reading he went to New York City, where he was employed for twelve years. Coming to Shamokin in 1902 he established his present place of business, and now has the leading store of its kind in this section. His progressive spirit and honorable methods have made him exceedingly popular. His stock is large and of wide assortment, embracing everything to be found in a thoroughly up-to-date jewelry store. He is himself not only a thorough watchmaker, competent to regulate the most intricate of timepieces, but he is a licensed optician, holding a diploma from the Spencer Optical Institute in New York City. His establishment is well equipped with all the appliances necessary for making eye examinations and fitting glasses.

Mr. Stofflett is active in fraternal work. He is a member of Lodge No. 291, F. & A. M., Malone, N. Y.; Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M.; Shamokin Commandery, No. 177, K. T.; Williamsport Consistory, thirty-second degree; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading. He also belongs to the local lodge of Elks, and the Business Men's Association.

Mr. Stofflett married Lydia Miller, daughter of Edward Miller, of Utica, N. Y., and they have one daughter, Ruth, who is still in school. Politically Mr. Stofflett is a Republican, but he has never taken much active part in party work.

**AMBROSE S. CAMPBELL**, of Rush township, Northumberland county, engaged in farming, trucking and fruit growing, traces his ancestral line back to John Campbell, a native of the North of Ireland who came to America about 1775 and settled at Philadelphia, Pa. On March 4, 1786, he married Elizabeth Stauts, of Bucks county, Pa., who was born Nov. 25, 1768. They soon moved to Milton, Northumberland Co., Pa., where Mr. Campbell purchased the farm which he tilled



until his death, which occurred Dec. 19, 1810. Mrs. Campbell survived him almost thirty-two years, meantime removing with some of her children to Owego, Tioga Co., N. Y., where she died March 10, 1842. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell were stanch members of the Presbyterian Church. They were the parents of the following children:

(1) Mary, born Jan. 5, 1787, married John Carpenter March 4, 1806, and died Aug. 6, 1847. She was the mother of eleven children, viz.: Eliza, born Dec. 29, 1806, married Andrew Marshall March 4, 1823, and had twelve children; David, born April 8, 1809, married Mary Ware Aug. 2, 1832, and had one child by that union, on Feb. 11, 1836, marrying (second) M. Mitcheltree, by whom he had five children; Priscilla, born May 6, 1811, married Jan. 24, 1828, John Pepperman, and had twelve children; Jesse B., born Oct. 10, 1813, married May 4, 1847, Phoebe Carpenter (no relative) and had four children; Nancy, born Nov. 14, 1815, died April 1, 1819; Susan A., born March 9, 1818, married Levi Tate July 29, 1838, and had nine children; Sophia, born April 16, 1820, married Jonas Newcomer Jan. 15, 1835, and had six children; Maria A., born Feb. 12, 1822, married Joseph L. Rank Jan. 15, 1839, and had ten children; John J., born May 1, 1824, married Mary Marshall Dec. 22, 1846, and had seven children; William, born April 6, 1826, died in infancy; Rebecca, born July 29, 1829, died Jan. 26, 1847. John Carpenter, the father of this family, died at Williamsport, Pa., July 3, 1865.

(2) Jane, born Dec. 5, 1789, was married March 17, 1807, to Philip Goodman, who for many years kept a hotel at Danville, Pa. He was born Sept. 8, 1785, and died at Danville Sept. 1, 1837, Mrs. Goodman dying there Dec. 23, 1847. They had five children: Peter S., born Dec. 24, 1808, married Sarah Van De Mark July 20, 1828, and died Jan. 11, 1854 (he had two children); Ann Eliza, born Nov. 22, 1810, was married March 6, 1833, to Dr. Samuel G. Maus, of Danville, and died Dec. 6, 1882, in Chicago, Ill. (she had three children); John C., born Jan. 22, 1813, died young; Priscilla C., born Feb. 17, 1814, married Oct. 15, 1833, Isaac B. Ogden, and had nine children; Isaac C., born April 19, 1816, died in infancy.

(3) David, born Dec. 5, 1794, married Dec. 17, 1810, Elizabeth Wilson, and died April 24, 1821. His five children were: Jane, born May 16, 1813, married Daniel Bradshaw and had two children; Philip, born in 1815, died in 1855; Amy, born Dec. 24, 1817, married Willis Vertz, in August, 1838, and had thirteen children; John H., born in December, 1818, was married in August, 1838, to Sarah Wertz, and had thirteen children, Margaret (born Sept. 1, 1839, died April 5, 1843), Ambrose (born June 30, 1841), Mary (born Nov. 19, 1843, died June 30, 1844), Ireoni (born Aug. 25, 1845,

married Hiram Carl, had four children, and died March 4, 1879), Sara (born in December, 1846, died March 28, 1865), Sabina (born Nov. 13, 1847, married Dan. B. Brown in 1869 and had four children), David (born Feb. 9, 1849, died in infancy), Jane (born April 17, 1850, died in infancy), George W. (born April 23, 1851, married Caroline Gearhart), Wilson (born April 18, 1852, died in infancy), Elizabeth (born Nov. 4, 1853, died in infancy), Lydia C. (born July 18, 1855, married Jacob R. McGeily and had three children) and John H. (born Nov. 5, 1859, married Elizabeth Logan and had one child); Isaac S., born Oct. 4, 1819, married April 20, 1848, Jane A. DeHaas, and died Oct. 29, 1864, at Fortress Monroe, the father of six children, Wilson (born Dec. 5, 1848, died Dec. 1, 1850), William R. (born Dec. 5, 1851, died Sept. 3, 1852), Luella (born Dec. 25, 1852, married Charles Baum Nov. 14, 1872, and had one child), Sara J. (born Jan. 1, 1855, married William E. Wise Jan. 1, 1872, and had three children), Mary E. (born Jan. 15, 1857, married William Cleinfelter Jan. 15, 1874, and had one child) and Elvira F. (born Dec. 25, 1858, married William C. King Sept. 15, 1881).

(4) Priscilla, born March 17, 1794, died Jan. 2, 1883.

(5) Robert, born April 1, 1796, married Ann Moore Nov. 3, 1818, and they had two children: Susan A., born Dec. 29, 1820, who married James M. Thompson March 30, 1841, had three children, and died Sept. 28, 1849; and Elizabeth, born May 17, 1822, who married John S. Thompson Dec. 30, 1843, and had seven children. On April 1, 1827, Robert Campbell married (second) Sara Brees, who was born May 31, 1808, in Sussex county, N. J., and died Dec. 16, 1853. He died Aug. 18, 1841, in Elmira, N. Y. To them were born the following children: Nancy, born June 30, 1828, who died young; John, born Sept. 20, 1829, who died young; Goodman, born Sept. 5, 1830, who married Ada J. Elston Jan. 9, 1857, and died March 16, 1864, while serving in the army (his four children were Edward, who died young; Frances A., born Aug. 15, 1859, who married George Randal March 15, 1880, and had one child; Sara Jane, born May 10, 1861, deceased; and Anna G., born May 10, 1863); Jeremiah, born Oct. 7, 1832, who died Aug. 8, 1842; Phoebe A., born Jan. 27, 1835, who married Koran J. Parker Jan. 24, 1866, and had one child; Gelena, born Dec. 26, 1836, who married Samuel W. Hunt; and Miranda, born March 3, 1839, who married Abram Elston Jan. 9, 1857, and had three children.

(6) Isaac, born May 12, 1798, married June 6, 1817, Sophia Garrison, and died June 1, 1854. They were the parents of nine children, viz.: Mary Ann, born April 7, 1818, married John Fortner May 4, 1848, and had two children; David S., born Aug. 5, 1821, married Eunice R. Smith Dec.

5, 1844, and had children, Freeman (born Sept. 20, 1845), Marilla J. (born Aug. 11, 1849, married Lorenzo D. Smith and had four children), David O. (born Dec. 13, 1851, married Elmira C. Water April 7, 1874), Isaac W. (born Aug. 11, 1855, married Mara J. Reed Nov. 24, 1878, and had two children), Clark F. (born Sept. 8, 1857, married Ida Smith Dec. 30, 1880), Sara A. T. (born Oct. 9, 1860), John J. (born Jan. 1, 1863) and George S. (born Feb. 12, 1868); Elizabeth, born Jan. 28, 1823, died March 28, 1825; Peter G. is fully mentioned later; Sophia, born July 25, 1827, married Edwin Fox March 12, 1845, and had four children; Evan O. J., born Jan. 27, 1830, married Mary F. Anderson Sept. 2, 1855, and had three children, of whom Mary Ellen, born July 5, 1860, married Montgomery Connors; John G., born March 2, 1832, married Emma Sharp Sept. 18, 1858, and died March 20, 1863 (they had three children); Isaac W., born Aug. 6, 1834, married Sara J. Humbert Oct. 30, 1862, and had four children; Sara F., born Dec. 31, 1837, married Everitt G. Pierce May 8, 1866, and had two children.

(7) Elizabeth, born Oct. 18, 1802, was married March 18, 1824, to Evan O. Jackson, of Berwick, Pa., and died March 12, 1871, in Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. Jackson was born July 1, 1801, and died July 24, 1869. They had a family of ten children, namely: Mary died young; Elisha B., born Dec. 18, 1826, married Lavina W. Barstow, of Hoops Valley, N. Y., Dec. 26, 1861 (who died Feb. 18, 1862), and (second) Emma L. Foulon, Dec. 5, 1864 (they had four children); Josiah C., born Dec. 13, 1828, married Elizabeth Cruise May 1, 1872; Rebecca, born July 29, 1832, died young; Evan O., born March 3, 1836, died Aug. 4, 1863; Joseph, born June 11, 1839, died May 13, 1856; Edwin F., born Feb. 13, 1842, married March 14, 1873, Elizabeth Flore and died Oct. 19, 1876; Clara P. and John C., born July 30, 1844, died in infancy; and William C., born Feb. 21, 1847, died July 3, 1847.

(8) Rachel, born March 22, 1807, died Aug. 22, 1807.

(9) Rebecca, born Nov. 7, 1808, married Oct. 15, 1833, Joseph C. Bell, of New York, and was the mother of six children: Charles O., born Aug. 8, 1835, died June 25, 1855, at Chicago, Ill.; Will. A., born Sept. 28, 1835, died Oct. 1, 1877; Fred R., born Feb. 1, 1839, died Oct. 25, 1845; Joseph T., born Jan. 1, 1841, was married in June, 1869, to Nettie Larison, and died April 6, 1871; Elizabeth R., born June 4, 1843, married Henry F. Benson July 18, 1876; Josephine C., born Jan. 8, 1845, married Fred W. Hovey Sept. 29, 1869, and had three children.

Peter G. Campbell, son of Isaac and Sophia (Garrison) Campbell, was born Feb. 16, 1825, and on May 20, 1850, married Susan Barlinger. To them were born nine children: Clarina J., born

Aug. 6, 1851, married Jane Barr Dec. 20, 1874, and had three children, Emma, Harry and Pearl; Charles H., born June 24, 1853, married Mary Campbell and they have three children, Desda, Alma and Robert; Isaac, born Oct. 15, 1855, died in 1887; William, born May 22, 1858, died Aug. 28, 1860; Franklin, born Oct. 18, 1860, married Mary Reeder and has one child; Annie S., born May 20, 1863, married S. Yeager and has three children, Helen, Howard and Elizabeth; Mary M., born Sept. 27, 1864, married Hudson Savidge and has one daughter, Edna; Katie, born Nov. 19, 1866, died Nov. 9, 1877; Ambrose S. is mentioned below.

Ambrose S. Campbell, born Nov. 18, 1868, received his education in the public schools of Northumberland county and at Fort Wayne, Ind. He now owns a farm of 103 acres in Rush township, Northumberland county, and is successfully engaged in farming, trucking and fruit growing. He married Ella Savidge, and they are the parents of two children, Margaret and Russell. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell are members of the Presbyterian Church, and he is a Democrat in politics.

The Savidge family, to which Mrs. Ambrose S. Campbell belongs, has long been settled in Northumberland county, Enos Savidge, the founder of the family in this region, coming hither from New Jersey between 1785 and 1790. He was the father of the following children: (1) John married a Miss McCloughan, and they had two children, Frederick S. and Caroline (Mrs. Minier). Frederick S. Savidge married Rachel Elizabeth Lamberson, daughter of Nicholas and Fannie (Kimbald) Lamberson, and their children are Frances Elma, who married Samuel Pretty; Caroline Rebecca, who married Joshua McDonnell (their children are Franklin, Ernest, Clayton C. and Elma); Ifa Eldora, wife of Samuel Cotner (they have one child, Charles C.); Rufus R., who married Laura Richie (they have children Ethel and Aldred); William, who married Sara Anderson (they had one child, who is deceased); Walter F., who married Lillian Haughwout (their children are Helen and Harold); Hudson K.; Ralph, who married Ella Wyne (children, Russell and Martha); Anna, wife of W. R. Burd (she has a son Samuel, daughter Elnora May and other children); Olive, Mrs. William Deibert; John H.; and Hattie, wife of Fred Snyder (three children, Paul, Rachel and John). (2) Henry married Sarah Teitz and had one child, Mary. (3) William married Mary Ann Vastine and had a son Jared. (4) Samuel K. married Ellen Campbell and had three children, Hon. Clinton R., Harmon C. and Lizzie A., the latter the wife of Willard Robinson. (5) Enos, Jr., died at the age of thirty-six. (6) Frederick died young. (7) Elizabeth married Valentine Hausworth and had children John and Eliza. (8) Susan married William Hile and they had six children, Martha,



George, Priscilla, John, Emma and Alfred. (9) Rachel married Solomon Hartzel and had children Catherine and Isabella. (10) Mary married Philip Andrews and had children, Eliza, David and Amanda. (11) Isaac.

Isaac Savidge, son of Enos, was born in 1801, and died in 1862. He married Mary Campbell, who was born in 1803, and died in 1875, the mother of four children, as follows: (1) Rosetta married George Gonsar and had Emeline (who died young) and Mary C. (married Peter Statzell and had children Archie, Clyde, Frank and Harry). (2) Malissa married George Deibler and had two children, Emma (married D. Koder and had children, George and Ella) and Gertrude (unmarried). (3) William died single. (4) Henry T.

Henry T. Savidge, son of Isaac, born May 8, 1836, married Margaret Moore, daughter of Michael Moore, and they had two daughters: Anna M. married Percy Culp, and had children Sadie, Clyde and Nora; Ella married Ambrose S. Campbell.

Mrs. Mary (Campbell) Savidge, wife of Isaac Savidge, was a daughter of John Campbell and granddaughter of Obadiah Campbell, who came with his family from New Jersey to Rush township, Northumberland county, and settled near Elysburg.

**CLARK.** The Clark family is of early record in Northumberland county. One Jonathan Clark lived above Sunbury, in the vicinity of Klinesgrove, where he owned property and followed farming. He is buried in that section. His children were: William, John, Samuel, Wesley, Peggy (married Robert Campbell) and Mrs. Kuhrs. Of these, William settled at Roaring Creek; he had a son William. John was a farmer in his early life, but moved to Sunbury, where he lived and died; he also had a son William and daughters Mary Ann, Jane, Elizabeth and Ellen.

Wesley Clark, born above Sunbury, lived later where his son Frank is now located, in Lower Augusta township. He was a farmer, and his home place consisted of thirty-five acres, besides which he had a tract of twenty-seven acres. He died where his son Frank now lives, and is buried at the Presbyterian Church near which he lived. His wife was Mercy Yoxthimer, who came from the same vicinity as her husband, and their children were Benjamin, Malinda (died in infancy), Frank, Charles and Perry (of Juniata county, Pa.).

Frank Clark is a farmer in Lower Augusta township, where he was born May 12, 1858, and educated in the local schools. When twenty-one he began farming on his own account, and after one year spent in the employ of others he became a tenant, about 1895 acquiring possession of the homestead. He built the present house and barn upon this tract, putting up the house in 1894, and has made

a number of improvements on the property which have added materially to its value. He married Mary Adaline Renn, daughter of John Renn, and they have had a large family: Ira married Mary Conrad and lives in Rockefeller township; John married Mary Snyder and is living in Lower Augusta township; Dean S. married Lena Kimball and they live in Sunbury; Herbert married Esther Wolf and they live in Rockefeller township; William is married to Carrie Duttinger and living in New Columbia, Pa.; Walter married Jennie Wilkison and they reside in Rockefeller township; Frank married Maud Bobb and makes his home in Milton, Pa.; George, Ida, Hazel and Annie are unmarried.

Ulrich Clark, the founder of one branch of the family now flourishing in Northumberland county, was a native of New Jersey, and came hither in young manhood, making the journey by wagon. He came by way of Reading and up the well known Tulpehocken pike through Harrisburg, and met with a band of Indians, whom he saw kill a small child, so that his first impressions of the new region were not reassuring. He settled in Upper Augusta township with his then small family, and devoted his time to clearing his land and farming.

Jackson (or John, as he was also known) Clark, son of Ulrich, was a boy of twelve when he came with his father to Northumberland county, and he was reared to farming, which he in turn took up on his own account. He became the owner of seven hundred acres in Upper Augusta township, where he lived to the end of his days, dying there. He is buried in the Mount Pleasant Church cemetery in that township. Mr. Clark was a well known man of his day. He married Miss Thomas, who was a member of a Southern family, and they had a family of seven children: William K. is mentioned below; Mary married Jacob Haupt; Louisa married Ira Shipe; Jane was twice married, her second husband being George Beard; Rebecca married Moses Shipe (brother of Ira); Elizabeth married Henry Poyer; Ellen married Silas Conrad (brother of Mrs. Harriet Eckman, of Sunbury). (At Mount Pleasant Church are buried John Clark, who died April 28, 1874, aged seventy-one years, seven months, nineteen days; and his wife Margaret, who died Nov. 25, 1876, aged seventy-one years, three months, twenty-four days. It seems reasonable to suppose that these are the John Clark and wife referred to in this paragraph.)

William K. Clark was born Jan. 25, 1830, in Upper Augusta township, and died May 1, 1895, in Sunbury. He owned a fine farm in Upper Augusta township, where he followed farming for several years, and for a number of years he was also engaged in the mercantile business, eventually removing to Sunbury, where he ended his days. He was a Republican in politics, and in



religion a member of the Methodist Church. Mr. Clark married Mary Ann Newberry, who was born Dec. 18, 1831, in Point township, Northumberland county, and died March 4, 1906. Her father was a Revolutionary soldier. Mr. and Mrs. Clark were the parents of eight children, namely: Sallie married R. B. Campbell, and had three children, Fannie, Mary and Earle; Wilson Howard is mentioned below; John Sterling, born March 31, 1861, is a farmer in Upper Augusta township; Elmer E. is mentioned below; Maggie, deceased, was the wife of John Cassett (she left no children); Robert is a resident of Plymouth, Pa.; William C. married; Hunter J. married.

WILSON HOWARD CLARK, who is now engaged in general farming in Upper Augusta township, was born in that township July 4, 1858, and there attended public school in his boyhood. For some years he was employed by the Sunbury Gas Company, and he followed the same line of work for a number of years, in Ohio, Indiana (at Goshen), New Orleans (La.) and Plymouth, Pa., where he lived for a number of years. He remained there until 1905, in which year he returned to his native township, where he has a farm of 137 acres. He is engaged in general agricultural work, in which he has been very successful, and is one of the most respected citizens of his section. He is a Republican in politics, and he and his family are Methodists in religious matters.

On June 26, 1880, Mr. Clark married Hannah Shonk, daughter of Caleb Shonk, who lived at Plymouth, Pa.; the Shonk family came into this section from New Jersey. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Clark: Howard Wilson, Jr.; Caleb S.; William K.; Helen M., who is a student at Ursinus College, at Collegeville, Pa.; and Walter F.

ELMER E. CLARK has been in business in Sunbury since 1907, in which year he bought out the well known and old established planing mill of the late Ira T. Clement, which he now conducts under the name of the Sunbury Lumber Manufacturing Company, doing planing mill work of all kinds. The plant is one of the important factors in the industrial prosperity of the borough, and Mr. Clark has, by his ability and enterprise, shown himself worthy to be classed among Sunbury's substantial business men. He was born April 21, 1862, in Point township, Northumberland county, and received his education in the public schools of Upper Augusta township. He worked for his father on the farm until he went to Danville, Pa., where he was employed in a rolling mill for two years, after which he went to Plymouth, Luzerne Co., Pa., where he also remained two years, engaged in the mines and as a clerk. Following this he took a course at Coleman's business college, in Newark, N. J., from which institution he was graduated. He was married there and then went

to West Virginia, where he acquired extensive interests in the lumber business, manufacturing all kinds of lumber, becoming president of a bank, and otherwise maintaining important business associations in his section. Meantime he became a member of the firm of Clark Brothers, composed of himself and his brothers W. C. and H. J. Clark, who established their extensive plant at Plymouth, Pa., which through their experience, energy and ability has attained the distinction of being the largest of its kind in central Pennsylvania. The business at Plymouth was under the direction of the other two brothers, Elmer E. Clark looking after their interests in West Virginia during his residence in that State. The Clark Brothers established the Sunbury Lumber Manufacturing Company on the property forming a part of the estate of the late Ira T. Clement, on Race street, adjoining the lines of the Pennsylvania railroad, at Sunbury. The lumber business of that borough is one of its most valuable industrial assets, giving it high standing as a commercial and shipping center, and the Sunbury Lumber Manufacturing Company soon took its place among the most prosperous institutions of its kind. Mr. W. C. Clark took the management of the Sunbury plant, which was equipped with all modern machinery and devices necessary to the production of high-grade woodwork, a sixty horse power engine supplying the motive force. The lumber yard carries the largest stock of seasoned timber of any similar concern in Sunbury, and a switch connecting it with the railroad makes the facilities for transportation particularly good. The firm has handled some very large contracts.

After a residence of nineteen years in Virginia Mr. Clark returned to his native county, in 1907, giving his time to the conduct of the old established planing mill purchased from the Ira T. Clement estate. He owns this mill, but it is now idle. The business, located at Third and Arch streets, is at one of the oldest stands in this district, and Mr. Clark has enjoyed a large trade in all kinds of mill work, giving regular employment to between thirty-five and forty mechanics. He has made a specialty of hard wood interior finish, turning out rough and dressed lumber, the business being very comprehensive and meeting every demand of the local trade. He expanded the business steadily by progressive methods and honorable dealing, and has shown himself an exemplary member of a family which has long and excellent standing in this locality.

On Nov. 23, 1888, Mr. Clark married Isabella Forrester, daughter of George and Ellen (Campbell) Forrester and granddaughter of James Forrester. Mr. and Mrs. Clark have had two children, Chester D. (who graduated from Pennsylvania State College in 1911) and Flossie E. They reside at No. 1119 East Market street, in

one of the finest homes of the borough, a beautiful Colonial residence which Mr. Clark built in 1905. Socially Mr. Clark holds membership in Our Lodge, No. 131, F. & A. M., and in Salem Chapter, R. A. M., of Cumberland, Md. He is a Methodist in religious connection.

One William Clark bought on Feb. 17, 1786, a warrant of land containing 298 acres, from George Pearson, land agent. Part of this tract is now owned by Jacob Keefer, at Keefer's station, in Upper Augusta township. On Feb. 23, 1789, William Clark bought another tract of land in Upper Augusta township, from George Withington. His son, George Clark, lived in Derry township, Northumberland (now Montour) Co., Pa., and died Feb. 5, 1813, in the house he had occupied for over two years before that event. His wife's name was Mary; and his father, William, was then deceased.

Robert Clark, pioneer of White Deer township, Northumberland (now Union) county, was one of the earliest of the family in this region and probably brother of William, above, as he was one of several brothers, Walter, William (?), James, Adam and himself, as well as some sisters; there may have been brothers John and Joseph also. In his will, made Dec. 23, 1790, probated May 31, 1798, his son George and "my brother" Walter Clark are appointed executors, and he gives his beloved wife Jean Clark twelve pounds yearly, the oldest mare, her saddle and bridle, milk cow, the case of drawers that stand in back room, her wheel and reel, 2 "cheers," all the "citchen" furniture; his daughter Elenor Fruit fifty pounds; his daughter Margaret Clark one feather bed and bed clothes, new saddle and bridle and wheel and one hundred pounds money; he also mentions his daughter Agnes Clark, and sons Robert (to receive one hundred pounds when he comes of age), George, Charles and John. There may have also been a son Jonathan. Of these sons,

John Clark, who lived in White Deer township, Northumberland (now Union) county, died there prior to June 21, 1810. He made his last will and testament May 1, 1810, and in it we find: "I nominate my uncle William Clark and my dear brother Robert Clark my executors." His brother Robert was the executor. Items of the will were: "I bequest 225 pounds to my brother Robert Clark. I bequest 125 pounds to be divided betwixt Polly, Jane and Charles Clark, the children of my brother Charles Clark, deceased. I bequest the same unto my brother George Clark, and my sisters Elenor Frust, Margaret Donnaly and Nancy Finney."

Adam Clark, who lived and died in what is now Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, left a large estate which he divided by will (made April 15, 1803) as follows: "To my daughter Jane Eustice 100 pounds; to my daughter Mattie Clark 100 pounds; to grandsons Abner

and Alexander Clark I bequest 458 acres of land in Bigtree township, Ontario County, N. Y.; to granddaughter Margaret Clark 100 pounds when she becomes eighteen; to grandson Adam Clark 300 pounds; to granddaughter Margaret Sayers 25 pounds; to my niece Ann Falkner 25 pounds; the balance of my estate I bequest unto my grandchildren Abner, Alexander, Margaret and Adam Clark, and Margaret Sayers." The executors were John Wilson, Esq., of Chillisquaque township, and John Montgomery, of Mahoning township.

John Clark (e), of West Buffalo township, then in Northumberland county, made his will Dec. 9, 1807, and it was probated March 9, 1809. In it he mentions Jane, who married David Watson, and William and Jane, children of his son Joseph Clarke.

John Clark (who it is said had a brother Jonathan in Northumberland county) came from New Jersey and settled in Upper Augusta township, Northumberland county. He is buried at Snyder-town. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. He was a farmer, and owned the place now the property of Daniel Kembel. He was twice married, but had no children by his second wife, whose maiden name was Guss. His family was as follows: Elizabeth, who married Henry Cooner; Rebecca, who married Samuel Wallize; Jonathan; Mary, who married Solomon Sterner; Lukens; Samuel, who died in Rush township; John, who lived in Upper Augusta township; and William.

William Clark, son of John, above, was born in Upper Augusta township and lived on Little Roaring creek, in Rush township, where he owned two farms, having about three hundred acres of land. He was a member and trustee of the Rush Presbyterian Church, and is buried at that church. He was quite active in local affairs, serving as overseer of the poor and in other offices. To his marriage with Jane Moore were born seven children, namely: Lukens lived in Iowa; Asenath married John Bird; Hamilton lived in Catawissa, Pa.; Mary married Clinton Kase; Margaret married John Wallize; William lived in Rush township; Sarah Ellen married Philip M. Forrester and is now (1911) past seventy years of age.

Henry Clark, from whom another branch of this family is descended, was a farmer in Upper Mahantango township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., owning a farm in his earlier life, and later was a butcher and laborer. He was a member of Salem Church, where he is buried. His children were: John S.; Joel, of Pitman, Pa.; Frank, of Upper Mahanoy township; Polly, who married John Klock; Abbie, who married Chester Dressler; Elmira, who married Enoch Wehry; Angelina, who married Harry Bobbenmoyer, an extensive contractor of Lebanon, Pa.; and Amelia, who married Benjamin Fetter.

John S. Clark, son of Henry, is a farmer in



Upper Mahantango township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he owns a fifty-acre property which he cultivates. He has been a useful citizen of his locality, and has served a number of years as school director and supervisor. In politics he is a Democrat, and his religious connection is with Salem Lutheran and Reformed Church, of which he has been deacon and trustee and is at present serving as elder. His wife also belongs to that church. Mr. Clark married Sophia Romberger, daughter of Henry Romberger, of Upper Mahantango township, Schuylkill county, and they have had a large family: Mary, who married Charles Wiest; Jane, who died aged twenty-one years, three months, three days; Barbara, who married Albert Schwalm (brother of Mrs. H. Preston Clark); H. Preston; Daniel R., of Valley View, Pa.; Catharine J., who married William Fetter; Bertha, who married Robert Wolfgang; Mabel; John, and Gurney W.

H. PRESTON CLARK, son of John S., was born April 27, 1876, in Upper Augusta township, where he obtained his education in the common schools. He was reared to farming, which he began for himself in the spring of 1901, at his present home in Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, where he owns eighty-nine acres. This was formerly a Rebuck homestead, and part of the farm was owned by the Simmis family, who were colored people; they are buried in a private lot on the Ammon Knorr farm. Mr. Clark built his barn in 1904.

On Aug. 28, 1900, Mr. Clark married Ida Schwalm, daughter of Fred and Sarah (Rubenthal) Schwalm, and granddaughter of Frederick Schwalm. Five children have been born to them, Sadie E. (who died in infancy), Carrie S., Edgar A., Della L. and Calvin A. Mr. Clark and his family are members of the Reformed congregation at the Salem Church, which he has served as deacon.

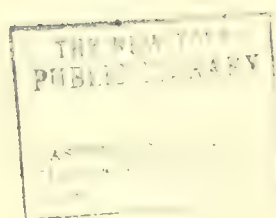
JACOB WARNER MIFFLIN, of Paxinos, Northumberland county, senior member of the firm of Mifflin & Miller, manufacturers of brick and dealers in lumber and other commodities, is also extensively engaged as a contractor and builder, his work in that line taking him all over the county. His interests in this region are varied, and he is recognized as one of its most progressive citizens, exercising a wholesome influence upon its industrial welfare and active in its best development. He is a native of the county, born Jan. 28, 1871, at Bear Gap, and comes of a family of English origin which has been settled in America since early Colonial times. The generations of the family are numbered beginning with the first ancestor in this country.

(I) John Mifflin was born in 1638 in Warminster, Wiltshire, England, whence he came to America with his son John in the year 1676, or be-

tween that year and 1679. It is probable that they sailed in one of the five ships containing colonists who were members of the Society of Friends, who disembarked at what is now Burlington, N. J., in 1677 or 1678. They were prominent in the early history of Philadelphia, where they eventually settled. After working some time among the Swedes, upon the banks of the Delaware and Schuylkill rivers, until they could fix upon a place to settle, they chose a tract lying on the east side of the Schuylkill, which they took up on the Duke of York's patent. The title, dated from the court of Upland or Chester (then held at Kingsess), 8th month, 13, 1680, named the area as 300 acres, but it was resurveyed in 1682 and patent taken under William Penn, the original title being confirmed by Penn 5th month, 18, 1684; the tract was then designated as containing 270 acres. The Mifflins settled there on the 13th of the 8th month, 1680, living in a small house near the riverside. John Mifflin named the place "Fountain Green" and it is now included in Fairmount park, in Philadelphia. The dwelling which stood until comparatively recent times was situated in the ravine below and to the west of the site of the Smith Memorial Children's Playhouse, and to the east of the Benedict Arnold house. A guard who was employed in the park for over twenty-five years remembered seeing the house in 1871 and described it as a large dwelling, with pillars supporting the front porch. All that now remains to mark the site is the spring which is known to have been at the rear of the house and the stumps of two giant chestnut trees that stood in front of the house. The wife of John Mifflin, the elder, followed him to America, coming from England soon after the marriage of the son John, but she died soon after her arrival. He subsequently removed to Merion, Pa., where he married his second wife, Eleanora, about 1685. He died in Philadelphia on the 4th of the 7th month, 1716, when over seventy years old, his second wife surviving him.

(II) John Mifflin, son of John, came to America with his father. He was born in 1661 in Wiltshire, England, and married Elizabeth Hardy, who was about twenty-one when she came over with William Penn on his first voyage, in 1682, from Derbyshire, England, with a shipload of Derbyshire people who settled on Darby creek, and called the place Darby Town. Soon afterward John Mifflin, who lived four or five miles distant, became acquainted with her, and their marriage was solemnized at a Meeting of Friends held at Chester or near it on the 6th of 12th month, 1683 or 1684. Upon his father's removal to Merion, as above related, John Mifflin purchased the whole of the property and resided there until his death, which occurred the 4th of the 4th month, 1714, in his fifty-fourth year. His wife, who was







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born about 1663, survived him, dying in Philadelphia 21st of 6th month, 1736. They had children as follows: (1) Edward, born in 1685, is the next in line to Jacob Warner Mifflin. (2) George, born in 1688, lived in Philadelphia, and was admitted a freeman of that city in April, 1717. He was a merchant, 1736; member of council, 1730; member of governor's council, 1730; owner, 1731; and interested in the Colebrookdale Furnace, the oldest in Pennsylvania, erected in 1720. He was married in Philadelphia to Esther Codery, daughter of Hugh and Deborah Codery, and they were the grandparents of Thomas Mifflin, governor of Pennsylvania. Mr. Mifflin died at Philadelphia 10th of 4th month, 1758. By his father's will he received a house and lot on the south side of High street. (3) John, born in 1690, was admitted a freeman of Philadelphia in April, 1717, and lived there and in Kent county, Del., dying in the latter place about 1733. His wife's name was Elizabeth. (4) Elizabeth, born in 1692, married Benjamin Oram about 1714, and died about 1732. (5) Patience, born in 1694, died unmarried in 1717. (6) Jane, born in 1696, was married in Philadelphia in 1717 to John Waller. (7) Samuel, born in 1698, died in Philadelphia in 1724. His wife's name was Elizabeth. (8) Jonathan, born in 1699, died in 1700. (9) Jonathan (2), born at "Fountain Green" 12th of 4th month, 1704, died 15th of 10th month, 1781. He lived on a plantation near the Germantown road. In 1776 he wrote a history of the Mifflin family. In 1723 he married in Philadelphia Sarah Robinson; in 1752 he married (second) Rebecca Evans, and in 1758 he married (third) Sarah Powell.

(III) Edward Mifflin, eldest son of John, was born in 1685, and removed to Accomac county, Va. He married Mary Eyre, daughter of Daniel and Ann (Neech) Eyre, of Northampton county, Va., and they had children: John, Daniel, Ann, Samuel and Southey. Edward Mifflin died in 1743, his widow in 1775. Most of their descendants reside in Camden, Delaware.

(IV) Daniel Mifflin, of Accomac county, Va., son of Edward, was born in 1722, and died in 1795. He was the father of fourteen children, five by his first marriage, to Mary Warner: Warner, mentioned below; Edward, born in 1747, who died in infancy; Anna, born in 1748; Sarah, born in 1751; and Daniel, born 7th of 4th month, 1754, who married Deborah Howell in 1778 and died 31st of 12th month, 1812. By his second wife, Ann, he had nine children, namely: Walker, Mary, Ann, Elizabeth, Sarah, Eyre, Rebecca, Patience and Elizabeth (2).

(V) Warner Mifflin, son of Daniel, born in 1745, died in 1798. Through the interest and efforts of his descendants the fence surrounding the now abandoned Murtherkill or Motherkill burying ground was replaced (1904) and a stone

bearing the following inscription placed on the lot:

Motherkill Burying Ground  
Within This Enclosure  
Are Interred The Remains  
of

Warner Mifflin  
Friend, Philanthropist, Patriot  
Born Aug. 21, 1745  
Died October 16, 1798

His plantation, an extensive one, was near Franklin City, and commanded a fine view of Chincoteague Bay and Island. "Pharsalis," the residence, is still standing, and was described by a visitor in 1903 as a house which gave evidence of having been a fine place in its day.

Warner Mifflin's first marriage, which took place in Philadelphia, was to Elizabeth Johns, and to them were born nine children: (1) Mary, born 21st of 4th month, 1768, died 23d of 2d month, 1783. (2) Elizabeth, born 14th of 2d month, 1770, died 29th of 2d month, 1770. (3) Elizabeth (2), born 26th of 1st month, 1771, married Clayton Cowgill in 1792. (4) Sarah, born 4th of 4th month, 1773, died 7th month, 1773. (5) Ann, born 20th of 9th month, 1774, married Warner Rasin, of Maryland, in 1795. (6) Warner is mentioned below. (7) Susanna, born 24th of 7th (or 8th) month, 1779, married John Cowgill, of Little Creek. (8) Hannah, born 30th of 10th month, 1781, died 11th of 5th month, 1785. (9) Sarah, born 9th of 12th month, 1784, married Daniel Neall, of Philadelphia, in 1810, and died 5th of 2d month, 1837.

By his second marriage, which also took place in Philadelphia, to Ann Emlen, Mr. Mifflin had three children: Samuel E., born in 1790; Lemuel, born in 1792; and Mary Ann, born in 1795, who died the same year.

(VI) Warner Mifflin, son of Warner, was born the 6th of 4th month, 1777, and died in 1840. On 8th of 3d month, 1810, he was married to Sarah Ann Newlin, daughter of Thomas Newlin, of Chester county, Pa., and his second marriage, on 18th of 10th month, 1825, was to Elizabeth Laws, of Philadelphia, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (John) Laws.

(VII) Dr. GEORGE W. MIFFLIN, son of Warner, was born Dec. 30, 1834, and when a young man prepared himself for the dental profession at Philadelphia. He followed it for some time, at Catwissa and at Bear Gap, Pa., and finally settled at Paxinos, Northumberland county, where he built the well known "Paxinos Hotel." He conducted that hostelry successfully for about twenty-six years, and meantime was the main factor in the development of the place, building all but one of the houses in the village. Retiring from the hotel business he removed to Bloomsburg, Columbia Co., Pa., where he died March 23, 1901. During the Civil war he enlisted in the Union serv-



son, from Erie, Pa. He was one of the best known residents of his district, a man of many friends, and well liked by all who knew him. On May 27, 1861, Dr. M. E. Leisenring, Mary E. Leisenring, who was born in 1840, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Bucher) Leisenring, and granddaughter of Henry Bucher, of Shamokin, this county. Jacob Leisenring was born July 14, 1794, and died May 11, 1878; his wife Mary (Bucher) died in 1873, aged seventy-three years, six months. Mrs. Mifflin died June 2, 1909, and was buried at the Blue church. Two children were born to her and her husband: Jacob Warner and Elizabeth, the latter dying at the age of thirteen years.

(VIII) Jacob Warner Mifflin attended public school in Shamokin township and later was a student in the Bloomsburg normal school and the Shamokin Business College. From that time on he was engaged in mercantile business until he entered his present firm, in 1908, at which time he formed a partnership with E. J. Miller, to engage in the manufacture of brick. The firm of Mifflin & Miller conducts the brickyard founded by Daniel Swank, one of the first operated in this district, and does a large business, giving employment to about twenty-five men. They are also dealers in coal, sand, lime, cement and lumber. Mr. Mifflin has also been engaged in contracting and building for some years, doing a large business in that line all over Northumberland county. As a live, enterprising business man, one who possesses the qualities of leadership in the industrial world, he is regarded as second to none in his town and district, and his well directed energy has not only brought prosperity to him but to the community in which he resides.

On June 24, 1897, Mr. Mifflin married Mary Moore, daughter of Capt. John and Emma (Barton) Moore, the former of whom was captain of Company I, 13th Regiment, Indiana Volunteers, during the Civil war. Mr. and Mrs. Mifflin have had two children: John Warner, born May 4, 1899; and Elizabeth, born Feb. 28, 1902. Mr. Mifflin is a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, while his wife is an Episcopalian. Socially he holds membership in the B. P. O. Elks (Shamokin Lodge), Knights of the Golden Eagle and Royal Arcanum. He is a Democrat in his political views.

**TRESSLER.** The Tresslers of Northumberland county are a family of German origin which has been settled in Pennsylvania since 1749. The name is properly Dressler, but all save one of Jacob Tressler's children and their descendants have spelled it Tressler since 1854. Since John Tressler, for fifty years a justice of the peace of Washington township, Northumberland county, the oldest justice as regards length of service in that county; his brother Isaac B. Tressler, post-

master at Mahanoy, and the best known man in Adams township, and a part of Northumberland county: Cornelius M. Tressler, an intelligent citizen of Lower Mahanoy township—these men and their families all represent a type of citizenship which has made the name respected wherever known.

Four Dressler brothers came to America during the middle half of the eighteenth century, John, Jacob David, Peter and Michael, the first named, who settled in Greenwich township, Berks Co., Pa., where he was a farmer, being the ancestor of the line we are tracing. He emigrated to this country in 1749. His son Michael was a soldier under Washington in the Revolutionary war. Of the other three, Joseph David came to America in 1781; Peter came in 1739, when twenty-five years old; and Michael came in 1771.

Andrew Dressler, son of John, was born May 28, 1746, in Germany, near a "boor" called "Yakel," near the "Schwandenland." He was three years old when he came to America by his father in 1749, to Goshenhoppen, Berks Co., Pa. The Federal Census of 1790 records Andrew and Mich'l Dressler; George Tressler; Philip Tressler (one son above sixteen and three daughters); Andrew Dressler, of Greenwich township, with two sons and three daughters; and David Dressler, of Greenwich township, with two sons and one daughter. However, the Andrew Dressler (son of John) who was the ancestor of the Northumberland county Tresslers settled in early life at Loysville, in Perry county, Pa., where he married (first) Mary Loy, who bore him seven or eight children. All of these died but John Jacob Dressler, who is mentioned more fully below. For his second wife Andrew Dressler married Catharine Homan, of Germantown, near Philadelphia, and they had an only son, John. Andrew Dressler died Oct. 21, 1828, aged eighty-two years, at Loysville, Perry county, where he is buried. His second wife died May 12, 1850.

John Dressler, half-brother of John Jacob Dressler, was born July 22, 1803, and lived and died at Loysville. He donated the land upon which Dressler's Seminary was located (as well as the seminary building) to the Lutheran denomination for an orphans' home. In May, 1826, he married Elizabeth Loy, and they reared a family of thirteen children: John Andrew, Sarah Ann, Mary Catharine, Victor George, John William, Eliza Jane, Daniel Loy, Josiah Erva, Mary Ellen, Martin Luther, Matilda Emaline, Loyetta Elizabeth and Anna Margaretta. All but one of John's descendants who survive are scattered in the West, the exception being his daughter Loyetta Elizabeth, who was born Feb. 14, 1848, at Loysville, Perry Co., Pa., and was married Sept. 16, 1874 (by her brother, D. L. Dressler), to Henry Lewis Lark, of Berrysburg, Dauphin Co., Pa., who now resides in

Millersburg, Dauphin county; Mr. Lark is a prominent attorney at law of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

John Jacob Dressler, son of Andrew, was born Dec. 25, 1770, and was reared near Loysville, Perry county, being trained to farming, which he followed all his life. Soon after his marriage he moved from Perry county to Northumberland county, locating in Mahanoy township, and continued to live in this county for fifteen or twenty years. But before 1832 he had settled in Schuylkill county. While in Northumberland county he was a Lutheran member of St. Peter's Church at Mahanoy, and succeeded in obtaining a clear title for the church property by special act of Legislature. Mr. Dressler was married in Perry county to Susanna Hornall, who was born March 15, 1773, and died Jan. 31, 1845; he died April 5, 1852, and they are buried at the Salem Church, in Upper Mahantango township, Schuylkill county. They were the parents of ten children, as follows: Solomon, a farmer, lived and died in Washington township, Northumberland county; Elizabeth married William Dewitt and they lived in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county; Catharine married George Lahr and lived in Jackson township, this county, where both died; Jacob is mentioned below; Lydia married a Mr. Smith and they moved to Venango county, Pa.; Rebecca married David Zartman and lived in Washington township; Jonathan settled near Center Hall, in Center county, Pa.; Hannah married Godfried Thomas and lived in Jackson township; Henry settled with his brother-in-law, Mr. Smith, in Venango county, Pa.; Peter remained on the homestead in Upper Mahantango township, Schuylkill county.

Jacob Dressler, son of John Jacob, was born in Northumberland county in October, 1802, and died in October, 1850. He is interred in a private burial ground on his farm in Jackson township, Northumberland county. He was a stonemason and farmer, and prospered in his work, owning a farm of about 240 acres. Taking an active part in the public affairs of his community, he served as supervisor and in other local offices, and was a Democrat in political opinion. He was a most esteemed member of the Lutheran denomination, he and his family belonging to St. Peter's Church at Mahanoy, which he served officially as deacon, elder and trustee, being one of the zealous workers of the congregation. He married Mary (Polly) Billman, and they had a family of nine children, six sons and three daughters, namely: (1) Joseph, born in Schuylkill county Nov. 17, 1825, lived at the homestead of his father in Jackson township, later moving to Herndon, where he died Feb. 24, 1909. He is buried in St. Peter's cemetery at Mahanoy. He married Polly Peiffer, daughter of Michael Peiffer, and they had six children: William P., who is a farmer; John P., a

retired merchant at Herndon, who married Emma Wert; Henry, who died unmarried when about twenty years old; Jane, unmarried; Katie, who married William Deppen (who died leaving two sons, Irvin and William) and (second) Charles H. Raudenbush (she is now deceased); and Alice, who married George Ziegler, of Herndon. (2) Sarah, born Aug. 6, 1827, married Adam Daniel, and they lived in Washington township. Their family consisted of two sons and one daughter. Her husband dying, she married David Weary, of Schuylkill county, and died March 6, 1869. Her son John Daniel had died a few days previously, and her son Samuel Daniel a few days later. Mr. Weary died about the same time—the four deaths taking place in less than two weeks. All died of spotted fever. Malinda Daniel, the only daughter, survives; she was married to Isaac Schreider, a farmer of Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, now deceased. (3) Harriet, born March 29, 1829, married Benjamin Stepp, and died May 8, 1852, leaving one son, who died in infancy, and one daughter, Sarah, who married Benjamin Lenker. Mr. and Mrs. Lenker are both deceased, as is also Mr. Stepp; he and his wife are buried at Mahanoy. (4) Daniel, born Sept. 9, 1830, settled at Story City, Iowa, and died in 190-. He married Maggie Moser, who is still living in Story City, in the enjoyment of excellent health. Three sons were born to this union, Robert, Daniel and Charles, of whom Daniel is deceased; Robert and Charles are prosperous farmers, each having a farm in Iowa. (5) Hannah, born Jan. 20, 1832, was married Jan. 25, 1855, to Michael Emerick, who was born Nov. 27, 1832, and died Dec. 26, 1899. They lived in Jordan township. Mrs. Emerick now makes her home at Mandata. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Emerick: Sarah Minerva, born Jan. 29, 1856, is married to J. F. Blasser and resides near Millersburg, Pa.; Theodore, born July 22, 1857, married Rose Latsha and resides at Mahanoy, Pa. (they have no children); Louisa C., born Aug. 31, 1859, married Jonathan M. Byerly, who lives in Jordan township, and they reared nine children, Beecher N., Josephine, Claud Alvaretta, Hannah E., Elias Michael, Saloma E., Isaac T., Maude H., and Mark Jonathan; G. J. M., born Aug. 10, 1865, married Adeline Witmer; Dr. M. L., born Nov. 10, 1872, a resident of Hickory Corners, one of the leading physicians in his section of Northumberland county, married Katie E. Lenker, and they have had three children, their only son, John Paul Luther, dying May 18, 1902, aged two years, four months, two days; Ellen Miranda, born June 15, 1874, married Isaac R. Phillips, and they had one child, Hannah H. (6) John is mentioned below. (7) Jacob B., born in Jackson township Sept. 25, 1841, died at Mahanoy Sept. 19, 1881, and is buried in St. Peter's graveyard in Jackson township.



He was a Lutheran member of St. Peter's Church, at Mahanoy. By trade he was a plasterer, and for several years associated with his brother John in a general store business at Herndon. On Jan. 5, 1865, he married Susanna Hays, who survived him with eight children, Mary Sylvia (who died Jan. 7, 1882), Osmar Monitor, Eliza Irene, Edna Estie, Laura H., Isaac John, Kirby Jacob and Thomas Tilden. (8) Elias B. lives at Mahanoy. (9) Isaac B. is mentioned below. With the exception of the oldest son, Joseph, all of this family wrote the name Tressler, changing from "D" to "T" in 1854.

JOHN TRESSLER, son of Jacob and Mary (Billman) Dressler, was born in October, 1835, on a farm in Jackson township two miles southeast of what is now Herndon, and there received his early education in the old subscription schools. He was only fourteen when his father died, so his youthful advantages were somewhat limited, but nevertheless, by industry and perseverance, he managed to secure a good education. His first work on his own account was on the farm of his brother-in-law, Adam Daniel, who paid him \$35 a year. When sixteen years old he started to learn the trade of plasterer, with Jared Daniel, for whom he worked two summers, earning \$40 besides learning the business. Part of this time he was employed at Mount Carmel, and at that time there was not a house standing that is there now. Mr. Tressler followed the plasterer's trade for about twenty-five years altogether, receiving a dollar a day and his board after he had completed his apprenticeship. But in those days little or no plastering was done in the winter season, and he took advantage of this to improve himself mentally, during the winter of 1855-56 attending the academy at Berrysburg, in Dauphin county, of which Keneda Carlile was then principal. Remaining there until October, 1856, he returned to his old home and followed his trade, the following January going to Loysville, Perry county, where he also attended school, on the site of what is now the orphans' home at that point; the academy and a large tract of land about it were owned by his uncle, John Dressler, who, as above recorded, donated same for the orphans' home. At that time transportation facilities were so limited that Joseph Tressler, his older brother, took him to Loysville by team. Having prepared himself for teaching Mr. Tressler followed that profession for a number of years during the winter season, his first year's work being in Lower Mahanoy township, where he had a subscription school. For the next two terms he was at Urban, in Jordan township, later for four terms in Jackson township, and the last two terms in Schuylkill county. He taught nine terms in all, six in subscription schools and the last three under the free school system. For two years he was at Mandata. In the meantime, in the spring of 1857, he settled with

his mother on the place where he still lives, in Washington township, which he purchased at that time. With the exception of three years during which he was engaged in merchandising at Herndon he has lived there continuously since. The property comprises between three hundred and four hundred acres, eighty-five of which are cleared land. He has been a prosperous farmer, and since the fall of 1885 has also been engaged in the lumber business, running a steam sawmill. In 1876, in association with other citizens of his township, he organized the Stone Valley Mutual Fire Insurance Company, which obtained a charter from the State department during Governor Hartranft's administration, Feb. 15, 1877, and which has enjoyed an unbroken career of prosperity. Mr. Tressler has held the office of secretary ever since the organization. It is, however, in his capacity of justice of the peace that Mr. Tressler is best known to his fellow citizens and has been of the greatest service to his community. At the spring election of 1860, when he was but twenty-four years old, he was chosen justice of the peace for Washington township, and received his commission from Governor Packer, April 10th. He has been reelected to succeed himself at the end of each term since, having held the office now for fifty consecutive years—a record of long-continued confidence which he has well merited. He has tried many civil cases, but few of which have been appealed; has tried a number of criminal cases, the majority of which have been settled in his court; and, with all this, has always made it a rule, whenever possible, to settle cases out of court, not only because of the financial saving to those interested, but because it gives him more satisfaction to be able to adjust difficulties of any kind in that way. In hundreds of cases he has been successful in persuading people to settle their differences without resorting to the law, and he has saved his neighbors many dollars in legal costs in this way alone. Such is their confidence in him that he is constantly called upon to draw up deeds, and he has settled a large number of estates, either as administrator, executor or assignee, his services in this connection having proved most reliable in every instance. He has the patronage in matters of this kind of the residents of surrounding townships as well as those in his own neighborhood, his reputation for integrity, for intelligent counsel and as a disinterested adviser making him an authority consulted and respected by a very wide circle. His own modest and unassuming ways, excellent habits and prudent living have won him the esteem of the many who know and admire him.

Mr. Tressler has been a lifelong Democrat and quite active in the work of the organization, having served two years as member of the executive committee of the county and as delegate to three State conventions—at Williamsport, Harrisburg



and Altoona. He has been mentioned for county office on several occasions. For many years he has been a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, belonging to the Brick Church at Mahanoy, which he has served as trustee for over a quarter of a century.

On Dec. 25, 1857, Mr. Tressler married Leah Bordner, daughter of Jonathan and Leah (Kiehl) Bordner, of Lower Mahanoy township, and to them were born eight children, four sons and four daughters: Hannah M., who lives at home; Adam B., late of Mahanoy, Pa., who died Oct. 6, 1908, leaving his wife, Millie, and two children, C. C. (now professor at the Trevorton high school) and Gert-rude, who is also teaching school in the township; Henry A., a plasterer; Jacob F., a plasterer; Alvaretta, Mrs. John Kressinger; J. C., mentioned below; Leah S., Mrs. Samuel Diehl, of Mahanoy; and Emma J., Mrs. M. P. Bower, of Loyaltown, Dauphin Co., Pennsylvania.

J. C. TRESSLER, son of Squire John Tressler, was born July 15, 1873, in Washington township, and was there reared to farm life. He attended the public schools of the township and later the Keystone State Normal, at Kutztown, in 1893, receiving his license to teach from Prof. Ira Shipman in 1895. When a mere boy he had learned the trade of plasterer, working at same with his father and brothers during the summer months for a number of years, and he continued to do plastering in the season and to teach school during the winter for some years, teaching seven consecutive terms of school in Washington township. On March 19, 1906, he became tax clerk in the county commissioners' office, and was thus engaged until March 1, 1909, when he was appointed deputy prothonotary of the county by I. T. C. Dissinger. He gives all his time to the duties of this office, in which he is giving great satisfaction. Like his father, Mr. Tressler is an enthusiastic worker in the Democratic party, in whose local councils he is quite influential. In 1904 he was elected justice of the peace of Jordan township, but never took his commission. He is very well and favorably known all over this section.

On Aug. 29, 1896, Mr. Tressler married Agnes L. Geise, daughter of Daniel and Froene (Troutman) Geise, the former a prominent farmer near Urban, in Jordan township. Two children have been born to this union, William J. B. and Edna Rachel. Mr. Tressler and his family worship at the Mahanoy Lutheran Church, and he has been quite active in the life of that congregation, having served as superintendent of the Sunday school.

ISAAC B. TRESSLER, a prominent citizen of lower Northumberland county, residing at Mahanoy, in Jackson township, was born April 10, 1845, where he now lives. He received his early education in the public schools and later attended Free-

burg Academy. In 1861 he became clerk for William Wiest, who then conducted his general store in the old building at Mahanoy, and in 1869 he became a partner of Mr. Wiest under the firm name of Wiest & Tressler. Some years later the firm became I. B. Tressler & Co., and the store is now operated by Tressler, Schlegel & Co., who carry a full line of general merchandise. In 1871 the erection of the large brick store building, three stories high and 50 by 42 feet in dimensions, was begun, and the business has been established therein since Sept. 1, 1875. Mr. Tressler and Mr. Wiest erected the storehouse, warehouse, barns, etc., at Mahanoy. Mr. Tressler has prospered in all his undertakings, has been a director of the First National Bank of Herndon since 1905, and is regarded as one of the most substantial business men of Jackson township. He owns a farm of 110 acres in that township, a farm of ninety-five acres in Washington township and a farm of 138 acres near Gratz, in the Lykens valley. He is financially interested in the Aluminum Paint & Filler Company, whose plant is located at Dalmatia, this county. Mr. Tressler served many years as assistant postmaster at Mahanoy before he became postmaster, having been identified with the office since 1861. On March 4th of that year he was appointed assistant postmaster by William Wiest, postmaster, at Mahanoy, and remained in that office until 1881, when he was appointed postmaster to succeed Mr. Wiest. He held the office until he resigned, in 1907, in which year Adam B. Tressler (son of John), who had been his assistant for a number of years, was appointed. The latter served until his death, Oct. 6, 1908, when Isaac B. Tressler was again appointed, and he is still serving, his son, Lloyd J. Tressler, acting as his assistant. He is a Democrat in politics and a Lutheran in religion, holding membership in St. Peter's Church at Mahanoy, which he has served as deacon and treasurer for a number of years.

On Sept. 10, 1871, Mr. Tressler married Wilhelmina Bower, daughter of the late Jacob Bower, and they had a family of four children, three of whom are deceased. The survivor, Lloyd J. Tressler, resides at Herndon, this county. In 1889 Mr. Tressler built the comfortable residence at Mahanoy which he has since occupied.

Peter Dressler, son of John Jacob and Susanna (Homan) Dressler, was born in Upper Mahantango township, Schuylkill county, near Rough and Ready, and remained on his father's homestead in Upper Mahantango township, working as a farmer all his life. He had a property of 190 acres, some of which has been sold since his day. That he was a public-spirited citizen, and interested in the progress of his times, is shown by the fact that he served as clerk of Mahantango township, Schuylkill county. Like all the members of his family,

he was a Lutheran in religion, and he served his church as deacon, elder and trustee. He married Catharine Maurer, daughter of Andrew Maurer, and to them were born eleven children, viz.: Maria Magdalena (Polly), Jacob, Josiah, Cornelius M., Anna, Harriet, Joseph, and four that died young.

CORNELIUS M. TRESSLER, son of Peter, was born May 24, 1846, at Rough and Ready, in Schuylkill county, and was reared to farming there, working for his parents until he attained his majority. He was then variously employed for some years, in different States, working on a farm in Kent county, Del., as a street car driver in Philadelphia, for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company in Reading, and for five years as clerk at a hotel in Shamokin, Northumberland county. After his marriage he lived at Mahanoy, this county, for one year, until he purchased and settled upon his present farm, which consists of seventy-two acres of excellent land in Lower Mahanoy township, near Mahantango creek. It was formerly the Frederick Heckert homestead, and the old granary bore the date 1740, which may have been the date when the first settlement was made on the tract. Mr. Tressler built his residence on the property in 1892, and rebuilt the barn in 1909. In addition to this place he owns four acres of mountain woodland and two limestone lots. He has been an intelligent and progressive worker, and deserves the prosperity which has rewarded his efforts. For three years he served as school director of his township, and though not an aspirant for public honors is willing to do his part to help the advancement of his community, especially in the cause of public education and other movements calculated to benefit the masses. He is a large man physically, standing five feet, nine inches, and weighing 269 pounds.

On Christmas Day, 1878, Mr. Tressler married Louisa Ferster, daughter of Isaac and Catharine (Gonser) Ferster, and they have had a large family, namely: Ray E., Catharine (who died aged sixteen years), Sallie (married to Charles Wiest), Peter (a student at the West Chester Normal School, married to Sadie Kerstetter), Carrie E., Clarence, Isaac, Jennie, Bertha and Lee. Mr. Tressler and his family are Lutherans and worship at the Vera Cruz (Malta) Church, which Mr. Tressler has served as deacon. He is a Democrat in political faith.

RAY E. TRESSLER, of Lower Mahanoy township, living at Dalmatia (Georgetown), was born at Mahanoy (now Red Cross), Jackson township, Dec. 13, 1879. He was reared at the home place in Lower Mahanoy township, and attended the local public schools, at Vera Cruz (Malta), meanwhile assisting his father with the farm work. Later he attended a summer normal school at Dalmatia for one session, and he also attended one session of a summer normal school at Herndon, after which he took a course in the State Normal School at West

Chester. He furthered his education by taking a commercial course at Susquehanna University, at Selinsgrove, Pa., from which he was graduated in June, 1904. When nineteen years of age Mr. Tressler was licensed to teach public school in Northumberland county, being examined by Prof. Benjamin Apple, then county superintendent, and he has taught eleven terms, all in his native township, but at different schoolhouses. His first experience was at the Susquehanna school, where he was engaged for one term. The next term he was at Vera Cruz, the third term at the Susquehanna school again, the next two at Vera Cruz, the next three at Stone Valley and the next three at Hastings. He was very successful as an educator, and in that capacity is very well and favorably known in this district. In the spring of 1906 Mr. Tressler was elected tax collector of Lower Mahanoy township, and was reelected to succeed himself in 1909. He is a Democrat, and well known in the party councils. Since 1907 he has made his home at Dalmatia, where he purchased his house and lot the year after settling there. He is an upright and able young man, and has an enviable standing in his community.

On Dec. 12, 1903, Mr. Tressler married E. Minnie Rothermel, daughter of William and Mary (Zerbe) Rothermel, and they have had one son, Allen Cornell. The family are members of St. Luke's Church at Vera Cruz, belonging to the Lutheran congregation, which Mr. Tressler has served in the office of deacon.

JAMES KOHL, a retired farmer of Point township, Northumberland county, is a large land owner and one of the substantial citizens of that region, where he has resided for almost forty years. He is a son of John Kohl and grandson of Philip Kohl, the pioneer of the family in Northumberland county.

Philip Kohl was born in Montgomery county, Pa., and moved to this county about 1840, at which time he was a widower. Locating in Lower Mahanoy township, about one and a half miles from Dalmatia, he there passed the remainder of his life, dying in 1844. He is buried at the Stone Valley Church (Zion's), while his wife is buried in Montgomery county. They had two sons and one daughter: Daniel, a farmer and cooper, who did not settle in Northumberland county, living in Montgomery county (he had children John and Leah); John; and Polly, Mrs. Zeiler, who lived in Montgomery county.

John Kohl, son of Philip, was born in 1787 in Montgomery county, Pa., and came to Northumberland county in 1840 with his aged father, who made his home with him thereafter. He settled in Lower Mahanoy township, about one and a half miles from Dalmatia, and had a farm of 108 acres, which he cultivated, also following his trade of



cooper. His wife, Catharine (Rhoads), came from the same section of the State as he did, and of their six children five were born in Montgomery county and the youngest on the farm in Lower Mahanoy above mentioned. Mr. Kohl was a Lutheran member of Zion's Stone Valley Church, where he and his wife are buried. Their children were: Betzy (Mrs. Benjamin Trego), Hettie (Mrs. Philip Heckert), James, Daniel, Henry and John.

James Kohl was born Dec. 6, 1831, in Frederick township, Montgomery Co., Pa., and was nine years old when he came with the family to Northumberland county, where he has since lived. He learned the trade of stonemason, which he followed for many years in Lower Mahanoy township, in 1872 removing to Point township. He followed farming in Point township until his retirement in 1898, and met with success in his agricultural operations, accumulating considerable property. He now owns two farms, one of 225 acres and another of eighty-seven acres. During his active years he devoted all his time to the cultivation of his land, and he attained his present prosperity by the most honorable methods, having a character which won him the respect of all his neighbors and friends. During the Civil war Mr. Kohl enlisted in Company B, 172d Regiment, and served ten months.

On Nov. 28, 1876, Mr. Kohl married Sarah Ann Bohner, daughter of Henry Bohner and widow of Amos Shipe, by whom she had two children: Lovina married Henry Dietz and they live in Point township; Maria married John S. Ballinger, and they have three children, Sarah, James and Mary. Mr. Ballinger was born in January, 1870, and is a member of a Snyder county family. He is now engaged in farming his father-in-law's place. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kohl. They are members of the Lutheran Church at Sunbury, and in politics he is a Republican.

HENRY KOHL, son of John, was born Feb. 15, 1838, in Montgomery county, Pa., and was two years old when the family came to Northumberland county. He was reared in Lower Mahanoy township and continued to live there until 1872, when he came to Point township and bought 170 acres of land, half of which he has since sold to his brother James. Mr. Kohl has devoted all his active years to general farming with gratifying success. In 1910 he built a large barn upon his property.

On March 27, 1872, Mr. Kohl married Louisa Bohner, daughter of Jacob and Salome (Reitz) Bohner, of Lower Mahanoy township, and they have two children, Mary and John Henry. Mr. Kohl and his family are members of the Lutheran Church, and he is a Republican in his political views.

WILLIAM DREIBELBIS, who is engaged in farming along the Susquehanna river, near Dalmatia, Northumberland county, was born May 5, 1847, son of Abraham Dreibelbies and grandson of Isaac Dreibelbis, and is a member of a family which was established in America during the Provincial days of Pennsylvania. The name is now found with both spellings, Dreibelbies and Dreibelbis.

The early home of this family was in southeastern Switzerland, in the part originally a portion of what is now the German Empire. John Jacob Dreibelbis (Dreibelbies) came to America from Hannesthal, Switzerland, crossing the ocean on the ship "Mary" from London, and landing at Philadelphia Oct. 26, 1732. Its passenger list showed sixty-nine male passengers over sixteen years of age, and one hundred and twenty-two women and children. It is probable that John Jacob was single. He used to say in the spring of the year, "now the Rhine is overflowing, because of the snow melting on the Alps." The exact date that he settled in Berks county is uncertain, but in 1743 he settled on the farm located about a quarter of a mile east of Fleetwood, now the property of Milton Shollenberger. This farm originally consisted of 157 acres, but it has since been divided into two farms, one now owned by Charles Leibelsberger. On the part owned by Mr. Shollenberger John Jacob Dreibelbis built the first set of buildings near a spring of fine water, which the Indians named "Dreibelbis Spring." This spring and the streams in that vicinity were alive with brook trout until some time before the Civil war. John Jacob Dreibelbis was a farmer and became a very extensive land owner. In 1759 he was the largest taxpayer in Richmond township, paying a federal tax of thirty pounds. On April 11, 1752, he obtained by warrant from the Province two tracts of land located in Richmond township, Berks county, one being for fifty acres and the other for one hundred. On Feb. 3, 1753, he obtained a warrant for one hundred acres, and on April 12, 1753, for five hundred acres. In appearance Mr. Dreibelbis was small and of dark complexion, with black eyes and hair, indicating that he was of Jewish extraction, as were the Kelchners, Wanners, Biebers and the family of Merkles in the same vicinity. He died in 1761. He married either a Merkel or a Rothermel, probably the first mentioned and daughter of Georg Merkel, and his six children, three sons and three daughters, were: Abraham; Martin; Jacob; Mary Elizabeth, who married John Wanner; Mary Magdalena, who married (second) Martin Wanner; and Philibena, who went with her brother Martin to Schuylkill Haven, married William Koch (her three daughters married, respectively, a Huntzinger, a Rausch and a Holler). The last will and



testament of John Jacob Dreibelbis, made Feb. 5, 1761, and probated Feb. 21, 1761, is written in good English and is on record in Will Book 1, page 94. To each of his three sons he gave a farm, and to each of his daughters 150 pounds in lawful money. "My oldest son Abraham shall have all that tract in Richmond township, 157 acres." "My executors shall build a house for my son Martin on land given him lying on the Meslin (Moslem) Road. The house must be 30 feet long and 24 feet wide." "My executors shall also build a house for my son Jacob, on land bequeathed to him near the road leading from Eastown to Reading." "And lastly I will and do order that my younger children shall be taught to read and write." The will is signed by the testator in good, legible German. The executors were Abraham Dreibelbis and "my loving and trusty friend George Merkel." John Jacob Dreibelbis was buried in a private graveyard on the Shollenberger farm. He has no tombstone, but his grandson Daniel, who is also buried there, has a marble tombstone. A number of the early members of the family are buried in this neglected spot.

Abraham Dreibelbis, eldest son of John Jacob, was born about 1749 and died in December, 1803, and is buried in the same cemetery as his father. He was engaged in farming on the homestead, and at his death left a large estate. By his wife, Anna Margaret, he had six children: Daniel obtained the homestead; Abraham obtained the gristmill; Peter received 300 pounds, gold and silver money; Maria Barbara married John Haak; Isaac; and Joseph. The three last named—Maria Barbara, Isaac, and Joseph—were each bequeathed 900 pounds of money.

Isaac Dreibelbis, son of Abraham, was born Aug. 3, 1778, in Richmond township, Berks Co., Pa., and was the pioneer of the family in Northumberland county, whither he moved in 1805. He settled in what is now Lower Mahanoy township, in which region his descendants are now quite numerous. He was a farmer, and the Benjamin Philips place near Hickory Corners is still pointed out as the "Essack" Dreibelbis farm, his name being given the German pronunciation. He was a tall man, dark complexioned (showing plainly his Jewish origin) and very strong. He followed tanning as well as farming, and the old tannery which he continued to carry on until shortly before his death stood between the two houses on what is now the Benjamin Philips farm; the ruins may be seen from the road, part of the foundation yet remaining. Mr. Dreibelbis died June 29, 1853, and is buried at Zion's (Stone Valley) Church, with which he had been identified as a member of the Reformed congregation. "Essack" Dreibelbis was quite a character, and the old residents of the vicinity still delight to relate certain anecdotes concerning him. In his day the nearest

tavern was at Georgetown. One night he and a neighbor spent some time at the tavern, and on their way home the neighbor, in misery over the results of a too free indulgence in applejack, laid down under a tree, saying: "Mein freund Essack, ich mus storben. Ich cons nimmermeir stenden." "Essack" replied: "Ach nein, freund. Du storbst nicht. So hab ich sahr oft gatahlt in meiner zeit." On one occasion he came home late and could not find the keyhole. His wife refusing, under the conditions, to comply with his command to "mach die dier ouf" he made the request again, and when she still refused he said: "Wen du nich ouf mocht den use ich em Essack sei schlissel," brought the ax, and broke in the door. Afterward the ax was often referred to jocularly as "Um Essack sei schlissel." The wife is buried near Killinger, Pa. This pioneer couple reared a family of eight children, three sons and five daughters, as follows: Abraham is mentioned below; Isaac died in Kansas, where his son Joseph is in business, having a large store; Jacob, who was a saddler by trade, lived and died in Northumberland county and is buried at Dalmatia; Catharine married George Wert; Mary (or Polly), born in 1817, died in 1885, was the wife of Elias Boyer (1815-1891); another daughter married David Hain; Harriet married Joseph Licht; Sallie, who married Joseph Shreffler, is now (1910) in her ninety-ninth year, but is well preserved (she lives with her sons-in-law, Joseph Dold and Henry Hendricks, and has her home between Danville and Northumberland).

Abraham Dreibelbies, son of Isaac, was born May 23, 1812. He obtained the homestead and was a lifelong farmer in Lower Mahanoy township, where he died on his farm Jan. 12, 1863. He had one hundred acres of land under cultivation, and one hundred acres of woodland, and was one of the prosperous and substantial citizens of his day. Like many of his family he was of dark complexion, and physically was of medium size. He was a Reformed member of the Stone Valley Church. His wife, Elizabeth (Wentzel), was a daughter of Stophel and Leah (Adam) Wentzel. She married Peter Burrel after Mr. Dreibelbies died, and lived to be eighty years, seven months, eighteen days old, dying Sept. 9, 1900. To Mr. and Mrs. Dreibelbies were born children as follows: William; Isaac, who lives at Paxton, Pa.; Katie, Mrs. George Phillips; Polly, Mrs. Francis Bickel; Malinda, Mrs. Reily Messner; Benneville, of Dalmatia, Pa.; and Sarah, Mrs. B. F. Brown.

William Dreibelbis was reared to farming, and about 1870 began that work on his own account at the place where he has since lived in Lower Mahanoy township. This tract consists of forty acres, besides which he owns a three-acre island in the Susquehanna river. Mr. Dreibelbis is a highly respected citizen of his community, where

his industrious and useful life is known to all. He has served as supervisor of his district, having been elected to that office by the Republican party, of which he has been a faithful member.

In 1869 Mr. Dreibelbis married Caroline Richenbach, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Longanecker) Richenbach, of Snyder county, Pa., and they have had a family of twelve children, three sons and nine daughters, namely: M. Elizabeth, now the wife of William Pardoe; Julian, wife of William Hogan; William A., who married Ida R. Heckert; Benjamin F., of Dalmatia, Pa.; Sarah R., wife of Isaac Hinkel; Myran Daisy, wife of Frank Fetter; Edward N., who married Gertrude Bohner; Triphena M., wife of Isaac Heintzleman; Cardia E.; Ella V.; Emma A.; and Cedia M. Mr. Dreibelbis and his family are members of the Reformed Church. The burial place of this branch of the Dreibelbis family has long been at the Stone Valley (Zion's) Church in Lower Mahanoy township.

Isaac Dreibelbis, the second mentioned of the three sons of Isaac, the pioneer in Northumberland county, moved out to Kansas, where he became engaged in farming. He was also a tanner, having learned the trade from his father. He married Catharine Witmer, daughter of George Witmer, and they had two sons, Joseph and Benjamin, the former of whom is now a business man in Kansas. Benjamin left home and has never since been heard from.

Jacob Dreibelbis, the third son of Isaac, the pioneer in Northumberland county, was born Sept. 1, 1820. He learned the trade of saddler and became an expert in that line, following the business at Georgetown for nineteen years, after which he farmed in Lower Mahanoy township besides working at his trade. The horse collars he made were quite famous, and there was a steady demand for them, some of his orders coming from a considerable distance. His farm consisted of seventy-four acres. He stood five feet, seven and a half inches, and was a heavy-set man, weighing over two hundred pounds. His death occurred Feb. 2, 1892, and he and his family are buried at Georgetown (Dalmatia), where he, like his family generally, belonged to the Reformed congregation; his wife was a Lutheran member of that church. Mr. Dreibelbis' first marriage was to Catharine Wert, who was born March 15, 1823, daughter of Daniel Wert, of Killinger, Dauphin county, and died April 11, 1873. They had a large family, viz.: Isaac, of Hegins, Schuylkill Co., Pa., who was a saddler by trade; Sarah, wife of Peter Walt, of Dalmatia; Frank W.; Catharine, wife of John T. Wert; Jacob W., a butcher, of Millersburg, Pa.; Daniel, who lived below Matamoras, on the line of Dauphin county, and was killed while hauling railroad ties; Mary, wife of John S. Showers, of Oriental, Pa.; Charles, of Killinger,

in the Lykens Valley, Pa.; and Emma, wife of Joseph Bingaman, of Dalmatia. For his second wife Mr. Dreibelbis married Wilhelmina Portzline, of Oriental, Pa., who was born in 1840, and died in 1888. She became the mother of two children: William H., of Stone Valley; and Gertie, who married Calvin Strasser, of Oriental, Pennsylvania.

Frank W. Dreibelbis, son of Jacob, was born in 1850 at Georgetown, in Lower Mahanoy township, and is engaged at present in farming in that township. When less than nineteen years old he learned the milling business, which he followed for six years. In 1884 he began farming at his present location, having a tract of 115 acres, some of which is woodland. There is some limestone on this land. Mr. Dreibelbis is a Republican in politics, and since 1899 has been overseer of the poor in his district. He is a Reformed member of the Dalmatia Church, of which he was deacon seven years and elder four years.

In 1874 Mr. Dreibelbis married Lizzie Philips, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Philips) Philips, and they have had these children: Jacob F., who lives in Little Mahanoy township; Malinda, wife of John H. Bohner, of Elizabethville, Pa.; Katie, wife of William Koppenhaver, of Malta, Pa.; and Lubin L., who is a butcher at Dalmatia.

Jacob F. Dreibelbis, son of Frank W., was born June 20, 1875, in Lower Mahanoy township, was educated in the public schools, and was reared to farm life. For five years he followed butchering, four years at Hickory Corners and one year at his present location, in Little Mahanoy township, to which he moved in the spring of 1906, when he purchased the place. This was an old Dunkelberger homestead, later owned by Samuel Long, and Mr. Dreibelbis purchased it from Silas Hensyl. The tract comprises about 160 acres, 100 acres of which have been cleared. The land is valuable, and there are a number of substantial improvements, including a large brick house. The water supply is as good as any in the State, both in regard to quality and quantity, and in 1910 Mr. Dreibelbis made a notable improvement on his place when he had the water piped from Trevor-ton Mountain to his home, both house and barn being now supplied with running water; this is what is known as red shell or gravel water, and is always pure and fresh. He has a complete farm stock, modern machinery, and all the facilities for carrying on his work in the most systematic and up-to-date manner, being one of the intelligent and progressive men of his neighborhood.

In September, 1903, Mr. Dreibelbis married Mary A. Koppenhaver, daughter of John Koppenhaver, and three children have been born to them: Mabel Grace, Helen Irene and Leah Elizabeth. He and his family are members of the Reformed congregation at St. Peter's Church, Mahanoy. In



politics he is a Republican, and he has served as election inspector.

**REBUCK.** The name of Rebeck is perpetuated in Northumberland county in the post office Rebeck, named after one of the members of this family its representatives are numerous and among the most respected residents of their section—Washington township and the surrounding territory. According to tradition the first ancestor of the family in this country was from the German Palatinate and came to America to avoid service in the war then being waged in his native land. The older members of the family say that his name was Schaffer, but that he assumed the name Rebeck to prevent his being traced and taken back to the Fatherland, where punishment for such an offense as his was severe. This pioneer ancestor was known in the New World by the name John Adam Rebeck. He first located in Berks county, whence he came to Northumberland county, settling in Jackson township, in that part now embraced in Washington township. There is the old-established business stand, now for many years conducted and owned by the Kehres family, where the postoffice and hamlet of Rebeck are located. The hamlet contains about a dozen dwellings. The pioneer was a farmer. Among his children were Valentine, John Adam, Jr., and Michael. Of these, Valentine Rebeck in 1778 was among the taxables of Mahanoy township, which then included considerable territory in the lower end of the county.

Michael Rebeck, son of John Adam, the pioneer, was born July 14, 1769, and died Oct. 7, 1852, when over eighty-three years of age. He lived on Greenbrier creek, in Washington township, and was an extensive farmer, following agricultural pursuits all his life. He had a tract of 162 acres which is still in the family name, being now owned by his grandson, John Rebeck. He built the barn still standing on that property, and also a small dwelling-house. He was a Reformed member of the Himmel Church. His wife, Catharine (Reis), born Aug. 21, 1775, died Nov. 7, 1858. Their children were: Bevv, who married Peter Ferster; and Godfried, called "Big Godfried."

Godfried Rebeck, son of Michael, was born July 28, 1798, and died May 29, 1875. He was a tall, heavy man, with dark hair, was a farmer by occupation, and owned much land, living on the Greenbrier homestead of the Rebeck family. He and his family worshipped with the Reformed congregation at the Himmel Church, and they are buried there. His wife, Catharine (Wagner), born March 26, 1801, died June 30, 1860. They had children as follows: Salome married John Schreffler; Daniel W. is mentioned below; Catharine married Harry Rebeck; Hannah married John Wentzel; Polly married Peter Snyder and (second) Henry

Herb; Lydia married Philip Reitz; Harrison was born July 12, 1834; Jacob, born in 1837, died unmarried, in 1855; John, born in 1839, died unmarried, in 1861; Sarah married John Kieffer and (second) Jacob Reber. Of this family, Harrison was a farmer during his active years, and now lives at Herndon, Pa., with his son J. Wilson Rebeck. During the Civil war he was in the Union service as a member of Company K, 172d Regiment, for nine months. He married Elizabeth Paul, who died in September, 1904, in her seventy-second year, and they had children: John, James, Elmira L., Augustus, J. Wilson and Reilly.

Daniel W. Rebeck, son of Godfried and Catharine (Wagner) Rebeck, was born on the Greenbrier homestead in Washington township. Though he owned considerable land, he followed his trade of shoemaker principally, leaving the cultivation of the farm to his children. He made many new shoes and did repairing, and his sons also took up the trade. His farm at one time consisted of nearly three hundred acres. A tall, heavy and strong man, he was thrifty and industrious, and brought his children up in the same way. He was a regular attendant of the Himmel Church, many members of the Rebeck family belonging to the Reformed congregation there, and held various offices in that church. His wife, Lydia (Delp), daughter of George and Maricha (Thomas) Delp, bore him children as follows: Cassie, a widow, who has been twice married, first to Joseph Hepler and later to George Wolfgang; Charles, who died aged twenty-one years; Mary, who died when twenty years old; Joel; Lydia; Eliza, wife of Samuel Zartman; Elsworth; Daniel, deceased; and John. All the surviving members of this family live in Washington township.

**JOEL REBUCK**, son of Daniel W., was born Sept. 8, 1854, on one of the Rebeck homesteads, and was reared to farm life, remaining at home until he reached the age of twenty-six years. He was twenty-four at the time of his marriage, and two years later began farming on a fifty-acre tract in Washington township, where he lived for two years. Thence he moved to another farm in the same township, the Elias Lahr place, where he lived until 1901. For the next two years his home was at Trevorton, from which place he returned to the farm for three years, at the end of which time he moved to his present place, where he has resided since 1906. He has 110 acres of good land, which is now cultivated by his son William. The large stone house on this property was built in 1823 and remodeled in 1904. Mr. Rebeck has been an active and useful member of his community, and has served as supervisor and school director of Washington township, holding the latter office nine years. He is a Democrat in politics. He and his family attend religious worship at the Himmel Church, where he



has held all the offices and done his share of the work. Mr. Rebuck has the old German family Bible which his emigrant ancestor brought from the old country, and which contains an inscription specifying that it shall never be sold, but descend from the oldest to the next oldest of the family, always remaining in the Rebuck name. It bears the date 1748, and is highly prized by the family.

In 1811 Mr. Rebuck married Amanda Lahr, daughter of Elias and Polly (Snyder) Lahr, of Herndon, Pa., and they have had a family of eight children: Ida, who married Frank Klock, after his decease becoming the wife of William Reitz; Emma, who married Roy Snyder; Daniel; William E.; Agnes, who married Anthony Heath; Gertie, who married Daniel Dubendorf; a son that died in infancy; and Charles.

John Adam Rebuck, Jr., son of John Adam the pioneer, born July 8, 1763, died in Upper Mahanoy township (of which Washington was then a part) June 15, 1835. He made his last will and testament Sept. 28, 1831, and it was entered for probate June 23, 1835. The executors were his sons John and Godfried. The will is on record in the courthouse at Sunbury, in Book 3, page 202. The wife it appears had died previously. The records show Maria (Haupt), wife of Adam Rebuck, born Jan. 20, 1763, died July 29, 1830. The following were his children: John, Adam, Conrad, Henry, Peter, Michael, Maria (married Jacob Robenhover), Frederick, Godfried, Jonas and Leonard. Nine of the sons grew to manhood and reared families. The son Godfried was called "Little Godfried," and had a son Godfried who because of his red hair was known as "Red Godfried."

Henry Rebuck, one of the sons of John Adam Rebuck, Jr., was born May 24, 1790, and died Oct. 17, 1867. He lived and died in Washington township, and he and his family are buried at the Himmel Church, of which they were Lutheran members. He owned a tract of seventy acres about one mile south of that church, his home place, and another tract of forty-five acres in the same township. "Henner" Rebuck, as he was known, married Anna Maria Brosius, who was born May 10, 1795, and died Jan. 13, 1869. They had two sons, Peter and Elias, both of whom were farmers in Washington township. The latter had the following children: Henry; John; Susanna, who married William Krissinger; and Maria, who married Luther Rebuck.

Peter Rebuck, son of Henry, was born May 10, 1815, in Washington township, and died March 19, 1858, in the prime of life. He was a member of the Himmel Church, where he is buried. By occupation he was a farmer, owning the place of 118 acres now owned by his son Isaac. His

wife, Catharine Ferster, daughter of Michael Ferster, was born Nov. 23, 1818, and died June 23, 1881. Their children were as follows: Benjamin, who never married; Samuel; Isaac, of Washington township; Daniel, born in 1851, who died in 1870; and Joseph, of Washington township.

SAMUEL REBUCK, son of Peter, born on his father's farm in Washington township Aug. 3, 1845, obtained such education as the subscription schools which flourished in his boyhood afforded. He has always followed agricultural pursuits, and began farming for himself on his father's place of about 120 acres, living there from 1860 until 1895, when he removed to his present home. It is a ninety-six-acre tract situated between Mahanoy and Rebuck, and was formerly the Michael Smith farm. Mr. Rebuck has enlarged the barn, remodeled the house, and beautified his surroundings in many ways during his ownership of the place, which is nicely situated and shows the modern methods which he has employed in the management. In 1873 Mr. Rebuck married Dinah Reitz, daughter of David Reitz, and they had the following children: Alice, who is deceased; James; and Morris, a farmer, living with his father. On Sept. 17, 1886, Mr. Rebuck married (second) Katie Reitz, daughter of Peter and Mary (Hetrich) Reitz. No children have been born to this union. Mr. Rebuck and his family are Lutheran members of the Himmel Church.

Michael Reitz, grandfather of Mrs. Samuel Rebuck, was a farmer, and lived a half mile north of Himmel's Church. He married Lena Eister, and they had children as follows: Peter, Abraham, David, Leonard, Jonas and Christiana.

Peter Reitz, son of Michael, had a family of five children: John, Samuel, Louisa, Katie (Mrs. Samuel Rebuck) and Henry.

Peter Rebuck, one of the sons of John Adam Rebuck, Jr., was a native of Washington township, born Jan. 12, 1794, and died March 21, 1857. He is buried at St. Peter's (Krebs) Church, near which he lived, owning the farm which now belongs to the Diener Estate, a tract of about sixty acres. There he lived and died. He was twice married, his second wife being Eve Groh, who is buried at Valley View Church. They had children as follows: Susanna, Helena, Lovina, and Peter.

Peter Rebuck, son of Peter, was born March 4, 1829, in Washington township, and was a lifelong farmer, owning the property in that township which now belongs to Benjamin Stepp. He also followed carpentering, and was active in the affairs of the community as well as in his own business. He was a Democrat in politics and served as supervisor. His death occurred March 9, 1875, and he is buried at St. Peter's Church, of which he was a Reformed member. His first wife, Ly-

dia (Feister), born May 9, 1830, died Feb. 8, 1870, the mother of six children: Luther; William; Henry; Samuel, born in 1863, who died in 1882; Mary, who married William Seiler, of Valley View; and Harriet, born in 1868, who died in 1870. Mr. Rebuck's second marriage was to Susanna Brown, and they had two children: John and Lovina.

LUTHER REBUCK, son of Peter and Lydia (Feister) Rebuck, was born Feb. 9, 1855, in Washington township, and was educated in the local public schools. When sixteen years old he went to learn the carpenter's trade with one Joseph Brosius. Subsequently he worked a year at Hickory Corners, and then for a number of years was employed in the lumber districts of the East. For seven years he followed tinsmithing. In the spring of 1895 Mr. Rebuck returned to Washington township, where he has since followed farming, owning a Rebuck farm which formerly belonged to Elias Rebuck, and which came to him through marriage into the Reitz family. It comprises 120 acres. On July 17, 1902, Mr. Rebuck's barn was destroyed by lightning, together with the entire year's crop, entailing a heavy loss, but he immediately rebuilt, putting up a good barn 80 by 35 feet. Mr. Rebuck is a man of intelligence and broad views, his varied experiences and travel in his younger manhood having made him familiar with human life in its various phases. He has a number of old and valuable books, and an old family Bible which he cherishes greatly.

On March 7, 1895, Mr. Rebuck married Maria Rebuck, daughter of Elias and Mary (Reitz) Rebuck, and granddaughter of Henry Rebuck. Their only child is Sarah Alice. Mr. Rebuck and his family are members of the Reformed Church.

WILLIAM REBUCK, brother of Luther Rebuck, was born in Washington township Nov. 27, 1856, and has spent all his life in the same district. He was reared to farming, and worked as a hired man and laborer until able to start for himself, beginning farming at his present home in Washington township in the spring of 1899. His farm of eighty-one acres, an old Reitz homestead, was formerly the property of one Jonathan Reitz and later of Daniel Latsha. Mr. Rebuck is a Democrat, and gave several years' public service as overseer of the poor of his district. He and his family worship with the Lutheran congregation of the Himmel Church.

On June 23, 1887, Mr. Rebuck married Mary Amelia Reitz, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Reitz) Reitz and granddaughter of Daniel Reitz (who lived where Luther Rebuck is now located) and of Philip Reitz (who lived at the present home of Cornelius Adams). Mr. and Mrs. Rebuck have four children: Lydia A., Harvey E., Ida L. and Gertie M.

L. J. CHAMBERLAIN, of Shamokin, represents in his business interests the new order of amusements—a phase of the life of the community which has come into existence but recently, and made possible only by the wonderful advances in the science of photography accomplished within the last few years. He has the distinction of being the pioneer in the motion picture business in this section, and is at present the proprietor of two motion picture shows in Northumberland county, one at Mount Carmel and one at Shamokin. By enterprising methods and up-to-date service he has gained a large circle of regular patrons in both places, where his appeal to the best popular taste has likewise established him firmly in the good will of the citizens generally.

Mr. Chamberlain was born in 1874 at Lock Haven, Clinton Co., Pa., son of William and Mary (Bortner) Chamberlain, both of whom are deceased. His father was also a native of that place, and lived and died there. At the age of seventeen William Chamberlain enlisted for service in the Civil war, becoming a member of Company F, 1st Regiment of Pennsylvania Light Artillery, Volunteers, with which he served faithfully. Mr. and Mrs. William Chamberlain had a family of five children, Harry, Bert, Nora, Floy and L. J.

L. J. Chamberlain attended school at Lock Haven and was particularly well educated in music, to which he has devoted his principal attention. He entered the amusement business at the age of eighteen in the capacity of musician with traveling organizations, and within a few years was at the head of his own band, known as "Chamberlain's All American Band," acting as director and general manager. This organization toured the country successfully with the stellar attractions, also filling park engagements, etc. He also traveled for a while in company with his brothers, under the name of Chamberlain Brothers, whose "Railroad Shows" exhibited for a number of years in vaudeville houses and under canvas. At that time the motion picture business was in its infancy. With keen foresight of the possibilities of motion photography Mr. Chamberlain turned his attention to the new field, and for a number of years exploited traveling organizations of that character. On Aug. 28, 1907, in company with Capt. J. M. Shindel, he opened the first successful motion picture theatre at Mount Carmel, known as The Theatorium, which is still in operation, standing high in the local public favor. On April 28, 1908, under the firm name of Chamberlain & Shindel, they opened the Theatorium motion picture house at Independence and Ninth streets, Shamokin, which has been in successful operation since, and which, indeed, was the first place of the kind to meet with success in the borough. It has the reputation of being the most



popular and best patronized show of the kind there, and the latest and most ingeniously arranged films are shown, the entertainments being varied and so well up to high standards that the audiences are of profitable proportions and high class. Chamberlain & Shindel acquired extensive amusement interests, including park, vaudeville and motion picture theatres, and they were associated until June, 1910, when Captain Shindel retired from the firm, his interests being purchased by Mr. Chamberlain, who has since been sole owner of the business. In April, 1911, he was instrumental in organizing the General Amusement Company, Incorporated, of which he is president and general manager, which has now in preparation the establishing of a chain of theatres throughout the country. The first theatre to be operated by the new company will be opened at Sunbury Nov. 1st of this year; it will have a capacity of one thousand, is modern in every particular, and considered to be one of the finest houses of the kind in the State.

Mr. Chamberlain is engaged as dealer and agent for moving picture and electrical supplies as well as promoter and operator of amusement enterprises, maintaining his main office at No. 819 Washington street in the borough of Shamokin. Thoroughly experienced in all branches of the business, he has catered successfully to the wants of the amusement loving public, and has made a permanent place for himself and his enterprises in his home community and among his fellow citizens at large.

Mr. Chamberlain married Blanche Custard, of Lock Haven, and they have one son, Boyd D. The family are Methodists in religious connection. Mr. Chamberlain is a member of Shamokin Lodge of Elks, No. 355; of Aerie No. 560, F. O. E., of Lock Haven; of Lodge No. 144, K. of P., and of the Maccabees.

ALBERT HACKENBERG, a retired citizen of Point township, Northumberland county, was born April 5, 1835, at Freeburg, Snyder Co., Pa., son of Jesse Hackenberg and grandson of Peter Hackenberg.

Peter Hackenberg was a native of Germany. Coming to America when quite young he settled at Freeburg, Snyder Co., Pa., and followed farming during his active years, retiring a number of years before his death, which occurred about 1845, when he was advanced in years. He had prospered in his agricultural operations, and was a substantial citizen, owning several farms. For some years he served as a justice of the peace of Washington township, Snyder county. He was a member of the German Reformed Church, and is buried at Freeburg. To him and his wife Susanna (Shaffer) were born six sons and four daughters: Hannah, who married Mr. Balliet; Mrs. Samuel Shel-

ler; Mrs. Jacob Straub; Mrs. Samuel Sceller; Jesse; Peter L., who lived at McEwensville, Pa., later moved to Michigan, and returning to Pennsylvania settled at Milton in 1861 (he married Mary E. Hood); Jacob, who lived in Center county, Pa.; Daniel, who lived in Center county, Pa.; Samuel, who was killed in the Mexican war; and John, who died at New Berlin, Pennsylvania.

Jesse Hackenberg was born about 1816 at Freeburg, Pa., but for many years he lived at Northumberland, Northumberland county, where he died and is buried. His death occurred in November, 1887, when he was past seventy years of age. By occupation he was a carpenter. He was a member of the Baptist Church. His wife was Susanna Nagel, and they had a family of twelve children: Jacob, Daniel, Jesse, Albert, Susanna, Mary, Hannah, Betsy, Amelia, Catharine, Deborah and David.

Albert Hackenberg attended school for a few months in the winter season during his boyhood, and was reared to the practical work of farming, which he has followed practically all his life. For a few years, however, he was at Montandon, this county, where he kept a grocery store, and where for about half a year he was associated with his brother-in-law, Samuel Fry, in general merchandising. He came to Point township in 1847, and with the exception of his brief stay at Montandon continued to live in that section until 1897, in which year he moved to Northumberland borough. There he made his home until 1908, when he returned to his farm in Point township, which is a valuable tract of fifty-three acres, in the form of a square. He has a most desirable home, having built a new house upon the property, for which he paid \$8,500. Mr. Hackenberg has served his township eleven years in the office of supervisor, and he is regarded as a valuable citizen, a man deserving of the esteem and good opinion of his neighbors. He is a Republican on political questions. He belongs to the Lutheran Church at Northumberland, with which his family also unite, and served as a member of the church council. He has been a director of the Northumberland Cemetery Company for twenty-one years, and served as president of the board for six years of this period.

On Nov. 28, 1858, Mr. Hackenberg married Maria Brouse, daughter of Samuel and Catharine (Knouse) Brouse, who lived in Point township, and granddaughter of Henry Brouse, who came from Germany. Mrs. Hackenberg's maternal grandfather, Abraham Knouse, lived near Kratzerville, Snyder county. Mr. and Mrs. Hackenberg have had two children: Alice S. married Charles Ertley and they live at Northumberland; Harvey Edward, who lives at Cleveland, Ohio, married Lizzie Miller (of whom he had one child, Harvey J. A.) and (second) Annie Lawrence.



**STAHL.** There are two branches of the Stahl family in Northumberland county whose progenitors came hither from Northampton county, the descendants of John and Adam Stahl. As the former lived in Northampton county for some time before removing to this county, and as the latter was a native of that county, it is possible they were related, though the present records do not establish the fact.

John Stahl, a native of Germany, born Aug. 18, 1741, came to America when a young man, and lived for some years in Northampton county, Pa. He was one of many signers of a petition addressed to the Honorable Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania relative to conflicting civil and military laws then existing. The petitioners were from Northampton county, which was the early home of John Stahl in this country, as stated, and the same volume of the Pennsylvania Archives in which the foregoing is recorded shows (page 190) that he was captain of the 6th Company of the 2d Battalion from Northampton county; (page 359) that he was captain of the 5th Company, Associators, of Militia of Northampton county, which was part of the 4th Battalion from Sept. 18 to Nov. 18, 1780; (page 29) that he was second lieutenant of Capt. John Roberts' 5th Company, 1st Battalion of Northampton county Militia. In Volume IV, page 349, John Stahl, captain, is mentioned among soldiers of the Continental Line who received depreciation pay; in Volume VI, page 8, he is mentioned in the muster roll of Cumberland county militia, in 1777, as of Capt. Thomas Askey's Company. It is known that he served as quartermaster and recruiting officer, was with the army at Valley Forge during the memorable winter of hardship and at the crossing of the Delaware, Christmas night, 1776. Being a skilled mechanic, a gun and blacksmith, his services were often valuable in repairing implements of war during the Revolution, and he had as many as twenty men working under him at one time, engaged in making guns for use in that war. His son Philip had one of these guns. After the war he (having already married) moved to Northumberland county, Pa., where he took up four hundred acres of land in what is now Lewis (then Turbut) township. He died Feb. 27, 1809, and is buried in the old Fullmer Church graveyard. His wife, Elizabeth, born in 1746, died in September, 1832. They were the parents of the following children of whom we have record: Jacob, born Feb. 16, 1776, who died Sept. 3, 1796; Johann Philip, born Dec. 17, 1781, who died March 21, 1832; and John George, born June 11, 1791, who died Aug. 4, 1820. The son John settled in Niagara county, New York.

Johann Philip Stahl, son of John, born Dec. 17, 1781, in Northampton county, Pa., was a lifelong farmer, and died in 1832. He came to North-

umberland county with his father after the Revolutionary war, and he eventually obtained part of the four hundred acres his father took up, his tract containing 115 acres, now owned by Charles F. Rovenolt. He farmed and followed blacksmithing. He was a member of the Reformed Church, and he and his father were among the organizers of the Paradise Union Church, among the first officers of the congregation and among its leading members ever afterward. In Northumberland county he married Elizabeth B. Eshbach, who was born Dec. 15, 1776, daughter of Johannes Eshbach (1747-1815) and his wife Catharine (1749-1831). Mrs. Stahl died March 9, 1844, the mother of the following children: Thomas died young; William died in infancy; George is mentioned below; Mary married Henry Hill and died when over eighty years old; Elizabeth, born March 9, 1811, died March 17, 1844; Catharine, born Oct. 11, 1816, died May 10, 1844, unmarried; Sarah married Samuel Stahl and died about one year after her marriage.

George Stahl, son of Johann Philip, was born on the farm where he afterward made his home, and received his education in the local public schools. Though his advantages were limited, he received a practical foundation and being an intelligent man became well informed. He followed farming all his life, dying at his old home in 1894, and the present set of buildings on the place were put up by him. He was quite active in the affairs of his day, being a supporter of the Democratic party in political matters and a member of the Reformed Church on religious questions. He served in the State militia, in which he was orderly sergeant; served six years as school director, was supervisor and township treasurer, and a useful man generally in his community. He was an earnest worker in the Paradise Church, serving as deacon, elder and trustee, and was a man of high Christian character, respected by all who knew him. His grandfather, John Stahl, in company with Michael Koons and John Deiffenbacher, had purchased two acres of ground from John Christ for the sum of fifteen pounds, and on that plot the first church of the congregation was erected in 1808.

On May 2, 1843, Mr. Stahl married Elizabeth Deshler, who was born in Northampton county Sept. 26, 1817, daughter of Jacob Deshler, of Northampton county, who came to Northumberland county in the early thirties; his wife was a Hower. Mrs. Stahl died Jan. 16, 1860. She and her husband had the following named children: William J., of Union county, Pa., who married Sarah Watt and had two children, one being Edwin (living in Indiana); Thomas P., unmarried, who lives at McEwensville, Pa.; Mary E., unmarried, of Aaronsburg, Pa.; Levi H.; Edwin O., born March 4, 1850, of McEwensville, who

married Mary A. Mengis (born June 21, 1861, died Dec. 9, 1895) and had four children: John O., who died in 1862, aged eleven years, and David F., who died in 1867, aged nine years, both dying of diphtheria; and George Calvin.

LEVI H. STAHL was born March 5, 1849, on the Stahl homestead in what was Turbut township, and received his education in the old subscription schools of the locality. He was an enthusiastic student, took a leading part in the old-fashioned spelling bees of the day, and by steady application improved himself materially. He served as a supply teacher in his neighborhood. He was reared to farming and also acquired a practical knowledge of wood working. In 1888 Mr. Stahl went to farming on his own account in Delaware township, on one of his wife's grandfather's farms, living there for three years, since when he has been a farmer in Lewis township. In 1908 he settled at his present home, a farm of 100 acres formerly the homestead of Samuel Menges who settled there in 1832 and made his home there until 1844. Mr. Menges then moved to an adjoining farm, to the east, where he died. Many Indian relics have been found on Mr. Stahl's place, among them two Indian mills of which he has retained possession. He is serving at present as one of the auditors of his township, and was a member of the road board when the new law came into existence. Politically he is a Democrat, and he is a prominent member of the Lutheran Church at Turbutville, to which his family also belong; he has been a member of the church council since 1898.

In 1881 Mr. Stahl married Kate L. Menges, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Smith) Menges, and they have had four children: Nellie, who is married to Oliver Rissel and has three children, Edith L., Lee F. and Myron L.; Ramah T.; Rosa E.; and Frank P.

Adam Stahl, a native of Northampton county, Pa., became a pioneer settler in Union county, this State, in that part now embraced in Snyder county. He had a farm in Union township, three miles west of Port Trevorton, near Keiser's Church, and besides farming distilled applejack and rye whiskey. He died at an advanced age, late in the fifties, and is buried in the cemetery at Keiser's Church. He and his wife were Lutherans in religious faith. He is remembered as a venerable old man, with long white hair hanging down over his shoulders. His children were: Benjamin and Jacob, both of whom settled in Ohio; Daniel, who settled on the homestead farm; Frederick, who settled on a farm adjoining the homestead; John, who settled on a farm adjoining the homestead; Mrs. Jacob Sholly; Mrs. Dieter Heintzleman; and Mrs. Simon Sholly.

John Stahl, son of Adam, was born in 1814 in

what is now Snyder county, and received the limited educational advantages there afforded in his boyhood, but as soon as old enough to be of any use he was put to work helping to clear the land and get it under cultivation. The winters were occupied in pulling stumps and other work for which there was no time in the summer season, so he had little opportunity to attend even such indifferent schools as were conducted in the neighborhood at that time. But he prospered by industry and owned his own farm. He died July 12, 1879, and is buried in the cemetery at Keiser's Church. He and his family were Lutherans in religion. He married Mary Shotzberger, daughter of Jonathan Shotzberger, and she preceded him to the grave, dying July 12, 1868, aged fifty years. All of the seven children born to them survive: Elias S., of Selinsgrove, Pa.; Levi, who lives on his father's homestead at Verdilla, Snyder county; William, who lives two and a half miles west of Selinsgrove, in Penn township, Snyder county; Hannah, widow of William Krebs, living at Wyoming, Del.; Aaron S.; Leah, who married John Aucker and lives near Keiser's Church; and Hiram, who lives near Thompson, in Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania.

AARON S. STAHL, son of John, was born Oct. 4, 1849, in Snyder county, Pa., was reared to farm life and educated in the local public schools. At the age of twenty he went to learn shoemaking, to which trade he devoted all his attention for the next thirteen years, in Freeburg, Snyder county. He learned the business thoroughly, becoming a skillful mechanic, able to turn out all kinds of footwear, and made many gaiter shoes in the days of their popularity. Wooden shoe pegs were in general use at the time he took up the work, but he kept abreast of the progress of the times and improved his products whenever possible, taking out patents of his own and showing a spirit of enterprise throughout his connection with the business. He did repairing and had a good trade for custom work, making boots for which he received from six to fourteen dollars. After giving up the shoe business Mr. Stahl farmed for a time, and then for five years conducted the "Mount Pleasant Hotel." At the end of that time he removed to Shamokin Dam, and thence, in 1890, to Sunbury, where he has since made his home. In Sunbury he and his son Charles W. Stahl started Stahl's restaurant, at the present site of the "Aldine Hotel," and conducted the establishment successfully for a period of three years in partnership, the father then selling his interest to his son and taking the "City Hotel" at Danville, Pa., which he carried on for six months. In 1899 he engaged in the insurance business, which he has since continued, having his office at No. 336 Market Street. Mr. Stahl has established an excellent patronage in this line. He is a capable business man, and has the confidence



of his patrons, who are numerous in Sunbury and the surrounding territory.

On Feb. 25, 1872, Mr. Stahl married Salome Martin, daughter of George and Mary (Schaffer) Martin, who lived in Washington township, Snyder county, and seven children have been born to this union: Charles W., proprietor of a leading restaurant at Sunbury; William E., who is engaged in business in Sunbury; John Howard, who is engaged in business at Lewisburg; George Omar, telegraph operator in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Company, at Sunbury; Della G., who married O. P. Bell and lives at Williamsport, Pa.; and Mary and Harry, who died in infancy. Mr. Stahl and his family are members of the Reformed Church, and politically he is a Democrat.

SHIKELLIMY, the Indian chief whose name for a score of years was associated with every important transaction affecting the Indians of the Susquehanna Valley, was a Susquehannock by birth, descended from the ancient Andastes, and thus returned to govern the land from which his fathers had been expelled. Like many of the more enterprising youth of his tribe, he had entered the military service of their conquerors; his valor in war was rewarded by adoption into the Oneida tribe, of which he at length became a chief, an exceptional preferment for one not a member of that nation by birth.

The Iroquois, although not the actual occupants of any part of Pennsylvania, played an important part in its history throughout the Colonial and Revolutionary periods. They inhabited the fertile region south of Lake Ontario, and about the headwaters of the Hudson, the Delaware, the Susquehanna and the Allegheny rivers, including the valley of the Mohawk on the east and that of the Genesee on the west. Five tribes, the Senecas, Onondagas, Oneidas, Cayugas and Mohawks, originally constituted the confederacy, whence they were called the Five Nations; a sixth, the Tuscaroras, was admitted about the year 1712, and after that they were known as the Six Nations. Each tribe exercised exclusive jurisdiction in purely domestic affairs, while matters concerning the nation as a whole were determined by the great council at Onondaga. This was the center of their power, which was practically co-extensive with the thirteen original States, embracing also southern Canada and a part of the Mississippi Valley. In the extent of their dominion, their absolute power, and the statecraft exercised in rendering conquered tribes subsidiary to their purpose, they have been not inaptly styled "the Romans of America." In all the arts of a savage people they excelled. Their fields were well cultivated, their towns were strongly fortified, their form of government secured practical unanimity in the execution of mil-

itary projects, and in their intercourse with Europeans their chiefs often evinced a remarkable skillfulness in diplomacy and profoundness of policy. Their career of conquest was doubtless inaugurated by the subjugation of the immediately contiguous tribes, and thus, in the extension of their power to the south, the Andastes and Lenni Lenape were first brought under their sway. The Shawanese, Ganawese, Conoys and other Pennsylvania tribes also acknowledged their supremacy, and for the better government of these troublesome feudatories the great Onondaga council was constrained, in the early part of the eighteenth century, to place over them a resident viceroy. To this responsible position Shikellimy was appointed. It is not probable that he was appointed viceroy before 1728; he was not present at the treaty with the Five Nations at Philadelphia in July of the preceding year, and LeTort does not mention him among the Indians of consequence whom he met "on the upper parts of the river Susquehanna" in the winter of 1727-28. The first conference that he attended at Philadelphia was that of July 4-5, 1728, but it does not appear that he took any active part in the proceedings. He was present on a similar occasion in the following October, when, after the close of the conference, the Council considered "what present might be proper to be made" to Shikellimy, "of the Five Nations, appointed to reside among the Shawanese, whose services had been and may yet further be of great advantage to this government." The secretary of Council had gained a more accurate idea of his functions three years later, when, in the minutes of Aug. 12, 1731, he gives his name and title as "Shikellimy, sent by the Five Nations to preside over the Shawanese." At the close of the conference which began at Philadelphia on that date, the governor having represented that he was "a trusty good man and a great lover of the English," he was commissioned as the bearer of a present to the Six Nations and a message inviting them to visit Philadelphia. This they accordingly did, arriving Aug. 18, 1732. Shikellimy was present on this occasion, when it was mutually agreed that he and Conrad Weiser should be employed in any business that might be necessary between the high contracting parties. In August, 1740, he came to Philadelphia to inquire against whom the English were making preparations for war, rumors of which had reached the great council at Onondaga. He was also present at the conference at Philadelphia in July, 1742, at the treaty at Lancaster in June and July, 1744, and at the Philadelphia conference of the following August. He does appear to have taken a very active part in the discussions, a privilege which, among the Six Nations, seems to have been reserved for the Onondagas. In April, 1748, accompanied by his



son and Conrad Weiser, he visited Philadelphia, but no public business of importance was considered.

Shikellimy's residence is first definitely located in 1729 in a letter of Governor Gordon to "Shikellimy and Kalaryonyacha at Shamokin." Within the next eight years he had removed some miles up the valley of the West Branch. In the journal of his journey to Onondaga in 1737 Conrad Weiser states that he crossed the North Branch from Shamokin on the 6th of March; on the 7th he crossed Chillisquaue creek, and on the 8th he reached the village where Shikellimy lived. "On the 8th reached the village where Shikelimo lives, who was appointed to be my companion and guide on the journey. He was, however, far from home on a hunt. Weather became bad and the waters high, and no Indian could be induced to seek Shikelimo until the 12th, when two young Indians agreed to go out in search of him. On the 16th they returned with word that Shikelimo would be back next day, which so happened. The Indians were out of provisions at this place. I saw a new blanket given for about one third of a bushel of Indian corn."

The site of this village is beyond doubt on the farm of Hon. George F. Miller (1886), at the mouth of Sinking run, or Shikellimy's run, at the old ferry a half mile below Milton, on the Union county side. Bishop Spangenberg and his party passed over the same route June 7, 1745; after passing Chillisquaue creek and the "site of the town that formerly stood there," they "next came to the place where Shikellimy formerly lived," which was then deserted; the next point noted is Warrior's Camp (Warrior run). Spangenberg certainly did not cross the West Branch; if Weiser had done so in 1737 there is every reason to suppose that he would have mentioned it, which he does not; from which, if there were no other data bearing on this subject, it would be fair to conclude that in 1737 Shikellimy resided on the east bank of the West Branch at some point between Chillisquaue creek and Warrior run. But there are other data. When the land office was open for "the new purchase," April 3, 1769, there were very many applications made for this location. In all of them it is called either old Muncy town or Shikellimy's town. It is referred to as a locality in hundreds of applications for land in Buffalo Valley.

Shikellimy, some time after Weiser's visit, between 1737 and 1743, removed to Shamokin (now Sunbury) as a more convenient point for intercourse with the proprietary governors. There he resided the remainder of his life. From this point he made frequent journeys to Onondaga, Philadelphia, Tulpehocken, Bethlehem, Paxtang and Lancaster, as the discharge of his important public functions required. On Oct. 9, 1747, Conrad

Weiser says that he was at Shamokin and that Shikellimy was very sick with fever. "He was hardly able to stretch forth his hand. His wife, three sons, one daughter and two or three grandchildren were all bad with the fever. There were three buried out of the family a few days before, one of them was Cajadis, who had been married to his daughter above fifteen years, and was reckoned the best hunter among all the Indians." He recovered, however, from this sickness, and in March, 1748, was with Weiser, at Tulpehocken, with his eldest son, "Tagheneghdourus," who succeeded him as chief and representative of the Six Nations. He died in April, 1749, at Sunbury.

Loskiel thus notices this celebrated inhabitant of the valley: "Being head chief of the Iroquois living on the banks of the Susquehanna as far as Syracuse, N. Y., he thought it incumbent upon him to be very circumspect in his dealings with the white people. He mistrusted the Brethren (Moravians) at first, but upon discovering their sincerity became their firm and real friend. He learned the art of concealing his sentiments; and, therefore, never contradicted those who endeavored to prejudice his mind against the missionaries. In the last years of his life he became less reserved, and received those Brethren that came to Shamokin. He defended them against the insults of drunken Indians, being himself never addicted to drinking. He built his house upon pillars for safety, in which he always shut himself up when any drunken frolic was going on in the village. In this house Bishop Johannes Von Watteville, and his company, visited and preached the Gospel to him. He listened with great attention, and at last, with tears, respected the doctrine of Jesus, and received it with faith."

There is ample evidence in contemporary records that Shikellimy's position was one of responsibility and honor rather than profit or emolument. In the general system of national polity of which the Iroquois confederacy was the only type among the aborigines of America, his post corresponded to that of a Roman proconsul. But there the parallel ceases. Although he was charged with the surveillance of the entire Indian population of central Pennsylvania, and doubtless exacted a nominal tribute, no provision whatever was made for his personal necessities, to which, with characteristic diplomacy, the Provincial authorities were induced to contribute. "The president likewise acquainting the board that the Indians, at a meeting with the Proprietor and him, had taken notice that Conrad Weiser and Shikellimy were, by the treaty of 1732, appointed as fit and proper persons to go between the Six Nations and this government and to be employed in all transactions with one another, whose bodies, the Indians said, were to be equally divided between them and us, we to have one half and they the other: that they

had found Conrad faithful and honest; that he is a true, good man, and had spoken their words and our words, and not his own; and the Indians having presented him with a dressed skin, to make him shoes, and two deer skins, to keep him warm, they said, as they had thus taken care of our friend, they must recommend theirs (Shikellimy) to our notice; and the board, judging it necessary that a particular notice should be taken of him accordingly, it is ordered that six pounds be laid out for him in such things as he may most want." He was expected to hunt and fish, the natural modes of subsistence with an Indian, regardless of his station, but in the waning vigor of old age he was obliged to relinquish the chase, and in October, 1747, Weiser found him in a condition of utter destitution. This he describes as follows, in a letter to Council: "I must at the conclusion of this recommend Shikellimy as a proper object of charity. He is extremely poor; in his sickness the horses have eaten all his corn; his clothes he gave to Indian doctors to cure him and his family, but all in vain; he has nobody to hunt for him, and I can not see how the poor old man can live. He has been a true servant to the government and may perhaps still be, if he lives to do well again. As the winter is coming on I think it would not be amiss to send him a few blankets or match-coats and a little powder and lead, if the government would be pleased to do it and you could send it up soon. I would send my sons with it to Shamokin before the cold weather comes."

Upon the consideration of this letter it was immediately decided by Council that goods to the value of sixteen pounds should be procured and forwarded to Shikellimy by Conrad Weiser. The consignment included five stroud match-coats, one fourth of a cask of gunpowder, fifty pounds of bar lead, fifteen yards of blue "half-thicks," one dozen best buck-handled knives, and four duffel match-coats.

On the occasion referred to (October, 1747) Shikellimy was quite ill. Before Weiser left Shikellimy was able to walk about "with a stick in his hand." The following March he was so far recovered as to visit Tulpehocken, and in April, 1748, he was at Philadelphia. After this he seems to have had a relapse, for on the 18th of June in the same year the Provincial Council was informed that he was "sick and like to lose his eyesight." He again recovered, however, and in the following December made a visit to Bethlehem. On the return trip he became ill, but reached his home with the assistance of Brother David Zeisberger, who attended him during his sickness and administered the consolations of religion. His daughter and Zeisberger were present when he died. The latter, assisted by Henry Fry, made a coffin, in which, with the possessions he had valued most highly during life, the mortal remains of

the great viceroy were interred at the burial ground of his people.

At his first appearance in Colonial affairs, Shikellimy had a son and daughter and probably other children. A present was provided for his wife and daughter at the conclusion of the treaty of October, 1728; and on Aug. 18, 1729, the governor sent him a message of condolence upon the death of his son and a shroud with which to cover him. Another son, Unhappy Jake, was killed by the Catawbias, with whom the Six Nations were at war, in 1743, and in a letter dated Jan. 2, 1744, Weiser informs Secretary Peters of the fact, suggesting also the propriety of sending the bereaved father "a small present, in order to wipe off his tears and comfort his heart." Several days before Weiser's arrival at Shamokin, Nov. 9, 1747, there were three deaths in the family, Cadadies, his son-in-law, the wife of his eldest son, and a grandchild. It is evident that he had more than one daughter at that time; "his three sons" are also mentioned. The eldest, Tachnechdorus, succeeded to the former authority of his father, and, with two others, "sachems or chiefs of the Indian nation called the Shamokin Indians," affixed his signature to the Indian deed of 1749. Conrad Weiser, writing to Governor Morris under date of March 1, 1755, styles him "Tachnechdorus, the chief of Shamokin, of the Cayuga nation," the latter part of which is difficult to harmonize with the fact that his father is uniformly referred to as an Ononda. His brother seems to have been associated with him; Richard Peters, the Provincial secretary, in his account of the eviction of settlers from lands north of the Kittatinny mountains not purchased from the Indians, states that his party was accompanied by three Indians from Shamokin, "two of which were sons of the late Shikellimy, who transact the business of the Six Nations with this government." Tachnechdorus was also known to the English by the name of John Shikellimy. In 1753 he had a hunting lodge at the mouth of Warrior run and resided at a small Shawanese town below Muncy creek on the West Branch. These facts are derived from Mack's journal, which also states that Shikellimy's family had left Shamokin, where they found it very difficult to live owing to the constant drafts upon their hospitality. In April, 1756, he was at McKee's fort, but greatly dissatisfied, as nearly all of his party were sick.

Sayughtowa, a younger brother of Tachnechdorus, was the most celebrated of Shikellimy's sons. He lived at the mouth of the Chillisquaque creek Aug. 26, 1753, and in 1765 in Raccoon Valley. "In 1768 and 1769 he resided near Reedsville in Mifflin county, and has given his name to the spring near that place, to Logan's branch of Spring creek, in Center county, Logan's path, etc. \* \*

\* In 1774 occurred Lord Dunmore's expedition



against the Shawanese towns, now Point Pleasant, W. Va., which was the occasion of Logan's celebrated speech, commencing "I appeal to any white man to say if he ever entered Logan's cabin hungry and he gave him not meat," which will go down to all time, whether properly or not, as a splendid outburst of Indian eloquence." "He could speak tolerable English, was a remarkably tall man—over six feet high and well proportioned; of brave, open and manly countenance, as straight as an arrow, and apparently afraid of no one." Heckewelder, who thought him a man of superior talents, called on him in April, 1773, at his settlement on the Ohio below Big Beaver; the same writer says he afterward became addicted to drinking, and states that he was murdered in October, 1781, between his residence and Detroit. He was sitting with his blanket over his head, before a camp fire, his elbows resting on his knees, when an Indian who had taken some offense stole behind him and buried his tomahawk in his brains. His English name, James Logan, was conferred in honor of the distinguished Friend who was so long and prominently identified with Colonial affairs in Pennsylvania; he is generally known to history as "Logan, the Mingo."

**SNYDER.** The forerunner of the Snyders of Lower Augusta township and that section of Northumberland county settled in that region before the Revolutionary war.

(I) Casper Snyder, the pioneer of the family in Northumberland county, came from Germany and settled here before the Revolution. He was a large land owner, having nearly one thousand acres, including what is now a part of the Updegrave farm, the Thomas, Peter and Adam Snyder farms, the tract now owned by Dennis H. and Newton W. Snyder, his great-grandsons, etc. He was a farmer and tavern-keeper, his tavern being located on the old Harrisburg and Sunbury road, where his son Peter succeeded him; in 1798 he built the old brick tavern known as "Blue Ball Tavern." He and his wife, Elizabeth Farst, are buried in the River cemetery at Fisher's Ferry, and according to the records there he was born May 2, 1745, and died Sept. 3, 1821. "Elizabeth," wife of Casper Snyder, born Feb. 5, 1754, died Aug. 12, 1823. They had the following children: (1) John, born Nov. 29, 1776, died April 29, 1851. (2) Polly, born June 24, 1782, died March 7, 1856, married a Mr. Updegraph and had three sons and one daughter, Isaac, Thomas, Adam and Sarah. Of these, Adam went to look after the vast fortune due the Snyders as heirs of the brother (of Elizabeth) Farst in Holland, but the connection was lost and he had no proofs to establish the claim. (3) Peter, born April 21, 1788, died Feb. 19, 1866. (4) Sarah (Sally) married John Hendershot (1790-1851),

and died Feb. 23, 1863, aged seventy-two years, three months, one day. They had six daughters and two sons, Eliza (Mrs. David Shipman), Harriet (who married Sylvanus Shipman, brother of David), Lydia (Mrs. Christian Fisher), Jane (Mrs. John Jones), Rebecca (Mrs. Sylvanus Shipman), Mary Ann (Mrs. Chambers Wynn), Isaac and Hiram. (5) George, born Sept. 3, 1785, died Feb. 9, 1812. (6) Casper lived near Sunbury, in Upper Augusta township. He had sons Thomas and Simon, and daughter Catharine, who married John Cooper (we have record of one daughter, Mary Cooper). (7) Catharine married William Silverwood and had sons, James, William and Hiram, and daughters, Elizabeth (Mrs. John McPresson), Sarah (Mrs. John Climer), Harriet (who first married Samuel Couldren) and Susannah (who married in the West).

(II) John Snyder, son of Casper, was born in Lower Augusta township Nov. 29, 1776, and there made his home, owning the farm which is now the property of Martha Gass. His holdings were very large, his property having been divided into eight farms, seven of which he gave to his children. He owned and operated a distillery, cider press and sawmill and kept several teams busy transporting goods for him between here and Philadelphia, which was the market center for grain and provisions. A prominent and influential citizen of his day, he served twenty-five years as justice of the peace and held the rank of colonel in the State militia, standing at the head of the militia in his district for some years. He died April 29, 1851. His wife, Maria Margaret (Fisher), known as "Peggy" (only sister of Christian Fisher), is buried in the Presbyterian cemetery. They had children as follows: George, Thomas, Elizabeth (called Betsy, married John Wynn), Peter J., John (died March 25, 1877, aged sixty-nine years, eleven months, eleven days; his wife Martha, born Dec. 23, 1808, died Jan. 11, 1862), Adam (born April 9, 1814, died Dec. 15, 1895; his wife Martha died Sept. 30, 1860, aged forty-six years, five months, ten days), and Sally (born Jan. 10, 1809, married John Ebright, and died July 23, 1850).

(III) George Snyder, son of John, was born Sept. 2, 1801, and was a farmer by occupation, living on and owning the farm now owned by his son Solomon. He built the house and barn now standing on that property, the house in 1854, the barn in 1851. He and his wife were members of the Baptist Church. He died Feb. 2, 1866. Mr. Snyder was twice married, his first wife being Elizabeth Conrad, who is buried at the Stone Church at Augustaville, and by whom he had one son, John C., now living near Omaha, Nebr. His second wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Philip Stroh and widow of Jonathan Clark, was born Jan. 14, 1802, and died Aug. 22, 1884; she was from Lan-



caster county. To this union were born four children: Solomon S., Samuel, Morris and one that died young.

(IV) SOLOMON STROH SNYDER, son of George, was born May 27, 1836, and was reared on his father's farm. He learned various trades in his early life, being proficient as a carpenter, blacksmith and butcher, but farming has been his main occupation. In 1854 he taught subscription school, receiving fifty cents a month for each pupil. When twenty-nine years old he married and left home, beginning farming for himself in what is now Rockefeller township, having a farm of 153 acres there, near Seven Points. He cultivated and lived upon that place for twenty-one years, after which he was a resident of Sunbury for two years before coming to the old homestead farm, which he has since occupied, in 1889. Eighteen years later he sold the property in Rockefeller township. He has bought a place in Lower Augusta which comprises ninety-nine acres. His industry and intelligent labor have had their reward, and he has accumulated a substantial competence, having stocks in bank besides his landed property. He was one of the first stockholders associated with Henry Bower and gave him his first advice. In his more active years he showed his public spirit by various services to the community, having held the offices of overseer of the poor (five years) and auditor (six years), when Lower Augusta and Rockefeller townships were one. He votes independently, and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On June 4, 1865, Mr. Snyder married Rebecca Bohner, daughter of Henry and Susanna (Kieffer) Bohner, and they have had one son, Daniel B., who was born Nov. 4, 1866, and is engaged in farming on the homestead. He has been twice married, and has one son, William Allison (who is married and lives in Sunbury), by his first union, to Lillie Zartman. His second marriage was to Emma Kappenhaver, and they have two sons, Solomon and Benjamin.

(IV) SAMUEL SNYDER, son of George, was born May 2, 1838, on his father's homestead, was reared to farming, and has lived on a part of the home place all his life, the place he now lives on consisting of eighty-one acres at one time included in his father's farm. He built the present barn there in the year 1862. He has served nine years as school director of Lower Augusta township, and he and his family are members of the Baptist Church, in which he has been especially active, having served as deacon, treasurer and superintendent of the Sunday school. He is a Democrat in politics.

On Sept. 2, 1860, Mr. Snyder married a daughter of Samuel Wynn, and in 1876 he built the house on the farm which they have since occupied. Four children were born to this union:

Jacob is a resident of Rock Island, Ill.; George was accidentally killed in the freight yard at Sunbury April 6, 1892, at the age of twenty-six years, four months, three days; Ella M. married George Neidig and they live in Lower Augusta; Clara E. married Horatio Snyder and they live in Lower Augusta.

(IV) MORRIS SNYDER, son of George, was born April 12, 1845, in Lower Augusta township, where he still resides. He inherited his father's homestead, which he sold to the present owner, his brother Solomon, in 1889. In 1890 he purchased the farm where he now lives, a tract of 105 acres, where he has since lived and where he built the present dwelling in 1897. The farm was formerly the homestead of Sylvanus Shipman, who built the barn thereon in 1871. Mr. Snyder has made farming his principal business, but he has also given some attention to outside matters, having served twenty years as justice of the peace and settled up a number of estates. He is a Democrat in politics, and in religious connection he and his family are Baptists.

In 1867 Mr. Snyder married Naomi Shipman, and to them have been born children as follows: Harry, Sylvanus, Rebecca E., Laura J., Josephine M., Ruth, Webster V. and Elmira.

(III) Thomas Snyder, son of John and grandson of Casper, lived on Boyle's run, in Lower Augusta township, owning and cultivating the place now known as the Michael Shingehrer farm. It comprised one hundred acres. Mr. Snyder married Esther Randall, who was born Feb. 25, 1806, and died April 8, 1871. He died Sept. 11, 1894, aged ninety-one years, one month, twenty-nine days, and they are buried in the graveyard of the Augusta Baptist Church, of which both were members. Their children were as follows: Silas R. is mentioned below; Harriet married Levi Thomas; Barbara married John Shipman; Martha married Elias Sternling; Jane married Elias Yerdy; Matilda married William Spies, of Sunbury; Elizabeth married Foster Ely; Sallie married William H. Swinchart.

(IV) SILAS R. SNYDER, son of Thomas, was born Oct. 24, 1834, and died Feb. 28, 1910, on the farm in Lower Augusta where he had lived for about fifteen years. It consists of 130 acres, and was formerly the David Shipman place. For six years before moving to that property he lived on the farm of his father, Thomas Snyder. He served as tax collector of his township before Rockefeller and Lower Augusta were divided. Mr. Snyder was a soldier in the Civil war, serving his first term as a member of Company C, 131st Pennsylvania Volunteers, and his second term with the 5th Pennsylvania Cavalry. He held the rank of corporal. He is buried at Fisher's Ferry.

In 1865 Mr. Snyder married Lydia H. Shipman,

daughter of David and Eliza (Hendershot) Shipman, and she still resides on the farm with her sister, Harriet E. Myers. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Snyder: Harris E. is in the railway mail service and makes his home at Harrisburg, Pa.; O. Perry died when seventeen months old; Jessie E. married Carey E. Burns and they live at Hollowing Run, in Lower Augusta township (he is now serving as county auditor).

(III) Peter J. Snyder, son of John and grandson of Casper, was a native of Lower Augusta township, where he spent all his life. He was a farmer throughout his active years, and until about ten years before his death lived on the one farm, spending his declining days with his children. He died in June, 1893 or 1894, at the home of his son David, and was buried at the Presbyterian Church in Lower Augusta township. He was a Presbyterian in religious faith. His farm, consisting of 120 acres, is now the property of Martha M. Gass, of Sunbury. Mr. Snyder married Sarah Shipman, daughter of John and Margaret (McKinney) Shipman, and she preceded him to the grave, dying Nov. 2, 1883, aged seventy-two years, one month, eighteen days. Nine children were born to them, as follows: Jacob S. died in Shamokin; Abigail married Aaron Wilkerson; Mary married Isaac Cooper; David married Martha G. Heaton; Jackson died in Trevorton with his son Charles; Malinda married James Smith; Emeline married Lafayette Wilkenson; Sarah Jane died aged sixteen years; Martha Ann married George Gass.

(IV) JACOB S. SNYDER, son of Peter J., was born May 27, 1838, in Lower Augusta township, and died at the home of his son Edward W., in Shamokin, March 4, 1909. He began to learn millwrighting when a boy, and followed the trade for a number of years in central Pennsylvania, building a number of mills operated by water power and helping to make a number of waterwheels; no iron was used in their construction. Later in life he took up farming, which he followed in his native township for a number of years upon the old Snyder homestead, which he owned. Though a member of the Presbyterian Church, he is buried at the Ebenezer Methodist Episcopal Church in Rockefeller township, as is also his wife.

Mr. Snyder married Harriet D. Foye, daughter of John and Hannah (Keiser) Foye, of Rockefeller township, who had a family of five children, namely: Catharine, Samuel, Mary, Harriet and Daniel B. John Foye was a prominent man in his day and built many of the houses in Trevorton. Mrs. Jacob S. Snyder died June 11, 1904, aged sixty-two years, four days. She was the mother of four children, namely: (1) Edward W., who lives in Shamokin, taught school for twenty-three years. (2) Horatio A. is a farmer and

"squire" in Lower Augusta and also teaches school. (3) Samuel G., born March 21, 1874, spent ten years in Shamokin, moving from there in 1898 to Herndon, where he has since been clerk at the "Hotel Wiest." He is widely known to the traveling public, and is not only an experienced hotel man but particularly well fitted for the business, having a genial, pleasing disposition, and a faculty of treating those whom he meets with uniform kindness, traits which have won him many friends. (4) Elvie G. married Ed. O. Bartholomew, a farmer of Rockefeller township.

(IV) DAVID SNYDER, son of Peter J., was born Sept. 7, 1841, in Lower Augusta township. He was reared to farming, and followed that pursuit for some years, for fourteen years engaging in lumbering in Center county, Pa. He gave employment to a number of men in that line. In March, 1875, he came to Lower Augusta township, and here farmed his father's place for three years, in 1878 settling on the place in that township where he passed the remainder of his days, dying there Dec. 31, 1904, aged sixty-one years, three months, twenty-four days. His widow now lives there. The place contains sixty-eight acres, with an outlot of mountain land. Mr. Snyder made many improvements on the property which enhanced its value, remodeling the house and rebuilding the barn, to which he made a good-sized addition.

At the time of his death Mr. Snyder was serving as school director of his township, and he had also served as overseer of the poor. But he was particularly active in church work, being a member of the Methodist Church, which he served in a number of official capacities, being class leader three or four years and Sunday school superintendent some years. He was always interested in the spiritual welfare of the community, and his wife, who was in hearty sympathy with him, has been a liberal contributor toward the erection of the new Methodist Episcopal Church, which was built in 1909. He was a Democrat in political sentiment.

Mr. Snyder married (first) Anna Maria Walker, who died March 6, 1869, aged twenty-four years, the mother of three children: Marietta married Jacob Snyder; Harry is an invalid; David W. lives in Union county, Pa. Mrs. Snyder is buried in Center county.

On Oct. 26, 1870, Mr. Snyder married Martha G. Heaton, daughter of Michael and Mary (Walker) Heaton, of Center county, and three children were also born to this union: Prof. James Wilson Snyder, now superintendent of public schools at Slatington, Pa., married Gertrude Mendenhall, of Berwick, and they have one son, John M. Dr. John H. Snyder, of Washingtonville, Montour Co., Pa., married Lottie C. Bloom, of Augustaville, and they have two sons, Seth Scott and James



Wilson, Jr. Ida Bell married Harry Snyder, who is office manager for a large concern in Grenloch, N. J.; they have no children.

**JAMES F. HECKERT**, engaged in general farming and trucking in Point township, is one of the enterprising agriculturists of his section of Northumberland county, and a native of the township in which he resides, born Feb. 9, 1855. He belongs to an old established family, being a descendant of Casper Heckert, who emigrated from Germany and was an early resident of Lower Mahanoy township. He was born in 1758, and died in 1837 in Lower Mahanoy township, where he had a farm of nearly two hundred acres. Some of this land is still in the possession of his posterity, who are still numerous in this county and also well represented in the Western States. He was a member of the German Reformed congregation at the Stone Valley Church, where he is buried. There also is buried his wife Catharine, who was born Oct. 6, 1760, and died Dec. 6, 1828. They had children as follows: Johannes moved to a county in the western end of the State; Michael lived in Lower Mahanoy township and there died; Solomon, who lived on a farm in Lower Mahanoy township, had two sons, Jacob and John; Frederick, a farmer, who lived in Lower Mahanoy township, had an only child, Katie, who died aged fifteen years; Philip was the grandfather of James F. Heckert.

Philip Heckert, son of Casper, born in Lower Mahanoy township Dec. 9, 1796, died March 27, 1872. He was a farmer and had a large farm near County Line and the Stone Valley Church, in Lower Mahanoy township. His wife, Anna Mary (Wert), daughter of Henry Wert (whose wife was an Enterline), a pioneer at County Line, was born June 2, 1805, and died March 16, 1888, aged eighty-two years, ten months, fourteen days. Both are buried at Stone Valley Church, where Mr. Heckert was an official for many years. They had children: Daniel, Philip, Susanna (married Philip Techupp), Michael, Mary (married Isaac Ressler), Emanuel, Rachel (died unmarried), Casper (who was a soldier in the Civil war and died as a result of disease contracted in the service; he was unmarried), Catharine (married William Lemon), Henry (who was a soldier in the Civil war), Andrew W. and Uriah (who was a soldier in the Civil war). Philip, Emanuel and Catharine are now the only survivors.

Philip Heckert, son of Philip, lives in Rockefeller township, this county, near Augustaville, where he owns a small tract of land. He is the oldest man in his township. Born Sept. 13, 1826, in Lower Mahanoy township, he was reared to farm life. In 1853 he moved to Point township, where he farmed as a tenant thirty years, and for seven years farmed the old Thomas Baumgardner farm.

In 1883 he came to Rockefeller township, purchasing the sixty-eight acre tract (for \$1,600) where he has since lived. He is a member of the Lutheran church and has served the church officially in his time. He is a remarkably well preserved man, and has a clear memory for dates and events. He speaks both English and German. To his marriage with Esther (Hettie) Kohl, daughter of John Kohl, late of Lower Mahanoy township, were born children as follows: Alexander, of Northumberland; James F.; a son that died in infancy (twin of James F.); Urias, who died aged thirteen years; Catharine, who keeps house for her father; John and Philip, both of whom died in boyhood; Charles, of Rockefeller township; and Ellen, widow of Francis Bloom, living in Sunbury (she has a son, Claud). Mrs. Heckert died March 14, 1904, aged seventy-six years.

James F. Heckert was educated in the public schools of his native township, and was reared to farming, which he began on his own account about 1880. For several years he was a tenant farmer, in 1897 purchasing the property he now occupies and cultivates, a valuable tract of 125 acres in Point township, nicely located. It was formerly the Daniel Sterner homestead. At one time Mr. Heckert had three peach orchards. He devotes a large part of his land to garden truck, and attends the markets at Sunbury and Northumberland, where he has established an extensive trade, finding this branch of farming very profitable. Mr. Heckert has found time to give to the public service, and has filled local office, having been supervisor some years and school director for six years. He is a Republican in political opinion.

In 1880 Mr. Heckert married Orpha A. Gibbons, daughter of Abel and Susan (Morgan) Gibbons, late of Point township. Seven children have been born to them, namely: Abel Irwin, Philip H., Martin L., Bertha M., Esther M., Susan M. and Daniel K. Mr. and Mrs. Heckert were married in the Lutheran Church at Northumberland, of which they and their family are members. He is at present serving as deacon.

Andrew W. Heckert, another son of Philip, was born near County Line, in Lower Mahanoy township, and before his marriage went to Forreston, Ogle Co., Ill., where he learned the trade of carpenter. After a few years he returned to his native county, in Pennsylvania, this being in 1873, from which time he lived at Dalmatia, where he died. He married Mary Ressler, daughter of Solomon and Catharine (Haas) Ressler, of Lower Mahanoy township, and they went West together. Their six children were born there, before their return to Pennsylvania in 1873, viz.: Aletta C., Mrs. G. E. Shaffer; Mary M., wife of Frank Bordner and living in Nebraska; Susan E., unmarried; Carrie M., married to Joseph Reitz and living in



Shamokin; Ida R., who married William Dreibelbies and lives in Lower Mahanoy; and William N., who died in infancy.

**ADAMS.** David N. and Curtis M. Adams, brothers, have been business men of Sunbury from early manhood, the former in the painting and paper hanging business, the latter as a dealer in horse goods and shoe findings and manufacturer of harness. They are among the prosperous citizens of the borough, and both have served the municipality in public office.

The Adams family has long been settled in Ralpho township, this county. Casper Adams, the first of the family in this country, was born April 25, 1755, at Langendiebach, Offenburg, Germany, and little is known of his early life. On coming to America he lived in Berks county, Pa., before coming to Northumberland county, where he was one of the earliest pioneers in Ralpho township, owning several hundred acres of land there. He cleared some of his land and followed farming. He died Jan. 26, 1832, and is buried at St. Peter's (the Blue) Church in Ralpho township. Casper Adams married, in Berks county, Elizabeth Hinkle, of that county, and they had a large family, six sons and six daughters, namely: Frederick (1792-1853), John, Samuel, Casper, Leonard, Peter, Nellie (married George Startzel), Susanna (married Samuel Startzel), Elizabeth (married Gilbert Liby), Polly (married Peter Strausser), Maria (married Jacob Kreher) and Catharine (married Samuel Anspach).

Casper Adams, fourth son of Casper and Elizabeth (Hinkle) Adams, was born April 10, 1796, on the homestead farm in Ralpho township, and was there reared to farm life. When he became of age his father deeded 100 acres of land in Ralpho township to him, this being the farm afterward occupied by his son George C., near the Blue Church. Mr. Adams was a man of active mind, one who interested himself in the general welfare as well as in the promotion of his own interests, and he was one of the foremost men of his locality for many years, well known as a staunch Democrat and as one of the most liberal supporters of the Blue Church, with which he was identified all his life; he served as elder of that church and was one of the most generous contributors toward the erection of the church edifice. He married Susanna Startzel (daughter of John), who was born March 14, 1800, and died Jan. 22, 1873; Mr. Adams died Jan. 28, 1882, and is buried at the Blue Church. Their children were: Benjamin, who died in 1895, at the age of seventy four years (his children were Edward, William and Lucinda); Daniel H., born in 1822, who died in 1892; Casper, deceased; George C., born Aug. 17, 1826; David, born in 1830; Jacob, born in 1833, who died in 1895; Samuel, deceased; William; Eliza-

abeth (deceased), who married William Smith; Susanna (deceased), who married William Klase; Polly, Mrs. Fry, deceased; Angelina, who married William Smith; and Harriet, deceased.

David Adams, son of Casper, was born in 1830 in what is now Ralpho township, and was reared to farming pursuits, which he continued to follow all his life. He died in 1867, at the early age of thirty-seven years, and is buried at the Blue Church. Mr. Adams married Margaret Martz, daughter of David Martz, of the same locality, and she died Sept. 23, 1874, at the age of forty-three years. To them were born eight children, as follows: William H., who lives at Dryville, Berks Co., Pa.; Richard F., of East Orange, N. J.; David N.; Harvey F., of Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.; Curtis M.; Lorenzo, who died in infancy; Mary H., who died of smallpox, in Shamokin; and Harriet L., wife of Harvey C. Sober, of Spring Grove, Va. (she visited Sunbury in the summer of 1910, after an absence of twenty years from the North).

DAVID N. ADAMS, son of David, was born July 7, 1859, near Elysburg, in Ralpho township, and there received his education in the public schools. He was engaged at farm work until he reached the age of twenty years, when he went to Danville for a year, in 1880 coming to Sunbury, where he has since made his home. Here he learned the trade of painter and paper hanger, for fourteen years remaining in the employ of Ira T. Clement, until, in 1895, he commenced business on his own account. He has a shop in the rear of his residence, at No. 108 North Fourth street, and has a large trade, which has shown a steady increase up to the present time. He employs from four to ten skilled men, according to the amount of work on hand.

Mr. Adams served nine years as member of the Sunbury school board from the Second ward, and for one year of that time was treasurer of the board. He is a Republican in political sentiment. His religious connection is with the Methodist Church and socially he is a member of the Knights of Malta, belonging to Commandery No. 112.

On Feb. 21, 1889, Mr. Adams married Christina Baldy, daughter of Thomas and Delilah (Bright) Baldy, and they have had a family of six children, all still at home with their parents, namely: Frank, Harry, Catharine, Thomas, David N., Jr., and Margaret.

CURTIS M. ADAMS, son of David, was born April 4, 1862, in what is now Ralpho township, and was brought up to farm life. In 1890 he engaged in the livery business in the borough of Shamokin, in partnership with E. H. Martz, and there remained two years, in the spring of 1892 coming to Sunbury, where he established himself in the same line. He continued in the livery business here until 1910, making a success of same,

but in the meantime, in 1905, he had started his present business, to which he now gives all his attention. His store at No. 506 Market street is well stocked with a complete line of horse goods and shoe findings, being the leading leather store in Northumberland county, and he manufactures harness to order. Mr. Adams's previous experience in the livery business gave him thorough insight into the requirements of his present line, and he is in every way fitted to conduct what is recognized as the foremost establishment of the kind in this section. His business methods and standing are most creditable. Politically he is a Republican, has served as a member of the borough council, and is known as a public-spirited citizen. He has been an active member of the I. O. O. F. for some years, being a past grand of Lodge No. 203 and since 1908 a representative to the Grand Lodge. He is a member of the Lutheran Church.

On April 4, 1895, Mr. Adams married Alice Silvius, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Tucker) Silvius, of Sunbury. Mrs. Adams's father died in November, 1908, aged eighty-one years. Her mother died in 1901. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Adams, namely: Ruth, Mary, Robert (who died in his third year), Florence and John Jacob.

REUBEN F. MARTZ, farmer and lumberman of Shamokin township, was born Aug. 27, 1852, upon the homestead farm at Reed's station, son of Solomon Martz. The early members of the Martz family in America came from Germany and settled in Berks county, Pa., whence David Martz, great-grandfather of Reuben F. Martz, moved into Northumberland county.

David Martz and his brother Jacob moved from Berks county toward the close of the eighteenth century, settling on Shamokin creek, three miles south of Sunbury. He was a blacksmith, and followed his trade in connection with farming. He married Barbara Miller, and they had a family of seven children, five sons and two daughters: David, Henry, Peter, Abraham and George, all of whom but Henry moved to Dayton, Ohio, where they died; Susan, who married John Richstine, and Elizabeth, who married Abraham Arter.

Henry Martz, son of David, was born on the homestead in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, and was a farmer by occupation. He married Elizabeth Fagely, daughter of Christian and Magdalena Fagely, pioneers of Shamokin township. Mr. and Mrs. Martz both died in Shamokin and are buried in St. Peter's graveyard. They had six children: Hettie, Katie, Mary Ann, George, Solomon and Nathan, all now deceased but Nathan, who resides in Sunbury, Pennsylvania.

Solomon Martz, son of Henry, was born March 22, 1818, in Upper Augusta township, Northumberland county, and when seven years old went to

live with his uncle, Solomon Fagely, in Shamokin township, remaining with him until he was eighteen years old. He then entered the employ of his uncles Amos, George and Nathan Fagely, who had a store at Mauch Chunk, clerking there sixteen months. Returning to Shamokin he engaged with William and Reuben Fagely in a similar capacity, continuing for a year, after which he went to Mount Carmel to work for Solomon Fagely, who kept a tavern there. He remained with him a year. At that time a stage line was started between Mount Carmel and Shamokin, and he was appointed driver and mail carrier, working as such for a few months. He then took the same position on the stage line between Pottsville and Northumberland, for one year, and he was the last survivor of those connected with this method of transportation in central Pennsylvania at that time. Returning to Shamokin, he was elected supervisor of Coal township, having charge of the roads from Mount Carmel to Trevorton, and filled that office two years. During the next seven years he was engaged in hauling coal over the railroad from Shamokin to Sunbury for William and Reuben Fagely, under contract, at the end of that time settling on the farm at Reed's station where he passed the remainder of his days. He died Oct. 4, 1894, aged seventy-seven years, and is buried at Reed's Church.

Mr. Martz was always interested in the welfare of the community and the success of those enterprises that affected all its members. His generosity to those less fortunate than himself, his benevolence to all philanthropic movements, his sympathy with all who needed it, were as much the cause of the esteem he enjoyed as his industrious and successful career. He and his family attended the German Reformed Church, and when St. Jacob's was rebuilt, in 1870, he contributed all the brick necessary, one hundred thousand, his children giving the money to erect the steeple, \$1,200. In politics he was a staunch Republican and greatly interested in the success of the party, though he never had any political aspirations for himself. He was overseer of the poor for one year after settling in Shamokin township.

On April 6, 1841, Mr. Martz married Hannah Reed, born in 1815, died Dec. 15, 1895, aged eighty years, daughter of John and Eva (Howard) Reed, of Shamokin township, and to this union were born seven children: George O.; William F., who died young; Isabella, who died in 1875, aged thirty-one years; Sophronia, who died in 1874, at the age of thirty-three years; Reuben F., John Henry and Jesse R., all of whom live at Reed's station, Jesse being on part of the old homestead.

Reuben F. Martz received his early education in the public schools of the home locality, later attending Elysburg Academy. After working some



time for his father he entered the timber business, furnishing props for the mines. This he has continued to carry on in connection with farming, owning a tract of 120 acres, part of the old homestead, his property adjoining the lands of his brothers Jesse R. and John H. He has erected fine buildings on the place since it came into his possession, putting up his residence in 1903, and the property is not only valuable for its natural advantages but also for the judicious improvements which have been made on it. He has devoted all his time to his private affairs, taking no part in public life, though he has the public-spirited interest in such matters which every good citizen feels. He is a Republican in politics.

Mr. Martz married Emma M. Muench, who was born in 1860, daughter of Jacob E. Muench, and died Jan. 7, 1902; she is buried at Reed's Church. Eight children were born to this union, two of whom died in infancy, the others being: William, a graduate of Pennsylvania State College, now located in Chicago, Ill.; Hattie, wife of Edw. Michael, living in Sunbury; Solomon, a graduate of Bucknell College, now living at home; Frederick, who died when seven years old; Emma; and Ada. The family are Lutherans in religion.

**SNYDER (SCHNEIDER).** The Snyders or Schneiders are a numerous and respected family of the southeastern section of Northumberland county, with which region they have been identified for several successive generations. Their first ancestor of whom we have record was one

(I) Peter Schneider, who settled in Berks county, Pa., in 1719, coming from New York with the first colony under the leadership of Conrad Weiser.

(II) Abraham Schneider, son of Peter, had a son

(III) Daniel Schneider, who was born in Bethel township, Lancaster (later Berks) county, and who was the father of

(IV) Johann Nicholas Schneider, the first of the family in Northumberland county. He settled in what is now Upper Mahanoy township, being one of the very early settlers of the valley. He was a farmer by occupation, and lived on the farm now owned by Andrew Geist, the original place comprising a large acreage. He was born Sept. 10, 1749, and died Oct. 28, 1821; his wife Anna Maria, born Nov. 25, 1756, died Dec. 23, 1827. They are buried at Himmel's Church, in which vicinity the family is numerously represented. Johann Nicholas Schneider and his family were Lutherans, and in 1778 helped to organize Himmel's Church, and in 1818 he assisted in the building of the new church, the old log structure being replaced by one of stone. Many of his descendants are buried there also. The early members of the family were all good singers, and

they were not only active in the church and in the choir but also in the singing schools held at that day. To Johann Nicholas and Anna Maria Schneider were born six children: Johan Jacob, Johan Peter, Abraham, George, Maria Christina (1779-1859, married Andraes Geist) and Anna Catharine (born July 6, 1792, married Johan Georg Erdman, 1787-1858; she died Aug. 20, 1842, and is buried at Herb Church).

(V) Johan Jacob Schneider, son of Johann Nicholas, was born Nov. 22, 1780, in Upper Mahanoy township, and died May 29, 1851. He was a lifelong farmer, succeeding his father in the ownership of the homestead; his dwelling was near Greenbrier. He married Magdalena Erdman, born June 7, 1783, died Oct. 31, 1861, and both were Lutheran members of Himmel's Church, where they are buried. They had a family of thirteen children: Jacob, John A., Joseph, Jonathan, George, Samuel, Peter, Andrew, Heinrich, David, Sallie (married Jacob Hoffa), Kate (married Jacob Hetrich) and Lydia (married a Moritz).

(V) Johan Peter Schneider, son of Johann Nicholas, born Sept. 10, 1782, died Oct. 17, 1841. He was a farmer, and lived in Washington township, Northumberland county, near his brother Johan Jacob. His wife, Gertraut Maurer, born July 5, 1779, died April 1, 1844. They had sons John and George and daughters Sallie (married Jonathan Smith), Elizabeth (married Nicholas Drumheller), Catharine (married John Hetrich) and a daughter who married Abraham Deppen.

(V) Abraham Schneider, son of Johann Nicholas, born Sept. 4, 1788, died Feb. 8, 1873. He lived south of his brother Jacob, in the same township, and his farm continued in the family, being owned until recently by his grandson, A. Morris Snyder. His wife, Susanna (Schweitzer), born May 14, 1790, died Jan. 23, 1870, and both are buried at St. John's Church, in Upper Mahanoy township. They had children as follows: Abraham (died April 18, 1894, aged 76 years, one month, five days; his wife, Susanna, died Nov. 13, 1898, aged eighty years, four months, eighteen days), George (who moved away from this region), John S., Daniel S., Simon, William (lived in Allentown, Pa.) and Catharine (married George Kahler).

(V) George Schneider, son of Johann Nicholas, born in Upper Mahanoy township Dec. 5, 1794, died Oct. 26, 1875. He lived in the extreme eastern end of Upper Mahanoy township, on the farm near Howarter's Church now owned by his son Aaron W., and followed farming. Mr. Schneider learned the carpenter's trade with his brother Abraham, and followed it to some extent, helping to build the Old Stone Himmel's Church in 1818. His farm comprised 230 acres, and he built thereon the first house and the barn now used by his son Aaron, the latter being erected in 1841. He held



the office of township supervisor and local election offices, and was a Democrat in politics.

On March 4, 1818, George Schneider married Catharine Wagner, daughter of Jacob Wagner, born May 18, 1797, died Jan. 25, 1885; they are buried at the Howerter Church, of which all the family were Lutheran members. Mr. Schneider was a trustee of the church. Mr. and Mrs. Schneider had a family of twelve children: Solomon (who died young), Elizabeth (married Samuel Schmink), Charles, Hannah (married Abraham Erdman), Catharine, Lydia and Mary (twins, the latter dying young), Gideon, Helen, George (married a Long), Aaron W., and Abbie (married a Mr. Adkin).

(VI) AARON W. SNYDER, son of George, was born April 14, 1840, on his father's farm, and was reared there, and with the exception of one year when he lived with his brother-in-law, Daniel Reed, has passed his life on this place. He attended the old subscription schools which afforded the only advantages obtainable in the locality in his youth, and was reared to agriculture, which he has always followed. But he has also become a good mechanic, being a first-class carpenter and blacksmith. In the spring of 1868 he began farming for himself on the old place, which is in Upper Mahanoy township, and he has prospered steadily, having a valuable farm, well managed and productive.

Soon after the Civil war Mr. Snyder married Lizzie Erdman, daughter of Abraham Erdman (who married a Trautman), who lived near Rough and Ready, Schuylkill county, and nine children have been born to this marriage: Cora, who is unmarried; George, of Upper Mahanoy, who married Jennie Trautman (they have had three children, Earle, Rema and Elwood, the last named being deceased); Bertha, who died in childhood; Walter L., a farmer of Upper Mahanoy, who married Sallie Miller and has three children, Bessie, Minnie and Charles; Carrie, who married George Hornberger; Emma, who died young; Della J.; Charles D., and Mamie A.

(VI) John A. Snyder, son of Johan Jacob, was born March 29, 1803, in Upper Mahanoy township, where he lived and died, passing away April 18, 1867. He was a lifelong farmer, owning a fine place of 140 acres along the south side of Line Mountain, near Greenbrier. He was a Lutheran member and one of the most liberal supporters of and active workers in Himmel's Church, holding all the church offices, and helped to work on the old stone church mentioned previously as having been erected in 1818, helping to gather stone from the mountain. He was twice married, and both his wives were Reformed members of that church. His first wife, Maria (Schollenberger), is buried there. She was a daughter of Benedict and Christian (Moyer) Schollen-

berger, who came from Albany township, Berks county, and his second wife, Judith (Diehl), a native of Berks county, was a daughter of Michael and Sarah (Schollenberger) Diehl, her mother being a sister of Maria, his first wife. Mrs. Judith Snyder died Jan. 30, 1907, aged ninety years, two months, six days. Mr. Snyder had fifteen children by his first wife, eight sons and seven daughters, namely: Solomon, Michael, Benjamin, Amos, Jared, Aaron, John, a son not named, Regina, Susanna, and five daughters who died young, several close together, of diphtheria. To the second marriage were born six, three sons and three daughters: Peter D., Jeremiah, Tobias, Hannah (married David Schoffstall), Lydia (married John Schoffstall, brother of David) and Sarah (married James S. Reitz).

(VII) Peter D. Snyder was born in the Swabian Creek Valley, and there lived for some time after reaching maturity, following his trade, that of saddler. In 1876 he moved to Jordan township, on the farm now owned by his son John M. Snyder, which he purchased in 1882. Here he passed the remainder of his days, following both farming and his trade. He died Oct. 8, 1901, aged fifty-two years, and is buried at Klingers-town. His wife, Fietta Reiner, daughter of Charles and Peggy (Masser) Reiner, from Berks county, frequently visited relatives and friends there. She died June 8, 1906, at the age of sixty, and is buried in the Snyder family plot at Klingers-town. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder had two children, John M. and Charles, the latter of whom lives in Portland, Oregon (he married Sallie Deibert and has one child, Jesse).

(VIII) JOHN M. SNYDER, son of Peter D. Snyder, was born Aug. 7, 1872, in Upper Mahanoy township, and was reared upon the farm, working for his parents until about twenty years old. Meantime he also learned the saddler's trade from his father, and followed it for some years; since he has made farming his principal business he has confined his work at the trade to his own needs and work for his neighbors. In 1908 he began farming on his own account, but since 1906 he has owned the seventy-two acre farm in Jordan township, a half mile northwest of Klingers-town, upon which he lives, and which was formerly his father's property. It is just five minutes' walk from the point where Schuylkill, Dauphin and Northumberland counties converge. This was the old Samuel West homestead, and the house, which is of log construction, was built about eighty years ago. Mr. Snyder is enterprising and up-to-date in his farming operations, and gives special attention to the raising of chickens and hogs.

On March 18, 1909, Mr. Snyder married Hattie Schadel, daughter of William and Catharine (Strobecker) Schadel. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder are

Lutheran members of the Klingerstown Church, and he is a Democrat in political principle, with inclinations for independent action when the occasion demands.

(VII) **TOBIAS SNYDER**, son of John A., was born Dec. 11, 1851, on his father's homestead, and received his education in the common schools. He made good use of his opportunities for studying German, in which he is quite proficient. He was reared to farm life, and when he became of age took up farming on the place where he was born, and where he has continued ever since. His farm is a nice level tract of 140 acres, well improved under his management, and he has greatly remodeled the dwelling, making an addition to the west side. The east part is a log house built by Benedict Schollenberger, and when Mr. Snyder remodeled it, in 1897, it was exactly one hundred years old. He is energetic and progressive, and has been successful in his work, so much so that besides his home property he owns four of the nicest farms in the valley; one is across the line in Washington township, adjoining Upper Mahanoy. His acreage is greater than that of any other one man in the section. One of his farms was the Abraham Geist homestead; another the Daniel Gonser homestead; another the Jonas Reitz homestead; and a fourth his uncle Jonathan Snyder's homestead. He has built new houses on three of these places, and the Snyder properties are easily distinguished from the fact that the houses are all painted white. Thrifty management and neatness of appearance characterize all his farms. Mr. Snyder is a representative citizen of Upper Mahanoy township, esteemed for his honorable and useful citizenship, and has given efficient service as overseer of the poor. He has always taken an active interest in the affairs of his day, and has an excellent memory, being particularly well versed in the early history of his family. He belongs to the Lutheran congregation of Himmel's Church, which he has served as deacon and elder, and he assisted liberally when the present beautiful church was erected in 1904.

In 1880 Mr. Snyder married Emma Reitz, daughter of Jonas Reitz, and five children have been born to them: James L., a farmer of Upper Mahanoy township, married Mary Schreffler, and they have had three children, Charles, Florence and Dory; C. Howard, a farmer of Upper Mahanoy township, married Teney Smith, and they have had three children, William, Helen and Flossie; Ira C., who lives with his father, married Minnie Snyder, and they have had two children, Ambrose (deceased) and Edna; D. Francis, who lives on his father's Washington township farm, married Mary Rebuck and they have had two children, Emma and Sarah; Jennie M. married William Schreffler, brother of Mary (who married James L. Snyder), and they have had two children, Lloyd

and Anna (they live in Upper Mahanoy township).

(VI) **Jonathan Snyder**, son of Johan Jacob, was born in the Swabian creek section of Upper Mahanoy township, and died in 1876, aged sixty-seven years. He was a farmer by occupation, and owned the place which is now one of the Tobias Snyder farms. He was active in church matters as a Lutheran member of Himmel's Church, and held various church offices, and he is buried at that church. He married Susanna Schollenberger, daughter of Benedict Schollenberger, of Albany township, Berks county, and they had children as follows: Simon S. is mentioned below; Jacob S. died on his farm at Leck Kill April 7, 1894, aged sixty-three years, ten months, twenty-nine days, his wife, Catharine, dying Aug. 26, 1903, aged sixty-seven years, three months, nine days; Cornelius, who was a carpenter by trade, built the famous Elijah Byerly barn in Lower Mahanoy township, the most modern barn in that township, and later removed to Laporte, Ind., where he died; Enoch, a blacksmith, went to the defense of his country in the Civil war, and because of his extraordinary strength was selected as one of the four hundred men detailed to erect the pontoon bridge across the Rappahanock river, being shot while engaged on that work, in December, 1862; Emanuel died at home, during the epidemic of spotted fever; Gehret (or Gehred), of Bloomsburg, Pa., was formerly a shoemaker, but has lately entered the hotel business, being proprietor of the "Exchange Hotel" at Bloomsburg; Henry M. is mentioned below; Lydia married Gabriel Reiner; Elizabeth married William Kehres; Sarah married William Kauffman.

(VII) **SIMON S. SNYDER**, son of Jonathan, was born March 2, 1829, and died Jan. 3, 1904. During his earlier life he was a shoemaker and saddler, later becoming a farmer, and he owned the fine property which is now in the possession of his son Edwin W. He built the large Swiss barn (100 by 50 feet in dimensions) which stands on the place in 1871. He took some part in local affairs, serving as overseer of the poor in his district, and for a number of years was a deacon of St. James Church in Upper Mahanoy township, of which he was a Lutheran member; he and his wife are buried at that church.

Mr. Snyder married Leah Wetzel, born Nov. 20, 1829, died June 21, 1886, daughter of Peter Wetzel, and six children were born to this union: Lizzie (married Peter Paul), William W., Edwin W., Kate (married Joel Daniel and later Preston Fretz), Sarah E. (married Edwin Beisel and later Samuel Herb) and Susan (married Daniel Runkel).

(VIII) **EDWIN W. SNYDER**, son of Simon S., is one of the foremost agriculturists in his dis-



trict. He was born Feb. 4, 1857, in Upper Mahantango township, Schuylkill county, received his education in the common schools, and was reared to farm life, working for his parents until he was thirty-three years old. He was paid wages from the time he was twenty-one. In the spring of 1890 he began farming for himself on the place where he now lives, in Upper Mahanoy township, located on the road from Line Mountain to Pitman, and about three-quarters of a mile from the Schuylkill county line. His farm contains 218 acres of the best land in the vicinity, and is in excellent condition in every respect, giving evidence of intelligent care and first-class management. He takes his produce to Shamokin. Mr. Snyder has won success by hard work, and he is deservedly one of the most respected men in his neighborhood. He has been a school director of his township since 1904, has served as overseer of the poor, and has proved his worth in many capacities. In political connection he is a Democrat. He and his family are members of the United Evangelical Church (the Union Church) in Eldred township, Schuylkill county.

On June 9, 1879, Mr. Snyder married Mary Ann Herb, daughter of Henry and Catharine (Fetherolf) Herb and granddaughter of Adam and Magdalena (Schwartz) Herb. Ten children have been born to this union: Clara J., Sadie (married Sylvester Fetter), Henry S. (married Mary Kerstetter), D. Edwin (married Mamie Leitzel), Bessie L. (married Henry Wehry), Victor C., Lloyd E., Allen H., Gehret H. and Ora E.

(VII) HENRY M. SNYDER, postmaster at Hickory Corners, Northumberland county, was born Sept. 27, 1851, in Upper Mahanoy township, on the old homestead. He received but meager educational advantages, his whole attendance at school covering only seven months, but by application and intelligent use of his time he has won the reputation of being the best read citizen of his section, and he is well up on current events, having an active mind and a taste for reading which has made many of his leisure hours enjoyable. With the exception of the ministers he has the largest and most comprehensive library in his district, and his fondness for history is apparent in his selections. Mr. Snyder has led an active and progressive life. Reared on the farm, he passed his early years in agricultural work, and when eighteen began to learn shoemaking and harnessmaking, following same for thirty years. From 1871 to 1875 he was with his brother Gehret, in 1875 settling in Hickory Corners, where he has made his home ever since. In addition to his business he has found many duties in the public affairs of the place, where since 1893 he has held the office of postmaster, having been first appointed that year and reappointed every four years up to the present. During his earlier years

Mr. Snyder was a very active worker in the Democratic party in his locality, having served fifteen consecutive years as township committeeman, and for twelve years was delegate to the county conventions. He was one of the confreres of Congressman Simon P. Wolverton who nominated him for the district on the occasion of his latest nomination, which was followed by his election. He was an ardent Democrat until 1896, when he joined the Gold Standard wing of the party. In 1901 Mr. Snyder was elected a member of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, which then had a membership of 1,800 in the United States. Mr. Snyder has been a correspondent for four county papers since 1898, and he was the principal contributor to an elaborate article published in the *Philadelphia Record* and other metropolitan papers in October, 1898, entitled "Homage in Cannon Roars." He is one of the stockholders in the Sunbury National Bank, and his judgment in financial matters is highly prized.

On March 21, 1875, Mr. Snyder was married to Esther R. Zartman, daughter of Daniel and Hettie (Raker) Zartman, and they have had a family of six children: Daniel J., who is at present principal of the Mifflinville high school in Columbia county, Pa.; Harlan R. C., also a public school teacher, now supervising principal of the West Berwick schools in Columbia county; and four who died young—Halmer B., Wilson, Susanna and Esther. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder and their family are Lutheran members of the Zion's (Stone Valley) Church; Mr. Snyder served two years as deacon and was secretary of the Sunday school for a number of years.

(VI) John S. Snyder, son of Abraham, was born in Upper Mahanoy township Dec. 16, 1824, and died Nov. 3, 1901, on his farm in that township. Mr. Snyder was a well known man in his day. He followed shoemaking for fifteen years or more, and also operated a farm, owning a place of 120 acres, now the property of his son Elias Snyder. He was active in the public affairs of the community, serving many years in various offices, as constable, school director, supervisor and auditor, and was also prominent in church work, being a chorister of Himmel's Church for many years; then St. John's church was built, and he became chorister there, serving until a few years before his death. He was a useful and popular man in the locality, a staunch member of the Democratic party, and identified with the progress of his day in many ways.

Mr. Snyder married Susanna Schreffler, born April 9, 1826, died June 28, 1902 (daughter of Godfried Schreffler), and both are buried at St. John's Church, in Upper Mahanoy township.



Fourteen children were born to their union: Sarah married Andrew Dunkelberger, and they made their home in Michigan, where she still lives (Mr. Dunkelberger is deceased); Edward is a resident of Sunbury, Pa.; Mary is the widow of Jerry Beissel, of South Bend, Ind.; Rudolph is mentioned below; Luzetta is the widow of Joel Haning and lives at Pitman, Pa.; Elias lives on the old homestead; Emma; Sevilla married Daniel Herb, of Mount Carmel, Pa.; John has been lost track of by his family; Vesta married Robert Maurer, of Mahantango, Pa.; four died young.

(VII) RUDOLPH SNYDER, son of John S., was born Feb. 3, 1852, in Upper Mahanoy township, and received a common school education. He was reared to farming, working for his parents until he attained his majority, after which he engaged in huckstering for seven years, making weekly trips to Shenandoah and Mahanoy City. During this time he continued to live at home. Then, in the spring of 1881, he came to the place where he has ever since lived, following general farming, in which he has been very successful. He has an eighty-five-acre farm, formerly a Ressler homestead, and the property has been improved considerably during his ownership. In 1903 he built the present barn, and in 1909 he made an addition to the house.

In 1881 Mr. Snyder married Sarah Alice Geist, daughter of Daniel and Cecilia (Updegraff) Geist, and nine children have been born to them, namely: Irwin (married Carrie Heim), Casper (married Minnie Bentzinger), Sadie (married Charles Mattern), Walter, Gurney, Alverta, Carrie, Willard and Millard. Mr. Snyder and his family are Reformed members of Himmel's Church. He is a Democrat in political opinion, and he has served six years as school director of Upper Mahanoy township.

(VI) Daniel S. Snyder, son of Abraham, was born Jan. 6, 1827, in Upper Mahanoy township, and died March 18, 1903. He was a lifelong farmer, owning and living upon the place until recently occupied by his son, A. Morris Snyder, which comprises over two hundred acres in all; there are 148 acres of cleared land, besides the woodland. Mr. Snyder prospered, and he built the present barn in 1857; he also built part of the dwelling. Mr. Snyder was quite active in his locality, was a Republican in politics, and served some years as supervisor and also as school director of his township; he held the former office at the time the Mountain road, across Line Mountain to Shamokin, was built.

Mr. Snyder married Sarah A. Smith, daughter of Samuel Smith, and she survived him, dying May 9, 1905, aged seventy-three years, seven months, nineteen days. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder and some of their children are buried at St. John's

Church, in Upper Mahanoy township. They were Lutheran members of that church. They had the following family: Harriet, who married (first) Ed. Erdman and (second) David Hepler; Martin, a farmer of Washington township, Northumberland county; Wesley, a farmer of the same township; Malinda, deceased, who married Dr. H. H. Malick; Ellen, who married William Houghton; Daniel, of Allentown, Pa.; Milton, born April 13, 1861, who died of diphtheria June 23, 1863; Samuel I., born Jan. 15, 1869, who died Aug. 2, 1873; Savira (or Sovira), born Oct. 21, 1856, who died of diphtheria May 30, 1863; Charles E., of Allentown, Pa.; A. Morris; and Daisy, who married Howard Geist, of Girardville, Pennsylvania.

(VII) A. MORRIS SNYDER, son of Daniel S., is a prosperous farmer. He was born on the homestead in Upper Mahanoy township March 19, 1873, and received his education in the local schools and in the academy at Berrysburg, Dauphin county. Farming has been his life work, and in the spring of 1890 he began farming on his own account at the homestead, where he continued to live until he sold the place, in 1910. He and his brother Charles purchased the farm from their brother Daniel in 1890, and owned it in partnership for nine years, at the end of which period A. Morris Snyder purchased his brother's interest. In 1910 he bought the nice level place in Rockefeller township where he moved Nov. 24th of that year, and where he now lives. He is a successful agriculturist, owns a full line of up-to-date farm stock, and markets his produce at Ashland and Girardville, sometimes making as many as four trips a week.

On July 8, 1899, Mr. Snyder married Bella Jane Hetrick, daughter of Samuel and Hosanna (Dunkelberger) Hetrick and granddaughter of John Hetrick and of Joseph Dunkelberger. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Snyder: Willard D. (who died in infancy), Henry Alvin and Esther Pauline. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder are Lutheran members of St. John's Church. He is a Republican in politics, and at present is serving as township auditor and supervisor.

SNYDER (SCHNEIDER). Gabriel Schneider, a native of Berks county, Pa., located in the Lykens Valley, in Dauphin county, at what is now known as Uniontown, formerly Snyderstown. He was known as "Gab." Schneider. A miller by occupation, he built a stone gristmill on the Mahantango creek which is still (1910) standing, and which after his day was owned by a Boyer. According to tradition this pioneer Schneider was buried at Uniontown. He had, among other children, a son David.

David Schneider, son of Gabriel, succeeded his father in the milling business, conducting the mill for some years, until he sold it to Boyer; the lat-

ter was succeeded by his son, Levi Boyer. After selling the mill David Schneider moved to Washington township, Northumberland county, where he operated what is now known as the Latsha mill. Continuing thus for some years, he moved to Tower City, Schuylkill county, where he died at an advanced age. His children were Henry (who lived at Sacramento, Schuylkill county) and Peter.

Peter Snyder, son of David, learned milling at the Uniontown mill, operated the Haas mill near Sunbury, in Rockefeller township, two years, and then came to Washington township, where he operated what is now known as the Latsha mill for two years. He died in April, 1849, when less than thirty years old, and is buried at Himmel's Church. Peter Snyder married Elizabeth Hepner, daughter of Henry Hepner (married a Schaeffer), and two children were born to them, Sarah and Israel. The daughter is the wife of Isaac Brown, now a retired miller, and they live at Winfield, Union Co., Pa.; they had children: Elsworth, Irwin, Charles and Emma.

ISRAEL SNYDER, son of Peter, was born Nov. 22, 1847, in Rockefeller township, Northumberland county, and in 1867 commenced to learn the carpenter's trade, which he has ever since followed. After five years at the trade he began to work as boss carpenter, and he has been engaged all over the lower end of Northumberland county as well as in Allentown and other cities in the eastern part of the State. He worked sixteen years for Acker, Slayman & Co., of Shamokin, and has long been in business on his own account, employing from two to nineteen men, as the needs of his work demand. He built the large store and residence of A. G. Sleich at Gowen City, Northumberland county; two of the largest public school-houses in Shamokin; the three-story 119-foot knob factory at Shamokin; the Lutheran and Reformed church at Gowen City; the U. B. church at Uniontown; and many houses and barns in different sections of the county. His high-grade work and success have brought him a large patronage, which he holds by the same methods through which it was won.

In 1870 Mr. Snyder married Elizabeth Maurer, daughter of David Maurer, of Upper Mahantango township, Schuylkill county, and children as follows have been born to this union: a son that died in infancy; Alvin, who died aged two years, two months, eighteen days; Mary E., who married Edgar Rumberger, of Schuylkill county, and has had Mazie, Willie, Annie, Howard (deceased) and Katie; and Annie E., who married Elmer Smith, of Shamokin, and has three children, George Israel, Emma E. and Allen.

Mr. Snyder and his family are Lutheran members of St. John's Church. He is an independent voter, and has served his township three years as auditor.

FRED C. LINDERMAN, one of the proprietors of the well known Antlers Cafe, in Shamokin, Pa., is of German origin, his ancestors first settling in Bucks county, Pa., upon coming to America.

John Linderman, the great-grandfather of Fred C., was born in Bucks county, Pa., and removed to Berks county, near Douglassville, where he purchased a farm. In addition to farming he was a charcoal burner and also did weaving. He died upon his farm in Berks county. His children were: Conrad; William; Jacob; John; Martha, and Frederick.

Frederick Linderman, grandfather of Fred C., was born in Berks county, near Douglassville, and also followed charcoal burning. He also learned the trade of ship carpenter, which he followed for some time. In 1861 he removed to Schuylkill county, Pa., and in 1868 came to Shamokin, where he was employed in and around the mines. His death occurred in Shamokin. Mr. Linderman married Anna Rhoads, also of Berks county, and they had issue: Mary, who married Eli Mengel; Valina, who married Daniel Christ; William R.; John, of Shamokin; Martha A., who died young; George, deceased; Margaret, who died young; and Isaac, of Shamokin, Pennsylvania.

William R. Linderman, father of Fred C., was born at Pine Grove, Schuylkill Co., Pa., Sept. 16, 1845. At the early age of twelve he began to work as a boatman on the canal and he followed this work until he enlisted in the Civil war, in the spring of 1862, in Company F, 52d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. He saw active service in the Army of the Potomac, was twice wounded, was taken prisoner at Charleston, S. C., and was taken to Andersonville prison, where he was held for seven months; he was exchanged in February, 1864, at which time he returned home on a furlough. Later he joined his company and regiment and remained in service until the close of the war, returning home in July, 1865, to Schuylkill Haven, Pa. He followed boating till the fall of 1868, at which time he came to Shamokin, and was employed for three years in the mines. He then spent twenty years with the Pennsylvania Railway Company, in different positions. He is now employed at the Hickory Swamp colliery, at outside work. Mr. Linderman was commander of Lincoln Post, G. A. R., in 1895. He married Phoebe Reed, daughter of Moses and Maria (Kantner) Reed, and they had children as follows: Minnie R., who married John Schmick; Martha A., who is at home; Fred C.; Clarence H. and Herbert W., twins; Frank; Leona, who married Ray Vought, of Shamokin; and Harry B.

Fred C. Linderman, son of William R., was born in Shamokin May 22, 1873. He attended the local schools of Shamokin and when quite young began work as a slate picker at the Green Ridge colliery. This he followed until he was



fifteen years of age, at which time he became employed at other work around the collieries, continuing in various positions until he reached the age of twenty-two. He then became a lineman for the Pennsylvania Valley Telephone Company (now the Pennsylvania Telephone Company), by whom he was employed for about four years. He next worked for the Bell Telephone Company for one year, when he became a clerk for Lafayette Trometter, in the hotel business, remaining with him six and a half years. In 1906, in company with Joseph P. Schmidt, he bought out Mr. Trometter's business, which is located at the corner of Washington and Independence streets, in the Elks building, and the place is now known as the Antlers Cafe. It is up-to-date in all things, being among the leading places of its kind in the community.

On March 20, 1901, Mr. Linderman married Maggie R. Thompson, of Danville, Pa., daughter of John Thompson, and they have one son, John H. Socially he is a member of the local lodge of Elks (No. 355), the Order of Eagles and the Sons of Veterans.

JOHN H. RABUCK, stonemason and farmer of Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, was born Sept. 27, 1862, in Washington township, this county, son of Harrison W. and Eliza (Paul) Rabuck. The family name, usually spelled Rebeck, has been perpetuated in this region in the post office Rebeck, named after a member of this well known family, which is especially numerous in Washington township and the surrounding territory.

According to tradition the first member of the family in this country was from the German Palatinate and came to America to avoid service in the war then being waged in his native land. The older members of the family say that his name was Schaffer, but that he assumed the name Rebeck to prevent his being traced and taken back to the Fatherland, where punishment for such an offense as his was severe. This pioneer ancestor was known in the New World by the name John Adam Rebeck. He first located in Berks county, Pa., whence he came to Northumberland county, settling in Jackson township, in that part now embraced in Washington township. There is the old-established business stand, now for many years conducted and owned by the Kehres family, where the post office and hamlet of Rebeck are located. The hamlet contains about a dozen dwellings. The pioneer was a farmer. Among his children were Valentine, John Adam, Jr., and Michael. Of these, Valentine Rebeck in 1778 was among the taxables of Mahanoy township, which then included considerable territory in the lower end of the county.

Michael Rebeck, son of John Adam, the pioneer,

was born July 14, 1769, and died Oct. 7, 1852, when over eighty-three years of age. He lived on Greenbrier creek, in Washington township, and was an extensive farmer, following agricultural pursuits all his life. He had a tract of 162 acres which is still in the family name, being now owned by his grandson, John Rebeck. He built the barn still standing on that property, and also a small dwellinghouse. He was a Reformed member of the Himmel Church. His wife, Catharine (Reis), born Aug. 21, 1775, died Nov. 7, 1858. Their children were: Bevy, who married Peter Ferster; and Godfried, called "Big Godfried."

Godfried Rebeck, son of Michael, was born July 28, 1798, and died May 29, 1875. He was a tall, heavy man, with dark hair, was a farmer by occupation, and owned much land, living on the Greenbrier homestead of the Rebeck family. He and his family worshipped with the Reformed congregation at the Himmel Church, and they are buried there. His wife, Catharine (Wagner), born March 26, 1801, died June 30, 1860. They had children as follows: Salome married John Schrefler; Daniel W. married Lydia Delp; Catharine married Harry Rebeck; Hannah married John Wentzel; Polly married Peter Snyder and (second) Henry Herb; Lydia married Philip Reitz; Harrison W. is mentioned below; Jacob, born in 1837, died unmarried; John, born in 1839, died unmarried, in 1861; Sarah married John Kieffer and (second) Jacob Reber. There were three Godfried Rebecks, known as "Big Godfried," "Little Godfried" and "Red Godfried." The latter, Godfried B. Rebeck, kept the store and post office at Rebeck.

Harrison W. Rebeck, son of Godfried, was born July 12, 1834, and was a farmer during his active years. He moved from Washington township to Eldred township, Schuylkill county, thence to Jordan township, this county, and then to Mifflin township, Dauphin Co., Pa., in 1881 returning thence to Northumberland county and locating in Jordan township again. From there he returned to Dauphin county, settling near Gratztown, in Lykens township. He now lives at Herndon, Pa., with his son J. Wilson Rebeck. During the Civil war he was in the Union service as a member of Company K, 112d Regiment, for nine months. He married Elizabeth Paul, who died in September, 1904, in her seventy-second year, and they had children: John H., James, Elmira L., Augustus, J. Wilson and Reilly.

John H. Rabuck attended the common schools of Jordan township and later those of Mifflin township, Dauphin county. But he was obliged to begin work early, leaving school during the panic of 1873 and beginning to learn the trade of stonemason. As the hard times did not seem to lessen in severity he left Dauphin county, where his parents were then living, for a time.



In 1888 he first came to the farm where he now lives, in Upper Mahanoy township, a tract of sixty-six acres which formerly belonged to Andrew Snyder, who built the present house there. In the earlier days it was owned by Heinrich Schadel, whose son William succeeded him, and during William Schadel's ownership of the place all the buildings on the premises were destroyed by fire. Mr. Rabuck and his father built the barn. John H. Rabuck has owned this farm since 1904. He is a thrifty and successful farmer, and he has become one of the substantial and respected citizens of his neighborhood, where he is very popular, being a man of intelligence and well read, with an interesting personality which draws many friends to him. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., belonging to Lodge No. 637, of Klingerstown, and in religion is a Lutheran, holding membership in the Hebe Church. Politically he is identified with the Republican party. Mr. Rabuck's travels and varied experiences have given him a broad outlook on affairs affecting the general welfare, in which he is much interested. He retains many traits developed during his roving life, and he is one of the best climbers anywhere in his section.

Elias F. Rebuck, a farmer in Upper Mahanoy township, was born there Feb. 23, 1842, son of Samuel Rebuck and grandson of John Rebuck. The latter was a farmer in the same township, owning what is now the property of David Paul. He is buried at the Himmel Church. By his first wife, Catharine Brosius, he had seven children: Samuel, David, Catharine, Godlieb, Gabriel, Polly and John. His second marriage was to Catharine Thomas, by whom he had three children, Elias, Daniel and Anna. By his third wife, Elizabeth (Druckenmiller), there were no children. His three wives are buried at the Himmel Church.

Samuel Rebuck, son of John, was born June 17, 1810, and died March 30, 1882, where his son Elias now lives. He is buried at the Salem Church, of which he was a Reformed member, and served as deacon and elder of his congregation. He followed farming during his active years where David S. Paul now lives, in Upper Mahanoy township, and in his earlier life also engaged in shoemaking. He owned a tract of land at Seven Points. He was a public-spirited man, and served his township as school director and supervisor. His wife, whose maiden name was Brosius, was born March 5, 1809, and died Feb. 23, 1894. To them were born children as follows: Rosina married William Heim; Lydia married Elias Ochs; Mary died unmarried; John married Elizabeth Ossman; Samuel married Lovina Kehres; Elias F. is mentioned below; Polly married Daniel Schlegel; Kate married Nathan Steely; Amelia married William Kutz.

Elias F. Rebuck had limited advantages for se-

curing an education in the subscription schools conducted in the vicinity of his early home. He was reared to farm life, and began farming for himself in the spring of 1877 at the place where he has since continued to reside, a farm of 114 acres in Upper Mahanoy township, originally an Orendorf homestead, later owned by John Eisenhart, Heinrich Fetter and Samuel Rebuck, successively, before it passed into the present ownership. A fine frame dwelling Mr. Rebuck erected in 1906 replaced an old log house which had stood for over one hundred years.

In 1879 Mr. Rebuck married Sarah Snyder, daughter of Levi Snyder, now the oldest resident of Upper Mahanoy township, and they have had children as follows: Meda C. (Mrs. John Baum), Mary A., Samuel Henry, Rosa C., Katie C., Charles Elias and Lulu E. Mr. Rebuck is a member of the Salem (Herb) Church, of which he was an elder for six years; his wife belongs to the Lutheran congregation of that church. Politically Mr. Rebuck is a Democrat.

BERTRAM GALBRAITH, business man of Milton and present tax receiver for that borough, is a native of that place and a member of the third generation of Galbraiths to live there. The members of this family have borne high reputation for integrity and ability in the conduct of all their enterprises, and in his active and many-sided life he has proved a typical representative of the name he bears.

The family of Galbraith has long been established in America, and in the old country dates back to the remote antiquity of Scotland. The name is derived from the Celtic and originally belonged to the Lennox in that country. The Galbraith chiefs had their residence in the parish of Baldernoch. The Galbraiths of the isle of Ghiga descended from those of Baldernoch, as may be traced in the ancient records, having fled thither with Lord James Stewart, youngest son of Murdoch, Duke of Albany, from the Lennox, after burning Dumbarton, in the reign of James I. of Scotland. They continued to hold that island until after 1500. The following lines from the Scotch show the estimate in which the name was held:

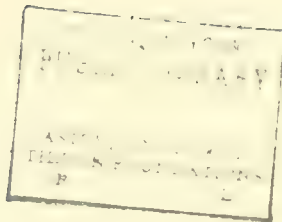
Galbraiths from the Red Tower,  
Noblest of Scottish surnames.

There is now a small island in Scotland called "Iuch (Island) Galbraith." Upon it are many ruins of castles and villages, the strongholds built by the clan when war was the rule.

When Hon. W. A. Galbraith, of Erie, Pa., was traveling in Scotland, hearing that a family by the same name lived close to where he stopped, he went to call on them. He had with him a coat of arms preserved by the family in America, which he showed them, and they immediately produced



*William G. Smith.*





a precise counterpart, the arms showing three bears' heads, muzzled, on a shield surmounted by a knight's helmet and crest with the motto, which, translated, is, "Stronger from opposition." Thus the origin of the family is established without doubt.

James Galbraith, the first of the line under consideration to settle in America, was born in 1650 in the North of Ireland, son of John Galbraith, and emigrated in 1718 with his family, settling in Donegal, Lancaster Co., Pa. He was a man of influence and prominence in his day, and was among the founders of the old Derry Church, in what is now Dauphin county, Pa., near Derry station, and is buried in the old graveyard of that church. He died Aug. 23, 1744. The first regular pastor of this church, Rev. William Bertram, died May 2, 1746, and is buried near the church. Rebecca (Chambers), wife of James Galbraith, was a daughter of Arthur Chambers, who with the Allen, Allison, Armstrong, Boyd, Berryhill, Barnet, Bell, Black, Campbell, Clark, Carother, Crain, Carson, Calhoun, Craig, Caldwell, Cunningham, Cochran, Dixon, Dickey, Dougherty, Elder, Espy, Foster, Ferguson, Gilmore, Goven, Gray, Graham, Galbraith, Henderson, Hays, Hampton, Jones, Johnson, Kelley, Laird, McCormick, McClure, McNair, McKeehan, Mitchel, Murray, McKee, McCreight, McDonald, McArthur, McMurray, McKnight, Montgomery, Ramsey, Rogers, Rutherford, Reed, Sloan, Sterrett, Snodgrass, Strain, Stewart, Smith, Simpson, Sturgeon, Todd, Wilson, Wallace and McMahan families settled in the district just referred to between 1720 and 1730. Five children were born to James and Rebecca (Chambers) Galbraith, viz.: John, Andrew, James, Jr., Elenor (married Patrick McKinley) and Rebecca (married a Stewart).

John Galbraith, son of James, born in 1690, resided where the Mount Joy and Marietta turnpikes cross Donegal run; he owned a large tract of land. He was elected sheriff of Lancaster county in 1731 and was a prominent man in his locality. He died in 1754. In 1757 Janet, his widow, and James Galbraith, sold the mill which he built to John Baley.

Andrew Galbraith, son of James, born in 1692, lived near his brother John, his home being on the Little Chicques creek. When Lancaster county was organized he was appointed the first coroner, and he and his brother John were members of the first jury drawn. In 1730 he was appointed one of the justices of the peace and of the Common Pleas court, which position he filled with honor until 1745. In 1732 he was elected a member of the Assembly in a spirited contest, in which his wife took an active part. Mounting her mare "Nelly" she rode around among the Scotch-Irish, who followed her to Lancaster, to the polls, where she addressed them most effectually. He was aft-

erward reelected without opposition, serving several terms in succession.

James Galbraith, Jr., was born in the North of Ireland in 1703, and died June 11, 1785, in East Pennsboro township, Cumberland county; he is buried in the Derry graveyard. He took up a tract of land in what is now Derry township, Dauphin county, on Spring creek, not far from the Church Oleon, the warrant therefor being granted him March 13, 1737. The early Provincial records of Pennsylvania speak frequently of him, for he was prominent in military circles and served in 1742-43 as sheriff of Lancaster county, where he was also justice of the peace for many years. He took an active part in the French and Indian war, serving as an officer from 1755 to 1763, and during the Revolutionary war, in which all his sons served, he was appointed lieutenant for Cumberland county, being too old for active duty in the field; his long experience as an officer gave him considerable prestige and authority, and he was frequently consulted during the Revolution on matters pertaining to the prosecution of that war.

On April 6, 1734, James Galbraith married, in Christ Church, Philadelphia, Elizabeth Bertram, who was born in 1714 in the North of Ireland, only daughter of Rev. William and Elizabeth (Gillispie) Bertram. Mrs. Galbraith died Feb. 2, 1799, in Derry township, Dauphin county, the mother of the following children: William, Bertram, Robert, Dorcas, Elizabeth, Thomas, John and Ann. Robert Galbraith's daughter Rebecca married Ephraim Blain, commissary general of purchases during the Revolutionary war, who was the grandfather of the late James G. Blaine.

Bertram Galbraith, second son of James Galbraith, Jr., was first lieutenant in Lancaster county during the Revolution, doing excellent service for his country in that capacity. By his first wife, a daughter of Josiah Strong, of Donegal, he had nine children, the eldest son being Josiah, great-grandfather of the present Bertram Galbraith, of Milton. Of the others, Harriet married a Hoffman and died at Williamsport, Pa.; Mary Ann married Charles Maus, of Maudsaler, Montour Co., Pa. Bertram Galbraith's second marriage was to Henrietta Huling, of Benvenne, Dauphin Co., Pa., and they had two children: Sarah, who married Samuel Morris, of Philadelphia, and Bertram Gillespie, who married Eliza Fagar Bell, of Harrisburg.

Josiah Galbraith, son of Bertram, married and had two sons, one of whom was Bertram, grandfather of Bertram Galbraith, of Milton. Josiah Galbraith settled in Clinton county, Iowa, became wealthy, and died there, many of his descendants still residing in that section, all of his family but Bertram going out to Iowa at an early day.

Bertram Galbraith, son of Josiah, was the grandfather of the present Bertram Galbraith, of

Milton, Northumberland county. He was born in 1808 in Lancaster county, near the Dauphin county line, and when a young man came to Northumberland county, being the founder of the family in this locality. He settled at Milton, where he passed the remainder of his days. A man of large build, six feet, two inches in his stocking feet and weighing two hundred pounds, he had a forceful personality, but he was as well known for his intelligence and strong character as he was for his physical make-up. He was a distiller by trade, but did not follow that occupation long, being for many years the owner of three boats on the west branch of the canal, and also engaging in other business and serving in public office. He was in the insurance business at Milton for many years. He served as constable and tax collector, and was at one time a candidate for sheriff of the county. In political sentiment he was a Whig. There were few better known residents of the county in his day. He died Sept. 26, 1862, aged fifty-four years, fifteen days, and is buried at Milton.

Mr. Galbraith's first marriage was to Elizabeth Blue, who was born in 1812, sister of Sheriff Frederick Blue, of Montour county. She died Oct. 30, 1851, aged thirty-nine years, two months, leaving four children: Huling, who served in the Civil war in the 7th Pennsylvania Cavalry, and died unmarried (he is buried at Milton, Pa.); Mary Ellen, deceased, who married James R. Miller, and resided in Milton; Emma J., who married Albert Cooper, of Philadelphia; and William B. For his second wife Mr. Galbraith married his cousin, Mary Rosetta Galbraith, who was born Dec. 16, 1824, daughter of James Galbraith, who settled at Shippensburg, Cumberland Co., Pa. By this union there were three children: Laura, widow of Harry B. Geissinger, who was employed in the custom house at Philadelphia (he died in May, 1910); Horace, who died young; and Bertram S., who lives at Milton, Pa. The mother died Oct. 9, 1903.

William B. Galbraith, son of Bertram and Elizabeth (Blue) Galbraith, was born in Milton Sept. 19, 1836, on Lower Market street, directly opposite the house in which he resided from 1893 to 1909. He attended the public schools and Milton Academy, which in those days was taught by Rev. P. T. Bucher, but he began work early, being for three years in the employ of W. F. Nagle, for many years the town's leading merchant, whose store was on the site now occupied by the "Bartram" apartment building (Mr. Galbraith lived in the "Bartram" from 1909 until his death). He was still a boy when he took charge of his father's boating interests on the canal, along the west branch of the Susquehanna. He continued in this line for a number of years, running the business on his own account after his father died, until the fall of 1866. In 1873 he commenced the insurance busi-

ness, to which he ever afterward gave the greater part of his attention. He first represented the Watertown Company of New York, which was later merged into the Sun Company, and he was one of the first agents in this country for the Sun Insurance Office, of London. From 1900 Mr. Galbraith had his son Bertram as partner in this business, the firm name being William B. Galbraith & Son. He built up a most profitable patronage, which he handled with skill and to the satisfaction of his patrons, who extended over a wide radius in this section of the county.

On Jan. 1, 1863, Mr. Galbraith married Mary Ann Hause, daughter of George and Mary (Keefe) Hause, and they had five children: Bertram, a daughter that died in infancy, Maude, Albert C. (a traveling salesman and partner in firm of Bertram Galbraith & Bro.), and Blanch (born in 1874, who died in 1881). Mr. Galbraith was a member of the Presbyterian Church. His death occurred May 22, 1911, and he was buried in Harmony cemetery.

Bertram Galbraith, eldest son of William B. Galbraith, was born Oct. 25, 1864, in Milton, and there received his education in the public schools. Shortly after the great fire of 1880 he became a messenger for the American Union Telegraph Company, this company later becoming the Western Union. When eighteen years old he commenced business with Charles E. Brownell, of Williamsport, their first location being in the Cadwalader building, on Broadway. They did business under the name of Brownell & Galbraith, and dealt in fruits. They were among the pioneers in the daily paper line, the first paper they handled being the Philadelphia *Record*, the second the Williamsport *Breakfast Table*; and gradually they came to handle almost all the leading Philadelphia and New York papers, Mr. Galbraith still dealing in this line. In April, 1881, Mr. Galbraith accepted the position of night operator at the telephone exchange, where he remained for nearly three years, meantime also continuing his business and attending high school, and he was very well known to his many patrons as Milton's young news agent and rising business man. In 1882 Brownell & Galbraith put up a frame building at the corner of Front street and Broadway, where they established their business, and shortly after their removal to that location Mr. Brownell retired from the association, Mr. Galbraith continuing the business alone with the success which has attended all his efforts until 1903, when his brother became a partner in the firm, which is now Bertram Galbraith & Bro. For many years he was located at the corner of Broadway and Front street, on leased ground. When the rent, however, was increased ten dollars per month, being raised from twenty-five to thirty-five dollars, he would not pay it, and to secure another business location



he purchased the "Globe Hotel" property, corner of Broadway and Arch streets. He moved his frame structure to the new location bodily (leaving the old stand March 22, 1909), without taking any of his goods out, doing business all the time his building was on the move, and had electric light every night. On each end of the building was a sign, "It's cheaper to move than pay the rent." It was located next to his apartment house, the "Bartram." He improved both the store and the stock, which is now comprehensive, including a fine line of cigars and tobacco, sporting goods, newspapers and supplies, for which he finds a steady demand. As stated, Mr. Galbraith purchased the valuable property at the corner of Arch and Broadway owned for many years by the Fonda estate and occupied by the "Globe Hotel," and he has improved the place until it is now one of the best appointed apartment houses of its size in Northumberland county. In addition to his other enterprises, Mr. Galbraith has been interested in the insurance business for the past ten years, having been in partnership with his father, as junior member of the firm of William B. Galbraith & Son, now W. B. Galbraith's Sons.

In 1906 Mr. Galbraith was elected tax receiver of the borough of Milton, and was reelected in 1909, without opposition, an honor which is sufficient comment on the value of his services and the satisfaction they have given to his fellow citizens generally. He is a Republican in political sentiment.

Mr. Galbraith is widely known socially. He was the first dealer in bicycles in this section and became an expert rider, winning many prizes in local contests, and he was a well known long distance rider when bicycling was at its height, the newspapers having made many of his trips famous. He was a member of the old Century Wheelmen of Philadelphia. Athletics generally have always claimed his interest. He was the owner and manager of the Milton Base Ball Club from 1902 to 1904, and in 1905, with a few other citizens of Milton, formed an association known as the Milton Athletic Association, which acquired its baseball park through Mr. Galbraith's efforts, it being presented to the team. Mr. Galbraith holds membership in Milton Lodge, No. 913, B. P. O. Elks (charter member), Lodge No. 81, I. O. O. F., the F. O. E., Modern Woodmen of America and Royal Arcanum. He attends the Presbyterian Church. His numerous relations, social, business, fraternal, etc., make him a valued correspondent for various newspapers, including several of the leading Philadelphia papers. He makes his home with his parents.

**REITZ.** This is a name now numerously represented in Washington, Little Mahanoy and Lower Augusta townships, as well as in various other

portions of Northumberland county, founded in that section in the middle of the eighteenth century by one George Reitz, who settled in Washington township among the earliest pioneers of that region. The members of the family from that time to the present have been ranked among the substantial, respected, public-spirited and altogether desirable citizens of this favored community, prospering by industry, supporting the churches and all enterprises which have for their object the uplifting of their fellowmen and the advancement of the general welfare, and in their individual lives upholding the best traditions of their forefathers who helped to found the best institutions of this part of Pennsylvania.

George Reitz, the pioneer of this family in Northumberland county, settled in Washington township among its earliest residents and was a large landowner there, his original tract including the land now embraced in the farms of Luther Rebuck, William Rebuck, Harvey Rothermel, Charles B. Hetrich and A. C. Adams. He is buried in an unmarked grave near a fence, in the orchard on the farm now owned by C. B. Hetrich. Among his children were sons Andraes and Michael.

Andraes (Andrew) Reitz, son of George, was born at Swabian Creek, in Washington township, Jan. 1, 1755, and there passed his life, owning and occupying the original homestead of his father—the place where George Reitz lived, died and found his resting place. He followed farming. He married Maria Margaretha Brosius, born May 17, 1761, who died Oct. 20, 1826, and his death occurred March 16, 1837. They are buried at Himmel's Church. Among their children were: George, Jacob, Johan Nicholas, Philip, John, Margaret (married Daniel Hoch), Lydia (married Michael Smith), Susan (married George Tryon or Treon), and two other daughters whose names are not given.

Philip Reitz, son of Andraes, was born Feb. 4, 1805, in Washington township, and died Sept. 1, 1875. He owned and lived upon the farm which is now the property of Cornelius Adams, and there all his children were born and reared and there his death occurred. He married Anna Wagner, who was born Oct. 5, 1807, and died Feb. 22, 1866. They are buried at Himmel's Church, of which church both were Lutheran members. Their children were as follows: Daniel lived and died at Tower City, Schuylkill county; Jacob lived and died at Watsonstown, this county; Harrison is mentioned below; Peter was killed while serving in the Civil war, at the fall of Richmond; Andrew lives in Oklahoma; Elias died young; Eliza married Samuel Reitz; Mary married Frank Rebuck; Susan married Emanuel Conrad; Lydia died young.

Harrison Reitz, son of Philip, was born Jan. 18, 1835, in Swabian Creek, and lived in his native



township until after his marriage, moving across the Mahanoy mountain into Lower Augusta township when he was about thirty-five years old. Here he has since made his home, following farming. He owns two tracts in the township, one of thirty-seven acres (upon which he resides) and one of eighteen acres, with a substantial set of buildings upon his home tract. Mr. Reitz is a Democrat and has served his township two years as supervisor. In religion he is a Lutheran, and he has taken his share of the church work, having served as deacon, elder and trustee.

In 1867 Mr. Reitz married Sarah Reitz, daughter of Henry Reitz and his second wife, Polly (Dunkelberger), and they became the parents of seven children, viz.: Edward died in infancy; Jane is the widow of Wilson Raker; Joseph is unmarried; Henry I. is mentioned below; Abia married Herman Drumheller; one son died in infancy; William, unmarried, lives with his parents.

HENRY I. REITZ, who is now engaged in farming in Lower Augusta township, was born in that township May 11, 1875, and received his education in the local public schools and at Selinsgrove Academy, which he attended during several spring terms. He received his first license to teach in Northumberland county from Prof. Ira Shipman, his second from Benjamin Apple, and began his work as teacher at Malick's schoolhouse, in Washington township. He taught in all five terms, one in Washington township, two in Upper Mahanoy and two in Little Mahanoy. From 1900 to 1910 Mr. Reitz was employed in the silk mill at Sunbury, in the spring of 1910 settling on the farm in Lower Augusta township which he had purchased in 1906. This tract of sixty-seven acres was formerly the homestead of Samuel Renn, whose father, Jacob Renn, owned it first. Mr. Reitz intends to devote his attention principally to farming, and if his former success is any indication of what his future may be he will soon be ranked among the intelligent agriculturists of his locality. The year of his location in this district—1910—he was appointed a justice of the peace. He is a Democrat in politics.

On Sept. 5, 1897, Mr. Reitz married Allie Raker, daughter of Daniel and Annie (Dornsife) Raker, of Little Mahanoy township, and they have one son, Clyde Emerson. The family are active in church life as members of St. Elias Lutheran Church in Lower Augusta township.

Michael Reitz, the other son of George Reitz (the pioneer in Northumberland county of this name) mentioned, was born in January, 1757, and owned a place of 125 acres in Washington township (where Luther Rebuck now lives) where he died Dec. 17, 1825. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Schnock, was a native of Berks county, Pa., born about 1766, and made the trip to

Northumberland county on horseback. She died Dec. 18, 1855, and she and her husband are buried at Himmel's Church, of which they were pioneer members, belonging to the Lutheran congregation. All the family were active in the official work of this church, in which Michael Reitz held all the offices, and in 1818, when the old stone church was erected, he acted as building master. He was an all-around useful and prominent member of his community, and respected accordingly. His children were: Michael lived in Jackson (now Washington) township; George settled at Red Bank, Pa.; John settled at Red Bank, Pa.; Jonas lived in Washington township (where William Rebuck now lives); William settled at Red Bank, Pa.; Peter lived at Richfield, Pa.; Daniel is mentioned later; Bevy married Johan Georg Reed; Christina married Michael Hetrich.

(Johann) Michael Reitz, son of Michael, was born Aug. 12, 1785, in Washington township, and died July 28, 1874. He married Magdalena Elster (also spelled Eyster and Oyster), who was born Feb. 27, 1788, a member of an early family of the Mahantango valley, and died Oct. 12, 1846. They owned and lived upon the farm which is now the property of Harvey Rothermel (who has a tract of about ninety-eight acres), and Michael Reitz built the dwelling which still stands on this place. Like the other members of the family he and his wife worshipped at Himmel's Church, being members of the Lutheran congregation, which he served in an official capacity. Their children were: Peter, who was a farmer in what is now Rockefeller township; Abraham, who lived in Little Mahanoy township; Christiana, who married Michael Hoch, after whose death she moved with her daughter Sarah, wife of Killian Snyder, and family to Missouri, during the seventies; David, who lived in Washington township; Leonard, who lived in Washington township; and Jonas.

Daniel Reitz, son of Michael and brother of Michael recorded in the above paragraph, was born Aug. 11, 1804, in Washington township, on the farm now owned by Luther Rebuck, which was the homestead of his father. He was a lifelong farmer, held township office, and was a useful and respected man of his neighborhood. He and his family were Lutheran members of Himmel's Church, in the graveyard of which many generations of the Reitz family are buried, and there he and his wife rest. He died Jan. 9, 1886, and his wife, Susanna (Borrell—spelled "Boorel" on the tombstone), born June 26, 1810, died Jan. 12, 1881. They had fourteen children: Mary married Elias Rebuck; Jonas married Ellemina Snyder; Samuel married Eliza Reitz; Catharine married (first) Godfried Rebuck and (second) Andrew Rebuck; Christiana died young; John married Polly Herb; Susanna died young; Salome married Milton Drumheller; one son died in infancy; Elizabeth married Jared

Snyder; Michael married Alice Raker; Harriet died in infancy; Leonard married Ellemina Shaffer; Daniel married Mary Billman.

Leonard Reitz, son of Michael and Magdalena (Eister), was born Oct. 18, 1822, on his father's farm in Washington township, and was a lifelong farmer there. He worked for his father until he was several years past his majority, and then purchased the homestead, which he farmed for several years before he sold it and purchased the property now owned by his son Emanuel. This tract consists of three parts, one of thirty-three acres, one of thirty-five acres and one of fifteen acres, and there is a fourth tract of fifty acres of woodland, making a total of 133 acres. Leonard Reitz died May 6, 1903, at the advanced age of eighty years, and during his long life he was not only a thrifty farmer but also an active citizen of his township, serving many years as supervisor and as deacon, elder and trustee of Himmel's Church, of which he was a Lutheran member. He was a Democrat in political sentiment. To him and his wife Susanna, who was a daughter of John Snyder and his wife (who was a Schollenberger), were born six children: One son that died in infancy; Lydia, who married John Brosius; Emanuel; one daughter that died in infancy; John, of Washington township; and Edward, of Washington township.

EMANUEL REITZ, son of Leonard, was born Jan. 11, 1860, in Washington township, attended the local district schools and spent his youthful days on the home place, working for his parents until he was twenty-one. After he attained his majority he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for fifteen years, in 1896 settling down to farming upon the place where he now lives, in his native township. He takes his produce to Shamokin. Mr. Reitz is a thoroughly progressive farmer and interested in the public affairs of his locality as well as in furthering his own prosperity. For twelve years he served as auditor of his township, elected to that office on the Democratic ticket. He is well informed on the early history of his family.

On Jan. 9, 1896, Mr. Reitz married Jane Drumheller, daughter of Milton and Salome (Reitz) Drumheller, and they have become the parents of five children: One daughter that died in infancy; Harry Milton; Katie Susanna and Annie Salome, twins; and Walter Daniel.

Jonas Reitz, son of Michael and Magdalena (Eister), was born June 30, 1825, in Washington township, on his father's homestead, and died April 5, 1902, at Greenbrier, to which place he had moved upon his retirement from active life. He long owned and operated a tannery upon the farm now owned by Frank Adam, and was a thrifty and prosperous man, standing high among his fellow citizens for his upright and conscientious walk in life. He married Lucretia Smith, daughter of

Michael Smith, and she preceded him to the grave, dying Aug. 13, 1874, aged fifty-one years, five months, fifteen days. They are buried at Himmel's Church, which Mr. Reitz served as deacon. Their family consisted of three children: Elizabeth married D. S. Reitz and they made their home at White Church, Wyandotte Co., Kans.; Emma married Tobias Snyder and they are prosperous farming people of Upper Mahanoy township; James S. married Sarah Snyder.

JAMES S. REITZ, son of Jonas, merchant and postmaster at Greenbrier, Northumberland county, was born June 10, 1860, in Washington township, was educated in the public schools there and spent his boyhood and youth assisting his father about the tannery. In the spring of 1874 he began farming in Washington township, following that pursuit for seventeen years in his native locality, for two years cultivating his grandfather's homestead and for fifteen years living on the farm now owned by Lewis Snyder in Upper Mahanoy township. In 1902 he engaged in the mercantile business at Greenbrier, succeeding S. S. Smith, and he has since operated his general store and also a weekly huckster route to Shamokin, where he markets his produce. This mercantile stand is one of the oldest established in the lower section of the county, and under Mr. Reitz's management its patronage has grown steadily, his affability and obliging disposition winning him customers and friends from near and far. He has been postmaster since 1902. For six years he served as school director of Upper Mahanoy township, and for three years as assessor of the same township, and he has long been prominent in the local activities of the Democratic party, having served as delegate to various county conventions. He and his family are Lutheran members of Himmel's Church, which he has served as deacon and trustee. During the residence of the family in Upper Mahanoy township he was for fifteen years connected with St. John's Church, there, and served as deacon, taking part in the various enterprises and movements of the church. In fact, he has been thoroughly identified with all the phases of the life of the community as a citizen who is willing to give of his time and efforts for the general good.

In 1880 Mr. Reitz married Sarah Snyder, daughter of John and Judith (Diehl) Snyder, of Upper Mahanoy township, and five children have been born to them: Alice, wife of Jesse E. Geist; John H., who married Minnie A. Falck; Charles E., assistant postmaster at Greenbrier and also his father's assistant in the mercantile business; James W.; and Flossie J.

Peter Reitz, son of Michael and Magdalena (Eister), was the grandfather of Daniel N. Reitz, of Lower Augusta township. He was a native of Schwabian Creek, Washington township, spent his



earlier married in Upper Mahanoy township, and later moved to Richfield, Snyder county, where he died and is buried. He owned a farm and devoted himself to agriculture. Like the family generally, he was a Lutheran in religious faith. Mr. Reitz was twice married, and by his first wife had children as follows: William; Mrs. William Billig, of Forreston, Ogle Co., Ill.; Ellen, wife of Daniel Craig (they moved out to Ohio by wagon, and still live in that State); Mrs. Michael Schollenberger, who lived in Snyder county; Mrs. Jacob Bohner, of Uniontown; Mrs. Isaac Fenstermacher, of Georgetown; Benneville, of Ohio; and Peter M. To the second marriage were born four children: Elias, late of Sunbury; Mrs. Solomon Banner, of Snyder county; Tobias, of Adamsburg, Pa.; and Mrs. Simon Schollenberger, late of Snyder county, Pa. All this family were born at Swabian Creek.

Peter M. Reitz, son of Peter, learned the trade of miller in the original old log mill at Sunbury, this county, commencing that work when he was sixteen and following it until he was about thirty-eight years old. During all this time he was at Sunbury, operating what is now known as the Haas mill, one of the early mills of the section. Then he took to farming, owning a place of 100 acres in Rockefeller township, where he was a substantial and respected citizen, deacon, elder and trustee of the Lutheran Church there. He is buried at Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, known as the Wolf's Cross Road Church.

Mr. Reitz was twice married, his first wife being Elizabeth Deppen, who is buried at the Lantz Church in Rockefeller township. Two children were born to this union: William Morris, of Irish Valley; and Elizabeth, who married George Dunkelberger. By his second union, to Catharine J. Weiser, daughter of Peter Weiser, of McKees Half Falls, Pa., he had seven children: Urias P., now of Rockefeller township; David C., of Sioux City, Iowa; Jonathan E., of Rockefeller township; Daniel N.; Annie R., married to Frazer Wolf; Katie J., married to H. E. Miller; and Laura A., married to Bert Witmer. The mother of this family, born April 18, 1837, died Oct. 19, 1909.

DANIEL N. REITZ, son of Peter M., was born Nov. 21, 1864, in Rockefeller (then Lower Augusta) township. Until he attained his majority he worked for his parents on the farm in his native township, and then learned the carpenter's trade with Daniel Fasold, following that line of work for about fifteen years, in Sunbury, Shamokin, and the adjacent portions of Northumberland county. In the spring of 1901 he began to farm in Lower Augusta township, working his own place until 1910, when he sold it and became farmer for Dr. B. E. Wilkinson, who has one of the best farms in Lower Augusta township. As may be judged from his present responsibilities, Mr. Reitz is an intelligent, modern farmer, enterprising and

up-to-date in all his methods and thrifty in all his undertakings.

On June 26, 1886, Mr. Reitz was married to Clara A. Gass, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Dunkelberger) Gass and granddaughter of Peter Dunkelberger, of Little Mahanoy township. They have had three children: Homer A., Alan A. and Ora M. Mr. Reitz and his family are Lutheran members of the Wolf's Cross Road Church in Rockefeller township. In political sentiment he is a Republican.

Michael Reitz, great-grandfather of Alvin P. Reitz, of Shamokin borough, and of William H. Reitz, of Little Mahanoy township, was a native of Berks county, Pa., and settled in Washington township, Northumberland county, in 1790. He died there. Among his children were: Daniel, Jonathan, Michael, Peter, Henry and Samuel.

Henry Reitz, son of Michael, was born in Swabian Creek, Washington township, and there passed his earlier life, later moving to Lower Augusta township, where he owned a large farm. After a residence of twenty-two years in that township he returned to Swabian Creek, where he had a small farm, and there he remained until his death, which occurred when he was past ninety. He was a gunsmith as well as farmer and well known in his time. He was a member of the Lutheran congregation of Hummel's Church, and is buried at that church. One of the progressive citizens of his day, he served as member of the township school board and took an active part in all movements intended for the advancement of the general good.

Mr. Reitz was married four times, his first wife being a Bechtel, his second Maria Dunkelberger (born Dec. 23, 1803, died Jan. 3, 1863), his third a Teschapp and his fourth, an Engel (from Georgetown, this county). One daughter was born to the first union, Leovina, who first married a Mr. Eister, later a Mr. Hayes. By his second union there were three children: Sarah, Adam D. and Joseph. There were no children of the third and fourth marriages.

Adam D. Reitz, son of Henry, was born May 6, 1836, in Lower Augusta township, and died March 22, 1885. He is buried at the Union Church in Hollowing Run, in Lower Augusta township. The greater part of the time he was engaged as a laborer, though he owned a tract of land for some years. He married Mary Raker, daughter of William and Kate (Zartman) Raker, and she survives him, now making her home at Trevorton. She has reached the age of sixty-nine years (1910). Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Adam D. Reitz: William H., Dennis and Galen.

WILLIAM H. REITZ, a resident of Little Mahanoy township, was born March 12, 1862, in Lower Augusta township, where he was reared, living there



until he reached the age of sixteen. Coming to Little Mahanoy, he worked among farmers until he was twenty-one years old, when he was married and went to Shamokin. There he drove a wagon for Seiler, Zimmerman & Co., for whom he worked seven years and three months. For some months he was fireman for an electric light company, then drove a team for Acker, Schleyman & Co., until his return to Little Mahanoy township, where he purchased a tract of ten acres upon which he built a house and settled. He raised garden truck and huckstered to Shamokin for a gut years, at the end of which time he began working for the Trevorton Coal Land Company, in whose employ he has since continued. He sold his property just mentioned to that company and has since purchased a 126-acre tract near by.

On Feb. 11, 1883, Mr. Reitz married Miranda Peifer, daughter of George Peifer, and they have three children: Sylvan, Victor and Jennie. He and his family are members of Emanuel Lutheran Church in Little Mahanoy. Mr. Reitz has served some years as a school director of that township. He is a Democrat in political faith.

Joseph Reitz, son of Henry and brother of Adam D., was born in 1843 at Fisher's Ferry, and died Jan. 21, 1908. He is buried at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Little Mahanoy township. Mr. Reitz was a prominent citizen of that township. He was engaged in business as a merchant at Dornsife, and also followed farming, retiring from active work a few years before his death. His efficient service in various township offices made him a well known figure in local public affairs, he having served as member of the school board, overseer of the poor and supervisor. In religious matters he was a Lutheran. He married Catharine Peifer, daughter of George Peifer, of Little Mahanoy township, and she still survives, making her home at Dornsife. Six children were born to this marriage: Daniel P. (who died Aug. 29, 1900, aged thirty-six years, one month), Alvin P., George (of Dornsife), Edward (of Dornsife), Joseph (who is connected with the East End Lumber Company, of Shamokin) and Gertrude (at home).

ALVIN P. REITZ, general manager of the East End Lumber Company of Shamokin, was born in 1867 at Mine Run, in Lower Augusta township, and obtained his early education in the schools of the home locality. Later he studied at Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa. He has since made his home in Shamokin. For a time he was employed as brakeman on a passenger train, and then learned the trade of carpenter, which was the beginning of his present interest in the contracting and building line. In 1892 he commenced contracting, and in 1903 formed a partnership with John D. Hilbush, with whom he is still associated. They did a prosperous business under the firm name of Reitz & Hilbush until 1906, when they

formed what is now known as the East End Lumber Company, incorporating with a capital of \$75,000. In addition to contracting and building they conduct an extensive planing mill business and retail lumber, giving employment in these various lines to a force of eighty men. The company has its office and business headquarters at No. 301 Franklin street, Shamokin, and is one of the leading concerns of the kind in this section of Pennsylvania. Its reputation for high-class and thoroughly up-to-date work is firmly established, and the standing of the individual members of the company is sufficient guarantee for its standards and responsibility. The officers of the company are: F. D. Raker, president; E. Raker, secretary; J. D. Hilbush, treasurer; and A. P. Reitz, general manager. Mr. Reitz devotes the greater part of his time and attention to the business of the company, but he is interested in the general business prosperity of the borough, and is a member of the Merchants' Association. Socially he unites with the local lodge of Elks and with the Red Men.

Mr. Reitz married a daughter of Jacob Zartman, of Shamokin, and they have one son, Harry Elwood, who was born in 1901.

David Reitz, son of (Johann) Michael, grandson of Michael, and great-grandson of George, the pioneer of the family in Northumberland county, was the grandfather of John L., David W. and Charles J. Reitz, brothers, the first named a business man of Mount Carmel, the second a resident of Pillow, near Lower Mahanoy township, the last named a resident of Little Mahanoy township.

William Reitz, son of David, has always lived at Greenbrier, in Washington township, in which township his father also lived. William Reitz was a well known merchant of that place during his active years, and is now living retired. He married Susanna Raker, and to them were born four children: Katie, John L., David W. and Charles J.

JOHN L. REITZ, son of William and Susanna (Raker) Reitz, was born in 1876 near Greenbrier and received his education in the schools of that locality. He was engaged with his father until he came to Mount Carmel, driving a huckster wagon for some time. On March 15, 1900, he settled in Mount Carmel, which has since been his home. Several years later he engaged in the produce business there in partnership with E. R. Reitz, under the firm name of E. R. & J. L. Reitz, later buying out his partner's interest. He has since continued the business on his own account as a wholesale produce dealer, having now the leading trade of the kind in the borough. Mr. Reitz is located in a fine building near the Reading station, which he erected in 1902. He is one of the substantial and respected young business men of the place, where he has gained high standing and

the esteem of his fellow citizens by his upright methods and earnest efforts to cater to the wants of a large and growing patronage. Fraternally he is a member of the Elks, Odd Fellows and K. of M.

Mr. Reitz married Elizabeth Swalm (also written Schwalm), and to them have been born five children: William, Charles, Grace, Katie and Bessie. The family are identified with the Reformed Church.

DAVID W. REITZ, son of William and Susanna (Raker) Reitz, was born May 23, 1880. He was reared in the vicinity of Rebuck, and received his education in the schools of that locality. After his service in the Spanish war he began work as a clerk in the store of E. R. Reitz, who was then doing business at Rebuck, remaining with him for six years. He then married and moved to Mount Carmel, where for one year he was employed by his brother John L. Reitz, in the produce business. The next year he and his younger brother, Charles J. Reitz, bought the stock, fixtures and good-will of his former employer, E. R. Reitz, continuing the business at Rebuck for about three years. David W. Reitz was next engaged as proprietor of the "Glenn House," at Lykens, which he bought from Galen & Bingaman, conducting that place for two years, at the end of which time he settled in Uniontown (Pillow), which is just across the Northumberland county line in Dauphin county. Here he became proprietor of the "National Hotel," buying the stock and fixtures from his brother, Charles J. Reitz, and the hotel from William H. Deibler. It is one of the old established stands in this section, and draws an excellent patronage from the surrounding territory. Mr. Reitz has gained the confidence and respect of his neighbors and patrons by obliging service and upright business methods. During his residence in Washington township he took considerable interest in public affairs, serving as treasurer of the township and as treasurer for the road supervisors, and he was quite active in the work of the Democratic party. He is a member of Lafayette Lodge, No. 194, F. & A. M., of Selinsgrove, and of Lodge No. 551, I. O. O. F., of Mahanoy, Pa., which latter organization he joined May 30, 1900. He and his family are Lutheran members of Himmel's Church.

During the Spanish-American war Mr. Reitz enlisted in Company A, 21st Infantry, Regular Army, July 23, 1898, at Shamokin. He served for a time at Fort McPherson, and was returned to that point after being taken ill with typhoid at Lithia Springs, Ga., being eventually granted a furlough until his recovery. After regaining his health he reported at Fort Monroe, thence went to Plattsburg, to rejoin his command, and in February, 1899, received an honorable discharge.

In 1901 Mr. Reitz married Dora Schreffler, daughter of Jean and Caroline (Keaffer) Schreffler, of Washington township. They have had four

children: Anna C., Lewis (who died in infancy), Katie S. and Edna C.

CHARLES J. REITZ, of Dornsife, merchant and proprietor of the "Dornsife Hotel," was born April 30, 1884, at Rebuck, in Washington township, son of William and Susanna (Raker) Reitz. He was educated in the local schools and when fourteen years old began clerking, his first position being with Samuel Hetrich, at Leck Kill. After two years' employment there he went to Allentown and clerked in several stores there, remaining in that city for several years. Returning to Rebuck he clerked there two years for E. R. Reitz, until he and his brother David W. formed a partnership under the firm name of Reitz Brothers, and purchased the goodwill, stock and fixtures of E. R. Reitz (the lower store). Three years later Charles J. Reitz bought his brother's interest and for one year continued the store alone. The next year he was at Pillow, where he conducted the "National Hotel" for one year, and then purchased the stock, good-will and fixtures of Fred R. Dornsife at Dornsife, where he is now doing a thriving mercantile business. He carries a comprehensive general stock, and employs two clerks. His hotel business is also prospering, and he is considered one of the rising young business men of the place.

On March 17, 1903, Mr. Reitz married Bertha M. Hetrich, daughter of Charles and Alice (Latscha) Hetrich, and they have had one child, Harold W. The family are Lutheran members of Himmel's Church. Mr. Reitz is well known in the fraternities as a member of Lafayette Lodge, No. 194, F. & A. M., of Selinsgrove; of Mahanoy Lodge, No. 55, I. O. O. F.; of Livingston Castle, No. 258, K. G. E., of Allentown; and of the State Grange at Greenbrier. He is a Democrat in politics and has taken some part in local affairs, having served as treasurer for the road supervisors and overseers of the poor of Washington township.

Jacob Reitz, grandfather of Daniel Z. Reitz, of Little Mahanoy township, was born in Washington township in the Himmel Church neighborhood, son of Andraes Reitz. He lived on the farm now owned by Andrew Bucher, near St. Peter's Church, followed agricultural pursuits, and died there; he is buried at St. Peter's Church at Mahanoy. He and his wife, Mary (Hepler), had children as follows: Jacob, Benjamin, Daniel H., Samuel, Isaac (married Lydia Lenker, born July 18, 1825, died March 5, 1852), Joseph, Zetic (1829-1855), Catharine (married John Fegley), Maricha (married George Miller), Lydia (married Henry Dressler) and Mrs. Seiler.

Daniel H. Reitz, son of Jacob, was born in Washington township, and lived on the place in Little Mahanoy now owned and occupied by his son Daniel. He cultivated that place, a tract of 100 acres, but he was best known as a carpenter,



which trade he followed practically all his life. In this capacity he built many houses and barns in his earlier manhood, later doing shop work, making chairs and other furniture, and as he was a very skillful workman he also made coffins, which was a great advantage, as he had considerable business in the undertaking line; he was called upon to bury many people. He was also active in local public matters, serving as supervisor and as overseer of the poor, and he and his family were leading members of St. John's United Evangelical Church in Little Mahanoy township, which he served as class-leader and exhorter. In politics he was a Democrat until the breaking out of the Civil war, after which he joined the Republican party.

Mr. Reitz married Harriet Zartman, daughter of William Zartman (whose wife was a Herb), and she survived him, dying Jan. 21, 1899, aged eighty-three years, four months, nineteen days. Mr. Reitz died May 13, 1889, aged seventy-five years, nine months, twelve days, and they are buried at the church above mentioned. They were the parents of thirteen children: One son died in infancy; Amanda died young; Eliza died young; Elemina is unmarried; Harriet married Jeremiah Wagner; Isaac is a resident of Uniontown, Pa.; Sarah married Isaac Baddorf; Abby married Jeremiah Weaver; Daniel Z. is mentioned below; Lucinda married Reily Heckert; Mary Ann died aged thirteen years; Rebecca married Alfred Baker; one son died in infancy.

DANIEL Z. REITZ was born Nov. 28, 1851, on the farm in Little Mahanoy township where he still makes his home. He received his education in the local schools and was reared to farming, after he was twenty-one receiving pay for his services until he reached the age of twenty-six, when he took charge of the place, running it ten years for his father. After his father's death he cultivated it ten years for his widowed mother, and since about 1899 he has farmed it on his own account, being now the owner of the property. He is a progressive agriculturist, and has made a number of improvements on the place, which is in excellent condition. Mr. Reitz has proved himself an intelligent and useful citizen, and has served in the various offices of school director, supervisor and auditor with satisfaction to all concerned.

On May 17, 1879, Mr. Reitz married Laura E. Raker, daughter of Isaac D. and Phoebe Ann (Witmer) Raker, of Little Mahanoy, who died in Shamokin. Mr. and Mrs. Reitz have a family of four children: Herbert N. married Maggie Miller and has two children, Laura M. and Casaline L.; Landis L. married Amelia M. Peifer and has a daughter, Alma A.; Edwin R. has been an invalid since 1904; D. Elmer is a clerk at Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Reitz were among the last members of St. John's U. E. Church in Little Mahanoy.

No services have been held there since 1905. Rev. Ralph Deibert was the last pastor.

SHAFFER or SCHAEFFER. The Northumberland county family bearing this name, in the Mahanoy region and in Jordan township, was established in that section before the organization of the county, in 1772, and was founded in America by Frantz Schäffer. The first two or three generations in this country lived about the Stone Valley Church, and the valley to this day is known to the older residents as "Schaffersdale." Nearly all the land in one section of Lower Mahanoy township was owned by members of this family. The name is found with various spellings, the most common forms being Shaffer, Shafer, Schaffer and Schaefer. This family has no connection, so far as is known, with the Schaeffer family of Berks county, Pa., of which Rev. Nathan C. Schaeffer, Ph. D., D. D., superintendent of public instruction of Pennsylvania, is a member; nor with the Schäffers well represented across the Susquehanna river, in Snyder county.

Frantz Schäffer and his wife Elisabetha, of Germany, had two sons, Jacob Conrad and Wilhelm. Frantz Schäffer determined to try his fortunes in America, but his wife was steadfastly resolved to remain in the Fatherland. So settled was each in the conviction of right that they divided their worldly effects with the idea of separating, the father to have the elder son to accompany him to the New World, the mother to keep the younger boy, Wilhelm. The wife and son Wilhelm accompanied the father and elder son to the port of embarkation. The vessel was receiving its passengers. But when the time came to say good-bye the wife weakened. The memories of happy and pleasant days in the past could not be shaken off so easily. She concluded that if her husband could support himself and one son he could also support her and the other son, with her help, and she joined him in the journey at the last moment. They landed at Philadelphia, before the opening of the Revolutionary war, and before 1800 they were settled in what is now Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland Co., Pa., in the vicinity of Zion's Church in Stone Valley, in the graveyard of which church, at the old west end, rest the remains of these pioneers, who were the founders of a large and respected posterity. Their names appear upon the tombstone of their son Jacob Conrad Schäffer, who was born Aug. 7, 1762; their other son, Wilhelm, was born May 28, 1764. The Schäffers were called "Swopes," as early natives of Württemberg were known, apparently, a Pennsylvania-German corruption of the German "Schwab." Descendants of both of the sons of these early settlers are still numerous in the region where they made their home.

Jacob Conrad Schaeffer, son of Frantz and Elis-



abetha, was born Aug. 7, 1762, and died Sept. 11, 1822, in Lower Mahanoy township, where he is buried, at Zion's (Stone Valley) Church. He lived in that township, where he owned land and followed farming. Among his children were two sons: Jacob, of whom we have no records; and Michael.

Michael Schaffer, son of Jacob Conrad, was born and reared near Stone Valley Church, and lived there for some years. Then he moved to Jordan township, where he lived on a farm now owned by a Walborn, a large tract near Uniontown (Pillow). He died there, and was buried at the Stone Valley Church, where so many of the family have found their last resting place. A number of the later generations, however, are buried at Hebe and other churches in the surrounding townships. Michael Schaffer was married three times: His first wife, Rosanna Witmer, who died April 24, 1836, bore him children as follows: Jacob, Michael, Joseph, Samuel and Daniel. By his second marriage, to Elizabeth Wert, he had three children: Philip, Elizabeth (married Joseph Seiler) and Susanna (married William Deppen). By the third wife, Susanna Reed, there were no children. (Another account says Elizabeth was born to the first marriage and Daniel to the second.) All of Mr. Michael Schaffer's family lived in the Mahantango Valley.

Jacob C. Schaffer, grandfather of Elias Z. Schaffer, a farmer and lumber merchant of Jordan township, was born Feb. 23, 1793, in Lower Mahanoy township, near Pillow, and died at Georgetown (Dalmatia) in 1832. He was a cooper by trade, but also farmed and dealt in lumber, being an active and enterprising man and successful in his undertakings. To him and his wife, Lydia (Lahr), were born the following children: William L., Elizabeth (married Simon Lenker) and Sarah (married George Seiler).

William L. Schaffer, son of Jacob C. Schaffer, was born in Lower Mahanoy township, where he passed all his life, dying in 1906. He is buried at St. Paul's Church, at Urban, and was a Lutheran member of that church. He was a man of medium size, a shoemaker by trade, which he followed until his retirement, and also farmed, owning a tract of twenty-five acres which he cultivated industriously and profitably. He served as supervisor of his township and held other public positions, being identified with official affairs in his locality for many years. On April 30, 1857, he married, at Lykens Valley, Catharine Zerbe, daughter of Joseph Zerbe, of Lower Mahanoy, and she survives him, now making her home at Mount Carmel. She is now (1910) sixty-nine years of age. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. William L. Schaffer, three of whom died young, the others being: Mary, who married Thomas Hunsicker and (second) James McArdle; Sarah,

who married George Blanche; Elias Z.; Rebecca, who married Jonas Zerbe; and Jacob, of Jordan township.

ELIAS Z. SHAFFER, farmer and lumber merchant of Jordan township, Northumberland county, was born Aug. 14, 1862, in Lower Mahanoy township, son of William L. Schaffer. He was reared and educated in his native locality, receiving a practical common school training, and in 1882 began farming independently in Jordan township, where he was a tenant for the following ten years. At the end of that period he purchased the place where he has since resided, having 167 acres which he has cultivated successfully. It was formerly the homestead of Joan Daniel, who owned it for many years, and before whose day one Rubendall was the owner. He owns also a small tract of farm land in Jordan township, on which there is a house, and which he rents. Since 1900 Mr. Schaffer has also been interested in lumbering, in which line he has made good by strict attention to business and good judgment in both the acquisition of desirable holdings and the handling of his product. He has seventy-six acres of timberland in his home township (besides his farm properties); eighty acres of timberland in Schuylkill county, and fifty-four acres in Dauphin county. He has employed as many as twenty men in his lumbering operations, and ships most of his lumber into the coal regions of this State. A self-made man in the most creditable sense of that term, he is not only known as a successful farmer and business man but also one of the influential public citizens of his district, having served as supervisor and being at present a member of the school board of his township, though he is a Republican in a Democratic community. He is Republican committeeman of Jordan township.

On Aug. 13, 1880, Mr. Shaffer married Sarah E. Host, who was born Aug. 14, 1862 (on the same day as her husband), daughter of George S. and Rebecca (Dockey) Host, and died March 13, 1910. She is buried at Urban. Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer became the parents of six children: Foster, of Urban, who married Minnie Wentzel; George, who resides at home; Carrie M., wife of Charles Klock; John Jacob, Mary C. and Elias A., all at home. Mr. Shaffer and his family are Lutheran members of St. Paul's Church at Urban, in whose work he has been very active, having served as deacon for six years and as elder eight years.

We have the following record of the sons of Michael Schaffer, son of Jacob Conrad and grandson of Frantz, the emigrant.

Michael was a farmer near Stone Valley Church, his farm there being still owned by his estate. To him and his wife Rebecca (Bohner) were born children: Henry, Levi, Michael, Benjamin, Sarah and Lydia.

Joseph was also a farmer, and lived near Vera Cruz, where he is buried. He was twice married, and had an only son, George, who died when young.

Daniel lived in Jordan township, where he was a shoemaker and owned a small farm. He is buried at Hebe. His wife was Poly Bonner, and among their children were Sarah, Sevilla and Emma. (There is a Daniel W. Shaffer buried at Hebe, who died July 18, 1905, aged seventy-eight years, four months, twenty days. "Frank," his wife, died Aug. 16, 1906, aged sixty-one years, two months, twenty-three days.)

Philip was a carpenter and lived and died at Millersburg, Pa. He was married twice and had children.

Samuel was a native of Lower Mahanoy township, where he also died, but he passed the greater part of his life in Jordan township, whither he came when fifteen years old. He owned a small farm. His wife, Elizabeth (Rubendall), died before him, and is buried at Uniontown, his grave being at Stone Valley Church. He was a Republican, served as supervisor of Jordan township, and was active in church, holding many offices, deacon, elder, trustee, etc. To him and his wife were born ten children, viz.: Sarah, Michael, Frank, Elizabeth, Catharine, Malinda, Emma, Samuel, Isaac, and a daughter that died young. Of this family

Samuel Schaffer, born Aug. 29, 1813, settled in Lower Mahanoy in 1888, and has since lived there, on a tract of twenty-two acres. He is a Republican, and has held the offices of constable and school director. In about 1870 he married Jestina Bohner, daughter of Nicholas Bohner, and they have had ten children: A son that died in infancy, Ida, Harvey, Emma, Sevilla, Kate, Maud, Daniel, Edwin and Annie.

Wilhelm Schaffer, younger son of Frantz, the emigrant, was born in the Fatherland May 28, 1764, and died March 29, 1835, in Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county. He and his wife Sarah (Witmer) are buried at the Stone Valley Church. She was born Aug. 24, 1767, daughter of Christophel and Christina Witmer, and died on her eighty-fifth birthday, in 1852. Mr. and Mrs. Schaffer were farming people, living upon and owning the tract which now belongs to Monroe Kiehl. Their children were: John, Jacob, George, William, Daniel, Sarah (married Jacob Carl) and Catharine (married Heinrich Lentz). Of this family, John, Jacob and George are more fully mentioned below. William (son of Wilhelm) married a Lenker and had children: William, Isaac (who lived near Vera Cruz), Sarah, Polly (Mrs. Josiah Schwartz) and Elizabeth (who first married a Lahr and later became the wife of Reuben Lauer). Daniel married Sarah Dopse and their children were: Moses, Harry, David,

Mary (married Aaron Seiler) and Polly (who married Joseph Lauer).

John Schaffer, son of Wilhelm, was a farmer in Lower Mahanoy township. He married Christina Lenker, who lived to be nearly ninety-three years old, and they are buried at the Stone Valley Church. Their children, all born near Byerly's hotel, were as follows: John (married Jane Mantilles), Josiah, David (who died aged nineteen years), Catharine (married Frederick Kissling), Sarah (married Samuel Byerly) and Anna (married Abraham Troutman).

Josiah Schaffer, son of John, was born Nov. 12, 1827, in Lower Mahanoy township, where he also died. From 1860 he lived on the farm where his death occurred Oct. 24, 1909, the result of a fall from a second story window; he was ill at the time. During his active years he followed farming, and he was a well known citizen of his locality, having served as deacon, elder and trustee of the Stone Valley Church, where he is buried. In 1857 he married Harriet Otto, daughter of John and Rebecca (Grow) Otto, and she survives him. They became the parents of four children: Washington, now of Lykens, Pa.; Lillie R.; C. Anna; and Landis J., of Sunbury.

Jacob Schaffer, son of Wilhelm, lived at Hickory Corners. He had children: Elizabeth, Sallie (Mrs. Isaac Deppen), Magdalena (Mrs. James Finkbone), Catharine, William, Susanna (Mrs. William Reed), Abraham and Solomon. Mrs. William Reed, who lives somewhere in Dakota, is now the only survivor of this family.

Solomon Schaffer, son of Jacob, was born in Lower Mahanoy Dec. 29, 1821, and died July 14, 1891, in his seventieth year. He is buried at the Stone Valley Church. He was a stonemason, and followed his trade at Hickory Corners, where he lived for a number of years, thence moving to Lykens Valley, in Dauphin county, where he owned a place of 100 acres which he farmed for six years. At the end of that time he sold the farm for \$11,000, at a profit of \$1,000, and it is now owned by Charles Phillips. Moving back into the Mahantango Valley, he passed the remainder of his life on the Wert farm, where he died. He was an influential man in the community in his day, serving as school director, overseer of the poor, etc., and was prominent in church work even in his old age, serving as deacon, elder, etc., at the Stone Valley Church. His wife, Susanna (Hepner), daughter of Peter and Magdalena (Lenker) Hepner, was born Aug. 26, 1832, and died Oct. 19, 1904. To Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Schaffer were born the following children: Daniel C., twin sons who died in infancy, Sarah E., William H. (deceased), Peter M., Jacob H., Mary Magdalena, Emma J., Solomon G. and Jonathan D.



JACOB H. SCHAFER, son of Solomon, is a farmer in Lower Mahanoy township, where he was born, at Hickory Corners, Dec. 12, 1858. He was reared to farming, and continued to work for his parents until he reached the age of twenty-four years. He then left home to work in the lumber district, where he was engaged in assorting lumber, at Williamsport, for six years, during which time he was associated with F. H. Seaman, with whom he worked daily while away from home. Returning to his native place, he labored for several years before he bought his farm of 100 acres, which was originally a Wertz homestead, later owned by the Lenker family and afterward by a Campbell. The present barn on the property was built by John Wertz in 1857. Mr. Schaffer is an industrious, prosperous and much esteemed citizen of his township, which he served as supervisor in 1893 and as school director, being also secretary of the board. In politics he is a Republican, in religion a Lutheran, belonging to the Stone Valley Church, where he is a well known worker, being at present a trustee of his congregation; he was formerly a deacon.

In 1882 Mr. Schaffer married Amelia Fetterolf, and to them was born one son, Charles F. Mrs. Schaffer died May 14, 1900, aged thirty-nine years. On Oct. 3, 1903, Mr. Schaffer married (second) Miranda Stepp, who died Oct. 5, 1905, and on Oct. 19, 1907, Mr. Schaffer married Sarah Jane Schlegel, daughter of Abraham Schlegel.

CHARLES F. SCHAFER, only child of Jacob H. Schaffer, was born Dec. 10, 1883, in Lower Mahanoy township, and from the time he was two years old lived in the home of his maternal grandparents, Daniel and Sarah Fetterolf. He is now engaged in farming his grandfather's farm, which is near his father's property. He is an industrious and enterprising young man, and has a promising outlook. The affairs of his locality have always possessed great interest for him, and in 1907 he was elected assessor of Lower Mahanoy township, serving three years in that office. Since 1907 he has been superintendent of the Hastings Union Sunday school, and he is a past master of Stone Valley Grange, No. 1367, P. of H.

On March 6, 1909, Mr. Schaffer married Annie M. Lenker, and they have one son, Raymond.

George Schaffer, grandfather of George Elmer Schaffer, proprietor of the stockyards and of the "National Hotel" at Urban, was born Sept. 4, 1805, son of Wilhelm and grandson of Frantz. He died Dec. 8, 1891. He followed farming, living in what is now Jordan (then Mahanoy) township. His wife, Sarah (Ressler), bore him children as follows: Susan, Mrs. Lantz; Sarah, Mrs. Isaac Lenker; Catharine, Mrs. Georg Breinighaus; Elias, and Joel.

Elias Schaffer, son of George, was born Oct. 29,

1831, in Mahanoy (now Jordan) township, on the farm now owned by Henry Raup, and died Oct. 3, 1901, at Urban, where he conducted the hotel for many years, becoming one of the best known men in that line in the lower end of Northumberland county. Earlier in life he followed farming, to which vocation he was reared, and he also drove cattle, during the Civil war making considerable money in this business, handling many head of cattle and mules. For a number of years he was one of the leaders of the Democratic party in the lower end of the county, served as school director and supervisor of his township, and as mercantile appraiser of the county, was also active in church and Sunday school work, and served many years as superintendent of the Sunday school, in his later years, when too old for the responsibilities of that position, continuing to be a regular attendant at Sunday school services. His wife, Elizabeth (Schwartz), survives him, and though she has almost attained the three score and ten mark she is fairly well preserved. The following children were born to this worthy couple: Lizzie, Mrs. A. M. Snyder; D. Richard, of Herndon, Pa.; Sarah J., Mrs. George Baum; Laura, who died young; and George Elmer.

GEORGE ELMER SCHAFER was born Jan. 30, 1867, in Jordan township, and obtained his education in the public schools of the home district. When fifteen years old he commenced selling farm implements, and in 1883 he began to sell fertilizers, etc., being one of the first in his section to engage in that line. He was only seventeen when he began to deal in cattle, and he has been interested in this line ever since, being now the proprietor of the Urban stockyards, which he established in 1895. He handles many hundred head of stock annually, having disposed of as many as thirty-five carloads in a single season, and he conducts a number of sales every fall, supplying the farmers in the neighboring territory with "shots" and hogs, and he sells many fat hogs to butchers. He commenced buying and selling hogs in 1896, and has handled many hundreds every year since. He also sells from four to six carloads of range horses annually, and deals largely in poultry; in the fall of 1909 he had 225 geese on hand at one time, besides many ducks. Mr. Schaffer's extensive business has been founded upon his reputation for square dealing, for which he is trusted by all who have had transactions of any kind with him. He has visited a number of States in the Union in the interest of his cattle business, and in one season made five trips West to buy stock. In 1906 he became proprietor of the "National Hotel" at Urban, which he has since conducted in connection with his other business, making a success of that as he has of all his other undertakings. He has made a number of improvements on the property, inside and outside, since it came into his possession. In



partnership with A. M. Snyder he owns a farm of thirty-five acres at Urban, and he has several lots near Pittsburg, Pa. There are no more highly respected people in the locality than Mr. Shaffer and his family, who are known for their intelligence and progressive spirit, their usefulness in the community and their encouragement of the best institutions in modern existence.

On Feb. 28, 1896, Mr. Shaffer married Aletta C. Heckert, daughter of Andrew and Mary (Ressler) Heckert, of Lower Mahanoy township, though Mrs. Shaffer was born in Illinois. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer, Nelson R. and Nevin E. Mr. Shaffer and his family worship at the Urban Church, he being a member of the Lutheran congregation, while his wife belongs to the Reformed congregation. He served four years as deacon. In politics he is a Democrat, with independent inclinations.

John Heckert, Mrs. Shaffer's great-grandfather, was one of the pioneer settlers in what is now Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, his name appearing in the list of taxables of what was then Mahanoy (now Lower Mahanoy) township, in 1778. It is said he was a farmer and had a number of children. The Heckert family was at one time numerous in Lower Mahanoy and a number of representatives of the name still reside there. Several generations of Heckerts are buried at Zion's Church in Stone Valley. Among the children of John Heckert were sons Friederich and Philip, the latter being Mrs. Shaffer's grandfather. Friederich, born Nov. 29, 1788, died Aug. 17, 1858; his wife, Maria, born March 24, 1792, died April 3, 1870.

Philip Heckert, son of John, was born in Lower Mahanoy Dec. 9, 1796, and had a large farm there, near County Line. He died March 24, 1872, and his wife Anna Mary (Wert), born March 2, 1805, died Jan. 16, 1888, aged eighty-two years, ten months, fourteen days. They are buried at Stone Valley Church. They had a large family, viz.: Daniel, Susan, Michael, Philip, Mary, Casper (who was a soldier in the Civil war), Emanuel, Henry (who was a soldier in the Civil war), Catharine, Andrew W., Uriah (who served in the Civil war) and Rachel.

Andrew W. Heckert, son of Philip, was born near County Line, in Lower Mahanoy township, and died at Dalmatia, Pa., where he and his family had lived since 1873. Before his marriage he went out to Forreston, Ogle Co., Ill., where he learned the carpenter's trade, but after he had resided there a number of years he returned to his native place for a wife, marrying Mary Ressler, daughter of Solomon and Catharine (Haas) Ressler, of Lower Mahanoy. He returned West with his bride and they lived in Illinois until after the birth of their six children, coming back to Pennsylvania in 1873 and settling in Lower Mahanoy.

The children were as follows: Aletta C.; Mary M., Mrs. Frank Bordner, of Nebraska; Susan E., unmarried; Carrie M., Mrs. Joseph Reitz, of Shamokin, this county; Ida R., Mrs. William Dreibels, of Lower Mahanoy; and William N., who died in infancy.

D. RICHARD SHAFFER, son of Elias, was born June 21, 1859, in Jordan township, and when fifteen years old commenced to learn cigar-making, which trade he has followed ever since. About 1890 he moved to Herndon, where he still makes his home, and he was postmaster at that place during Cleveland's second administration. He is a Democrat, and has served the borough as tax collector since 1902. In 1885 he married Emma, daughter of Samuel Lobo, of Pillow, Pa. They have no children. Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer are Lutherans in religious connection.

Daniel Shaffer, grandfather of Aaron Shaffer, superintendent of the Trevorton Coal Land Company, at Dunkelbergers, in Little Mahanoy township, lived near Stone Valley Church, his property being the farm now owned by Frank Radel. He had about forty acres, and followed farming as well as his trade, shoemaking. His wife died long before him. They had three children: Isaac, Catharine (married Solomon Radel) and Henry H.

Henry H. Shaffer, son of Daniel, is one of the oldest residents of Lower Mahanoy township, where he was born April 23, 1833. He learned the trade of stonemason, which he followed some years, later engaging in farming and limeburning. For about half a year he was out West, where he married Rebecca Dietrich, who was born in the West April 5, 1847, daughter of Florin and Sophia (Haupt) Dietrich. Eighteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer, six of whom died young, the others being: Rebecca, who died unmarried; Daniel, who was killed on the coal banks in 1887; Lucinda, who died young; Sarah Ellen, who married Charles Wertz; Charles, of Uniontown, Pa.; Aaron; William, who died when twelve years old; Kate, wife of James Wentzel; James M., of Lower Augusta township, this county; Ira, who died young; Tama, wife of Jacob Hepner; and Ida S. (deceased), who was the wife of Cloyd Massner.

AARON SHAFFER, son of Henry H., was born March 31, 1874, at Georgetown, and until he was twenty-two years old lived with his grandfather, Daniel Shaffer. His education was received in the public schools, and when twenty years old he learned the trade of stonemason, which he has continued to follow off and on ever since, working for his neighbors principally. Farming has, however, been his principal vocation. He began for himself in 1900, at Hickory Corners, where he had ninety acres which he farmed four and a half years. During two years of this time he also conducted a dairy business, running a milk team daily

to Hickory Corners and Dalmatia. In the spring of 1905 he disposed of his farm stock by sale and went West to Arkansas, Indian Territory and Kansas, he and J. S. Dreibelbies purchasing a load of horses in Kansas and shipping them to Georgetown; they were sold at public vendue at Hickory Corners. After that Mr. Shaffer did railroad work, being employed on the Shamokin branch of the Reading Road for about two years, and on April 1, 1907, he took his present position, being superintendent of the Trevorton Coal Land Company's farm of 100 acres at Dunkelbergers. He is perfectly capable of filling all the requirements of this responsibility, and has been a faithful and efficient worker, gaining the respect of all his associates.

In September, 1894, Mr. Shaffer married Ada Shaffer, daughter of Zwingle A. Shaffer and his wife Sarah (Dottery), and five children have been born to them: Tessie, Herma, Ernest (who died when three years old), Curtis and Molly. Mr. Shaffer and his family are Lutheran members of Zion's Church, Stone Valley, and he served four years as deacon of the congregation. Politically he is a Republican.

Adam (or John Adam) Dietrich, Mr. Shaffer's great-grandfather on the maternal side, was a pioneer in the Mahantango Valley in Northumberland county, where he took up a large tract of land by warrant from the Commonwealth and followed farming. He was the first to settle on what is now the farm of the aged Elias Bingham, in Lower Mahanoy township, and there he died about 1830; he is buried at Stone Valley Church. His children were too young to do such heavy work as plowing when he died, and his wife performed the work herself until they were old enough to help. Where this pioneer was born is not known. According to family tradition he was a Catholic, but William J. Dietrich, secretary of the Dietrich Family Association, questions this. His wife, whose maiden name was Shaffer, died in 1848. They had children as follows: Solomon, who settled in Iowa, where he died; Simon, who lived and died at Elizabethville, Dauphin Co., Pa.; Leonard, an invalid, who died unmarried and is buried at the Stone Valley Church; Michael, who lived in Northumberland county and is buried at Stone Valley Church (he married and had children); Florin; and Eve, who moved away from the county when a young woman, and who married well.

Florin Dietrich, son of Adam, was born in Lower Mahanoy township. He lived on what is now the Elias Bingham farm, where he followed agricultural pursuits for some years, until the forties, when he sold out and moved to Fulton county, Ind. He owned a large tract of land there which he sold after some years, moving into the town of Kiwanua, Fulton county, where he died in 1866. He is buried there. His wife, Sophia (Haupt),

was from the vicinity of Mahanoy Church, Northumberland county, and died about 1865, at the age of about seventy-five. The following children were born to this couple: Solomon, who died in Indiana; Conrad; John, who died in Indiana, unmarried; Elias, who went to serve in the Civil war and died while on his way home at the close of his service; Salome, wife of Jacob Stepp; Catharine, wife of George Snyder; Susan, wife of Richard Sudlen; Polly, wife of Andrew Jackson, of Indiana; Anna, wife of Isaac Kniss, of Northumberland county (she is deceased); Mary, wife of Samuel Hutkins; and Rebecca, who married Henry H. Shaffer.

AUGUSTUS F. WAGNER, late of Shamokin, was a native of Little Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, born Jan. 11, 1849. His father, Samuel Wagner, was a tailor, and followed his trade in Little Mahanoy township, where he also owned a small farm. He died there, and is buried at Hunter station, in that township, as is also his wife, Catharine (Ferster). They were the parents of a large family, viz.: Harry; Moses; Levi; Isaac; George; Durella; Augustus F.; Rebecca, wife of Samuel Fees; Judah, wife of Jacob Goss; Annie, wife of Benjamin Zortman; Mary, wife of Henry Durk.

Augustus F. Wagner was reared in his native township, and in his young manhood learned milling, which trade he followed for three years. In 1873 he came to Shamokin, where for about a year he was engaged at day labor, his next work being at the coal breakers, where he was employed for six years. After that he was a miner at the Burnside colliery until, on Dec. 22, 1889, he met with the accident which caused his death a few weeks later, Jan. 8, 1890. He was buried in the Shamokin cemetery. Mr. Wagner was a good husband and father, an industrious and reliable workman, and had the respect of all who knew him. He was a member of the Reformed Church and of the Sunday school, and socially united with Camp No. 149, P. O. S. of A. In politics he was a Republican.

On April 4, 1870, Mr. Wagner married Laenda Ferster, daughter of Peter and Mary (Swenhart) Ferster, of Little Mahanoy township, and she survives him, living in the old home at No. 139 South Third street, Shamokin, where they first settled on coming to the borough. Eight children were born to their union: Katie died young; Charles E. died young; Samuel A., who holds a position in the livery mills at Shamokin, married Mabel Metz, daughter of Jonas H. Metz, and they have five children, Clarence A., Charles T., Sarah L., David H. and Mildred Frances; John J. died young; William L., of Collinsville, Pa., married Annie Kiehl, and their children are Margaret, William M., Edgar A. and Robert; Prof. Thomas J. is a graduate



of the State Normal School and of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, class of 1910; Clarence A., of St. Clair, Pa., in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Company, married Frances Thomas, of Wilkes-Barre; George W. died young.

**WIEST.** The Wiest family of the southern section of Northumberland county had its origin in Berks county, Pa., where an Jacob Wiest settled about 1758, in Oley township. The following year (1759), when the first tax was collected, he paid a federal tax of four pounds sterling, \$10.64 (the Pennsylvania pound being reckoned at \$2.66). In 1759 his son Jacob, Jr. was assessed among the "single men."

According to tradition the Jacob Wiest (1775-1811) who founded the family in Northumberland county—settling in that section of Maryland township now embraced in Jordan township—was in the third generation from (that is, a grandson of) the Jacob who settled in Oley township in 1758 and the third in direct line to bear the name of Jacob, which has always been a favorite family name, there being a fourth and fifth Jacob in this line. The family has become a numerous one in Northumberland county and its representatives are found in various vocations.

Jacob Wiest, born Jan. 5, 1775, in Oley township, Berks county, died Aug. 14, 1811. He came to Northumberland county with his family from Yellow House, Berks county. He married Barbara Fick, born Jan. 29, 1774, who long survived him, dying Sept. 11, 1855. She married for her second husband Michael Sallende. To Jacob and Barbara (Fick) Wiest were born six children: (1) John is mentioned below. (2) Samuel, born Aug. 21, 1795, died Jan. 3, 1867. He was a butcher by occupation. He married Eve Klinger, born Jan. 16, 1794, died Jan. 18, 1870, and they had children as follows: John (known as "Oley John") married Lucy Beisel, was a farmer and lived in Jordan township (he went to California to hunt for gold); Jacob K. is mentioned below; Hannah married Isaac Rothermel; Jestina (1828-1872) married William W. Shartle; Polly married Peter Rebuck; Catharine married Samuel Clark; Barbara married Daniel Snyder. (3) Jacob is mentioned below. (4) Daniel, who lived at Sacramento, Pa., had children: George, Edward, John and Philip. (5) Mary married Joseph Tobias. (6) Catharine married Peter Klinger.

John Wiest, son of Jacob, was born at Klingers-town Feb. 14, 1794, and died Oct. 10, 1881. He was a very substantial business man and became one of the leading citizens of his section, being a merchant at Klingerstown for many years. He married Catharine Merkel (born Feb. 26, 1795, died May 2, 1858) and they had children as follows: Moses, Daniel, Samuel, Tobias M., Jacob, Hannah (married William Deibert), Barbara

(married David Klinger), Sarah (married William Strohecker), Polly (married George Shartle) and Mrs. Harry Hoba.

Tobias M. Wiest, son of John and grandson of Jacob, was born March 3, 1829, at Klingerstown, Schuylkill county, and was engaged as a merchant there throughout his active life, succeeding his father in the business. He also conducted a general store at Gratz, Dauphin county, owned land in that village, and also owned several farms. He served as postmaster at Klingerstown, and, all in all, was a man of prominence and considerable influence in his day. He died April 25, 1885, and is buried at Klingers Church, where many members of this family are interred. Tobias M. Wiest was twice married. His first wife, whose maiden name was Baum, bore him three children: Preston, who is a resident of Harrisburg; Victor, of Klingerstown; and Emma, married to John Connon, a retired resident of Venango county, Pa. His second marriage was to Mary Trautman, who survives him, now making her home with her only child, Carlos.

CARLOS WIEST, owner and proprietor of the "Hotel Wiest," the leading hotel of Herndon, Northumberland county, was born Dec. 2, 1874, at Klingerstown, Schuylkill county, son of Tobias M. and Mary (Trautman) Wiest. He was reared at his native place, and at an early age began to assist his father as clerk in the general store. He was quite young, however, when his father died. In 1896 he purchased what was then known as the "Union House" at Herndon, and he still carries on the business, though the hotel is now known as the "Hotel Wiest." The property has been greatly improved during Mr. Wiest's ownership, and he has also enlarged the hotel, which is now one of the leading hostelrys in the Susquehanna valley. There are twenty-two rooms, provided with steam heat and every modern convenience, and in connection with the hotel Mr. Wiest carries on a first-class livery establishment.

Mr. Wiest is well known among the fraternities, belonging to the I. O. O. F. lodge at Herndon and to various Masonic bodies—Lafayette Lodge, No. 194, F. & A. M., of Selinsgrove, Williamsport Lodge of Perfection, the Consistory, and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He lives with his mother.

Jacob Wiest, third son of the Jacob Wiest who founded the family in Northumberland county, was born at Uniontown June 11, 1797, and died March 5, 1857. He removed to Uniontown from Klingerstown after his marriage, and became one of the most substantial and prominent citizens of that region. At the time of his death his estate was valued at \$36,000—a large fortune for the time and place. He owned fully three hundred acres of land, for many years operated the grist-



mill now owned by Mr. Bolmer, in Uniontown Gap operated a linseed oil mill and also had an old-style sawmill about three hundred yards south of the oil mill. He built a barn near the present mill. He helped to build the Uniontown Lutheran and Reformed Church and was one of its leading members, serving many years as an elder. He married Mary Tobias, born Jan. 28, 1796, daughter of Jonas Tobias, and she died June 23, 1868. Mr. and Mrs. Wiest are buried in the Uniontown cemetery at Pillow. Their children were: Harry, Jacob (mentioned below), Rev. George, Mary (married John Bingeman), Elias (mentioned below), John (called "Philadelphia John"), William, Elizabeth (married Dr. Isaiah Schminkey) and Daniel (of Temple, or Yellow House, Berks county).

Jacob Wiest, son of Jacob and Mary (Tobias) Wiest, was born at Uniontown, where he was a merchant for many years, later engaging in business, in the same line, at Selinsgrove, and afterward at McKees Half Falls, where he met an accidental death Dec. 27, 1871, when he was fifty-one years old. His first wife, Susanna (Bordner), was a daughter of Peter Bordner, of Berrysburg, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Wiest are buried at Uniontown. The children of this marriage were: Mary Jane, who married William M. Boyer; James M.; and William, who was killed March 17, 1865, when twenty years old, near Fayetteville, N. C. Jacob Wiest married for his second wife Catharine Lark, by whom he had three children, all of whom died small. His third marriage was to Sarah Nace, and to them were born five children: Rev. Edward (of York, Pa.), Cora, Frederick, Jonathan (who died in infancy) and Jacob (who died aged seventeen years).

JAMES M. WIEST, son of Jacob and Susanna Wiest, was born in Uniontown, Pa., Dec. 25, 1843. His early education was received in the local public schools, and later he attended Union Seminary, at New Berlin, in 1856-57, and for one term was a pupil at the Freeburg Academy. When a mere child he began clerking in his father's store, and he also clerked in the store of his uncle Elias, at Hickory Corners, with whom he lived for a number of years, he having been but two years old when his mother died. When less than eighteen years old, Oct. 16, 1861, he enlisted for three years' service in the Civil war. At the end of fourteen months he fell ill of typhoid fever and had to return home, remaining with his father one winter. On Christmas Day, 1862, his uncle Elias lost all his buildings at Hickory Corners by fire, the calamity being a very grievous one for him. Mr. Wiest then rejoined his uncle, with whom he continued for two years. During the winter of 1864 he assisted his father in butchering and in December, 1864, he was married. In the spring of 1865 he moved to Selinsgrove, where he worked for six years in a

store of which his father was part owner. In 1871 he moved with his father to McKees Half Falls, where he worked in the store for one year. It was on Dec. 27, 1871, that his father met his death, a log rolling on him, and after that James M. Wiest and his brother-in-law, William M. Boyer, continued the business for a while, Mr. Boyer eventually buying out the business, which he moved farther up the river. In 1872 Mr. Wiest began boating on the Susquehanna canal, following that business for seven years. For the next two years he was a clerk in Bickel's store, at Georgetown, and then moved to Vera Cruz (Malta), where he operated a store for the Farmers' Alliance for a period of four years. Returning to the employ of his uncle Elias, at Hickory Corners, he worked for him another three years, at the end of which time he moved to Shamokin, taking a position as clerk etc. with R. S. Aucker, looking after his real estate and rents for eighteen years. In the spring of 1907 he located at Dalmatia, where he had a desirable home on the principal street, and there he has since lived, enjoying all the comforts of his life in his retirement. He owns twenty-nine acres of land near the town and rents it out on shares. He served as constable of Lower Mahanoy township, and has been always classed among the useful, intelligent citizens of his community, held in high esteem by all who know him. In politics he is a Democrat, in religion a member of the Reformed denomination, he and his family belonging to the Reformed congregation at the Dalmatia Church.

On Dec. 11, 1864, Mr. Wiest married Elmira Wald, daughter of David and Rebecca (Fegley) Wald, of Montgomery county, Pa., and granddaughter of Solomon and Christine (Underkoffler) Wald; Mrs. Solomon Wald died March 3, 1871, just a few days before completing her ninetieth year. Five children were born to David and Rebecca Wald, namely: William, Elmira, Joshua, Lizzie and David. Mr. Wald by his first wife, whose maiden name was Harner, had one son, Augustus, who died at Herndon and is buried at Dalmatia; he left two children, Clara and Annie.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiest had seven children: (1) Wilmer W., a railroader, died aged forty-five years and is buried at Shamokin. He left a wife, Ellen (Spotts), and one daughter, Clara. (2) Charles H. is mentioned below. (3) John Augustus died aged seventeen years and is buried at Dalmatia. (4) Benton E., a carpenter, lives at Shamokin. He married Katie Kulp and they have children, Catharine and Allen. (5) Mary E. married Milton E. Keeler, who is purchasing agent for the Kingston Coal Company, and their home is at Kingston, Pa. They have one child, Frances Ruth. (6) Selin M., baggage master for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Shamokin, lives in that borough. He is unmarried. (7) Annie L. married

Thomas Spears, an employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and they live at Shamokin. They have had two children, Elmira and Vivian, twins.

Charles H. Wiest, son of James M. Wiest, was born July 29, 1867, at Selinsgrove, Pa. He received his education in the public schools. After working on the farm in Lower Mahanoy township for five years he began learning the carpenter's trade at the age of twenty, and that has since been his vocation. For some years he worked in Shamokin and Philadelphia, in 1907 locating in Sunbury and becoming a member of the contracting firm of C. H. Brosius & Co., contractors and builders. There was another member of the firm, F. R. Yeager, who withdrew one year after the organization of the firm. C. H. Brosius & Co. enjoy a fine reputation for high-grade work, and as the work demands employ as many as forty-five men. Among the buildings of their construction are the W. A. Shipman residence on Market street; the Sunbury *Daily* printing office; the No. 3 Lythia Springs school building in Point township, where they also remodeled the No. 2 building; the Catawissa avenue M. E. Church, which they erected in 1910; and many other business buildings, residences and schoolhouses. Mr. Wiest is a member of Local No. 37, Carpenters' & Joiners' Union, of Shamokin, and socially belongs to Shamokin Camp, No. 72, Sons of Veterans, and Camp No. 30, P. O. S. of A., of Shamokin. He and his family are members of the Reformed Church. In 1893 he married Ida Witmer, daughter of Ephraim Witmer, of Lower Mahanoy township, and they have had four children: Stella May, Alvin Monroe, Madeline Elmira and a son that died in infancy.

Elias Wiest, son of Jacob and Mary (Tobias) Wiest, was born May 8, 1825, in Uniontown, Pa., and died July 29, 1899. He lived at Hickory Corners, where he conducted the store, hotel and farm, his establishment being the nucleus in which all the life of the place centered. He built up this village during the forties, and it thrived until on Christmas Day, 1862, the store, hotel, a private dwelling, sheds, etc., were destroyed by fire, the loss being very heavy. Mr. Wiest at once undertook the rebuilding of the place, which to this day has continued to be a business center. He was a thorough business man, influential because of his high character as much as on account of his success, and though the Baker silver mine affair, in Colorado, caused him heavy financial loss through the assistance he gave to others, he was a leading man in his community to the end of his days. He was in active business pursuits until his death. He ran a huckster team to Pottsville, hauling considerable produce to that city. As a branch of his establishment at Hickory Corners he owned and

operated the store at Vera Cruz. He owned a farm at Hickory Corners, now the property of his son-in-law, Jonathan Spotts, and in the same neighborhood had another tract, of thirty-eight acres. He was the first postmaster at Hickory Corners, and was retained in that office until his death. In one winter he killed one thousand sheep, which he sold at Pottsville, besides many hogs and cattle. For business enterprise he held the records in his vicinity. Though a busy man he found time for activity in the work of the local church, he and his family being Reformed members of Zion's (Stone Valley) Church, where he took particular interest in the Sunday school, being a teacher for many years and superintendent for some years. His wife, Catharine (Bingaman), born April 15, 1828, daughter of Adam Bingaman, survived him, dying Aug. 18, 1899. They had a family of six children: Emma J., who is the widow of Aaron Mattis; John, deceased; Mary, wife of D. J. Keen; Frederick M.; Jacob A., deceased; and Henrietta, wife of Jonathan Spotts.

Frederick M. Wiest, son of Elias, was born Jan. 7, 1854, at Hickory Corners, where he spent his youth and received his education. For a time he was employed in sawmills in Lycoming county and then in the lumber regions of Lycoming and Potter counties, still later being at Peale, where he drove a mercantile team for the McEntire Coal Company. In 1887 he returned to Hickory Corners, where he lived until 1889. That year he moved to his present home, owning a tract of ninety-five acres in Lower Mahanoy township which was formerly the Dohney homestead and later owned by Jacob Peifer, who sold it to William Bingaman (uncle of Frederick M. Wiest); he sold it to Levi Kauffman, from whom Mr. Wiest acquired it. He has made many improvements upon the place, changing the buildings, fertilizing the ground, and in many ways adding to the value of the property, which bears evidence of his thrifty care and management. In politics he is a Democrat, and he has held various local offices.

In July, 1876, Mr. Wiest married Sarah Spotts, daughter of Michael Spotts, and they have had nine children: William H., now of Millersburg, Pa.; Mary E., wife of John Witmer; Frederick M., of Hampton Roads, Va.; George, of Millersburg, Pa.; Daniel W.; Michael A.; John E.; Laura C. and Sarah E. Mr. Wiest and his family belong to the Reformed congregation at Zion's (Stone Valley) Church.

Jacob A. Wiest, son of Elias, was born in Lower Mahanoy township, and became a traveling salesman for Miller, Bain, Beyer & Co., wholesale dry goods and notion dealers, of Market and Filbert streets, Philadelphia. He was thus engaged for about twenty-eight years, his territory being in central Pennsylvania and including the counties of Schuylkill, Dauphin, Northumberland, Centre,



Snyder, Perty and Juniata. He had a fine farm of seventy-seven acres in Upper Paxton township, Dauphin county, upon which he made his home for four years, only superintending its cultivation, which his son Harry looked after. For thirteen years his home was at Dalmatia, whence he removed to Millersburg, where he had resided about five years at the time of his death. He died while undergoing an operation at Philadelphia, Nov. 17, 1905, at the age of forty-nine years, nine months, twelve days, and is buried at Zion's Stone Valley Church, in Lower Mahanoy township. Mr. Wiest was an active member of and worker in the Reformed Church, and just before his death had been instrumental in having the Millersburg Reformed Church frescoed; one of his last acts was to collect the money to pay the expense of frescoing. He was always a liberal contributor to the support of churches and religious enterprises. Mr. Wiest is survived by his wife, Mary J. (Snyder), daughter of Jacob and Polly (Messner) Snyder, and she makes her home at Millersburg. They had one child, Harry, who was born Sept. 30, 1876, at Bridgeport, in Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county.

Harry Wiest received his early education in the public schools, attending at Dalmatia and Millersburg and later taking a course in the business college at Collegeville, Pa. In the spring of 1895 he began farming, and he has been working on his own account since 1899, his place showing the results of good management and intelligent cultivation. It is a very desirable property, lying along the north side of the Mahantango creek. It was once the David Lantz homestead. Mr. Wiest is a progressive and industrious farmer, and he is obtaining excellent results from his work. In 1898 he married Annie M. Ossman, daughter of Andrew and Sallie (Negley) Ossman, of the Lykens Valley, and they have one child, John Elias. He is a Republican in politics, and he and his family are members of the Reformed Church; Mr. Wiest was a Sunday school teacher for some years, and served for a time as superintendent of the Sunday school at Malta.

Jacob K. Wiest, son of Samuel and grandson of Jacob, was born Jan. 14, 1821, in Jordan township, Northumberland county, and died April 20, 1877. He was a farmer in Jordan township, owning a tract of 120 acres, and during the winter time following butchering and selling meat. He was also engaged in droving, and in buying and selling cattle, to some extent. For eight years before his death he lived retired, making his home in Uniontown, where he owned a house and where he died. He and his wife, Elizabeth (Trautman), daughter of Peter Trautman (whose wife's name was Potteiger), are buried at Klingers Church; she was struck dead by lightning, while walking

through the kitchen. Their children were: Harry, John T., Amelia (married Reuben Shade), Frank, Samuel, E. T., Catharine (married Edward Witmer, of Allentown, Pa.), Monroe (of Allentown, Pa.), Jacob (deceased), Preston and William.

JOHN T. WIEST, son of Jacob K., has long been a substantial citizen of Jordan township, Northumberland county. His present home is at Hebe. He was born in the township Oct. 4, 1846, was reared on the farm, and worked for his parents until he attained his majority. For about five years following he worked at Klingerstown in the employ of Jacob M. and Tobias M. Wiest, merchants at that place, driving their huckster team to Pottsville as often as twice a week. From Klingerstown Mr. Wiest moved to Hebe, Northumberland county, where he lived for six years, engaged in cattle droving, and then settled on his father's farm of 120 acres near that place, which he bought. After a year's ownership of that property, however, he sold it at a profit to John Trautman, and moved to another place in Jordan township, which he bought, consisting of seventy acres near Uniontown. He cultivated this place for seventeen years, at the end of that time moving back to Hebe, where he owned a house and where he remained for three years before moving to the farm he has since occupied. This place is also close to Hebe, and consists of 125 acres, which he and his son Irwin owned for a time in partnership, Mr. Wiest finally purchasing his son's interest. This was at one time the Henry Bowman homestead. It is a fine piece of property, fertile and well located, and Mr. Wiest has cultivated it profitably for a number of years. He built the present barn on the place in the nineties. He is an industrious man and an excellent manager, and his fellow citizens have so approved of his integrity and ability that they have chosen him to serve in several public offices. He was treasurer of Jordan township for eight years, school director seven years and supervisor one year. He has also been prominent in church affairs as trustee and treasurer of the Hebe Church known as David's Church, of which he and his family are Reformed members. He has also served the church as deacon and elder, having been one of its prominent workers for years.

In 1867 Mr. Wiest married Catharine Heim, daughter of Samuel and Catharine (Battorf) Heim, of Washington township, Northumberland county, born Feb. 24, 1848; Mrs. Wiest died Oct. 12, 1908, and is buried in the Wiest family plot at Hebe, where a fine monument marks her grave. To Mr. and Mrs. Wiest were born four children: Irwin H., mentioned below; Nolan H.; Catharine, who married Maurice Brosius and they are farming people in Jordan township (their children are Mabel, Charles, Frederick, Harold and John); and John E., who died when four years, four months old.



IRWIN H. WIEST, son of John T., was born Oct. 21, 1868, in Jordan township, where he was reared to farming, working for his father until he was nineteen years old. He was married at that time, and then worked a year for his father-in-law, Simon Trautman, in the spring of 1890 commencing to farm on his own account, in Lower Mahanoy township, where he rented for a year. He then lived at Hebe for some years, and in the spring of 1907 moved onto his own place, 124 acres in Jordan township which was formerly the Henry Miller homestead. This farm lies along the road from Dalmatia to Klingerstown. Mr. Wiest is an intelligent and ambitious farmer, and is doing well.

On Feb. 25, 1888, Mr. Wiest married Elizabeth Trautman, daughter of Simon and Sarah (Schadel) Trautman, and they have had three children, Maud, Carrie (who died in her fifteenth year) and Nora. The family attend the Hebe Church, of which he is a Reformed member, Mrs. Wiest belonging to the Lutheran congregation. Mr. Wiest is a Democrat in political faith.

E. T. Wiest, son of Jacob K. Wiest, was born Feb. 18, 1854, and was reared upon the farm, working at home until he was grown. When quite young he learned the butcher's trade, which he followed at Pillow for fully twenty years, for some years being associated with his brother Frank in that business. They killed as many as twenty head of cattle weekly. Mr. E. T. Wiest then conducted the hotel at Uniontown (Pillow) for four years, after which he was at Dalmatia for one year, in the same line. He next engaged in the mercantile business at Wiconisco, in Dauphin county, where he remained two years. After living for several years at Pillow he again embarked in the hotel business, at Hickory Corners, where he has conducted the "Keystone Hotel" since 1907. Mr. Wiest is very well known, as he has a particularly fine reputation for the good table he sets, and Dr. Emerick's numerous patients usually patronize his table when they come to town.

On March 28, 1880, Mr. Wiest married Edith Musser, daughter of Henry and Annetta (Noblet) Musser, of Millersburg. Mr. and Mrs. Wiest have three children: Lizzie married Lane Reeser and they live at Wiconisco; Stella May is unmarried and lives at home; Edward H., born Sept. 18, 1889, married Beulah Harris, daughter of Walter and Lucy A. (Schaffer) Harris. Mr. Wiest and his family are members of the Reformed congregation of Zion's Stone Valley Church. On political questions he is a Democrat.

LENTZ. Andrew Lentz, proprietor of the "Van Kirk House" at Northumberland, and John H. Lentz, farmer of Rockefeller township, are sons of the late John Lentz, of Rockefeller township, and grandsons of Jesse Lentz. The latter was a native of Dauphin county, living at Halifax,

that county, where he owned property and followed farming. Among his children were: Abbie, who married Jacob Harris (deceased), of Richfield, Juniata Co., Pa., and now lives with her daughter at Fremont, Pa.; Polly, who married Hiram Puntius (they live in Elkhart, Ind.); and John.

John Lentz, son of Jesse, was born in 1834 at Halifax, Dauphin Co., Pa., and was reared to farm work, which he followed all his life. He was married at Halifax and farmed there for some years before his removal to Rockefeller township, Northumberland county, purchasing the farm in that township now owned by his son John H. Lentz. It comprises seventy-eight acres, upon which he built the present barn in the sixties, and there he farmed until his death, which occurred March 16, 1899. He is buried at the Cross Road Church, as it is popularly known, the Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, of which he was a member; he served in the church council. He was a progressive man, and interested in the Augusta Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of which he was treasurer. Politically he was a Republican.

Mr. Lentz married Louisa Shade, and they had children as follows: Julia died young; Senora married Lewis Hetrich; Andrew is mentioned below; Polly married William Eady, of Shamokin; Seville married George Eckman; David died young; John H. is mentioned below; Permelia married George Miller; Emma died young; Charles R. is a resident of Herndon, this county; Stella died young; Bessie married George Rebeck.

ANDREW LENTZ, son of John Lentz, was born Aug. 9, 1864, in Lower Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, this county, and was there reared. He followed farming until twenty-five years old, after which for five years he was in Sunbury. Returning to his farm of 120 acres in Rockefeller township, he cultivated it for six years, at the end of that period going back to Sunbury, where he conducted a hotel, at the same time engaging in the lumber business. For six years he was thus occupied, in November, 1908, purchasing the stock, good will and fixtures of the "Van Kirk House," the leading hotel in Northumberland borough, from George Hancock. He has since carried on this hotel, which has thirty rooms, and the steady patronage—old and new—indicates that he has improved every opportunity and kept it up to standard. Mr. Lentz is an able business man and has shown considerable executive ability in the management of his affairs, for besides looking after his hotel business he conducts a farm of eighty-six acres which he owns, in Upper Augusta township, near Keefer's station, and he is engaged in trucking to some extent. He and his family are members of the Wolf's Cross Road Church in Rockefeller township, in which Mr. Lentz has been an active worker, and he contributed toward the erection of the church, in the welfare of which

he is deeply interested. He has been particularly concerned in the popularity and prosperity of the Sunday school. Socially he is a member of Lodge No. 167, B. P. O. Elks, of Sunbury, the Protected Home Circle and the Conclave, both also of Sunbury.

In December, 1889, Mr. Lentz married Laura Gonser, daughter of Jesse and Harriet (Houseworth) Gonser, of Snyderstown, Pa., and they have one child, Jesse E., who assists his father with his business affairs.

JOHN H. LENTZ, son of John Lentz, was born Feb. 10, 1872, in Rockefeller township, on the homestead where he has spent all but four months of his life. He was reared to farming, and in the spring of 1900 commenced on his own account, having purchased the place in September, 1899. It is a tract of seventy-eight acres, and Mr. Lentz has made a number of improvements on the property since it came into his possession. He has exceptionally fine live stock. Much of his produce is sold at the Shamokin markets, which he attends regularly. Mr. Lentz is a progressive citizen, enterprising in the management of his own affairs and interested in movements which affect the general welfare, and he is vice-president and a director of the Irish Valley & Seven Points Telephone Company, in which he is an active spirit. He was a school director of his township for three years, and is a Republican in political matters.

On March 8, 1897, Mr. Lentz married Henrietta Kelly, daughter of George Kelly, and they have three children: Orpha, Rachel and Myrtle K.

FRANKLIN L. KEHRES, of Rebuck, is engaged as a merchant, hotel-keeper and farmer, carrying on a business established by his grandfather many years ago. He has the leading store and hotel at the place. Mr. Kehres was born in Washington township, where he has passed all his life, Nov. 30, 1857, son of Nathan E. and Catharine (Hoffman) Kehres. He belongs to an old family of this region, his father and grandfather having lived in Washington township, and bears a name which, in various forms, is now numerously represented in Pennsylvania. The original form was Gehres, and the branches of the family found in Berks and Schuylkill counties, and in the Shamokin region, still retain that spelling or the variation Gehris; William Kehres, grandfather of Franklin L. Kehres, made the change from "G" to "K" which has been followed by his posterity.

John Gehres, the emigrant ancestor of this family, is said to have come from Germany, and he first located in Berks county, Pa., whence he moved across the Blue Mountains into Schuylkill county, settling in the Deep Creek Valley, where he owned land. He died in 1829, and his wife, whose maiden name was Catharine Otto, survived him over

fifty years, dying in April, 1873, at the advanced age of ninety-three. They were of the German Reformed faith, and are buried side by side at the Deep Creek Church. They had seven children, namely: John is mentioned below; William is mentioned below; Betty married John Bressler and they lived in Deep Creek Valley; Sallie married David Stutzman; Maricha married Michael Stutzman, who was killed in the Civil war; Catharine married a Mr. Warfel and they lived in Deep Creek Valley (their son is a prominent minister of the United Evangelical Association); Mrs. Ossman and her husband were members of the United Evangelical Association and moved to Iowa.

John Gehres, son of John and Catharine (Otto) Gehres, located at the upper end of the Deep Creek Valley in Schuylkill county, and was a farmer by occupation. After his retirement, being advanced in years, he made his home with his children for a number of years before his death, which occurred in 1908, when he was ninety-six years old, while he was living with a married daughter in Berks county. He was twice married, and survived both his wives, one of whom was a Reed. Among his seventeen children were: Sarah, Lovina, Carolina, Lydia, Emanuel (of Upper Mahantango Valley), Daniel (of Shamokin, Pa.) and Mrs. Haupt (who lives at Mount Carmel, Pa.). A number of the posterity of this John Gehres have lived in Berks and Lehigh counties, some now (1910) residing in Hamburg, Berks county, and one Milton Gehris, who formerly taught school in Berks county, now holds a responsible government position at Washington, D. C. This branch of the family adhere to the original spelling of the name.

William Kehres, son of John and Catharine (Otto), born April 5, 1808, was but twelve years old when his father died. He lived in Washington township, Northumberland county, where he was active throughout a long life, in his earlier manhood following farming exclusively and later building the Kehres mill, on Greenbrier creek, which he operated for many years besides following agricultural pursuits. This mill was continued in operation until about 1893. His farm consisted of about 160 acres. Mr. Kehres was an early settler at Rebuck, where he was one of the first merchants, being succeeded as such by his son Nathan. He died March 3, 1891, and he and both his wives are buried at the Himmel Church. Mr. Kehres first married, April 26, 1831, Lydia Erdman, who was born July 1, 1812, and died Sept. 14, 1834. They had four children: George E., born Sept. 19, 1831, whose wife Sarah, born Nov. 1, 1828, died March 21, 1885; Nathan E., born Sept. 29, 1832; William E., born Aug. 1, 1834; and Lydia, who died young. On Oct. 4, 1835, Mr. Kehres married (second) Catharine Erdman (a sister of his first wife), who was born May 25, 1818, and died July 8, 1895. Nineteen chil-



children were born to this marriage, as follows: Daniel, Oct. 6, 1836; Emanuel, Oct. 20, 1837 (his wife Rosanna, born Aug. 3, 1848, died July 21, 1904); Lydia, Oct. 17, 1838; Maria, Jan. 21, 1840; Henrietta, Feb. 1, 1842; Sarah, May 18, 1843; Catharine, Sept. 30, 1844; Levi, June 3, 1846; a daughter, March 4, 1847 (died in infancy); Paul, March 11, 1848; Lavina, March 9, 1849; twin of Lavina (born dead); Malinda, July 11, 1850; Amanda, Jan. 22, 1853; a son, Jan. 20, 1854 (died in infancy); a son, November, 1854 (died in infancy); Fietta, Aug. 27, 1855; a daughter, 1856 (died in infancy); Jacob Wilson, Jan. 31, 1858.

Nathan E. Kehres, son of William, was born Sept. 29, 1832, in Washington township, and died Sept. 10, 1902. He was a farmer until 1873, when he also engaged in the general mercantile business at Rebuck, continuing same until succeeded by his son F. L. Kehres in 1888. He was a successful man and left a valuable estate, owning several farms in Washington township and also one at Klingerstown (of over one hundred acres). He was a useful and respected citizen, served his township faithfully as treasurer, and was an active member of the Reformed congregation of Himmel's Church, in which he held the offices of deacon, elder, trustee and treasurer. Originally a Democrat in politics, he later became an adherent of Republican principles.

On June 15, 1856, Mr. Kehres married Catharine Hoffman, who was born Jan. 9, 1835, in Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, daughter of Henry D. Hoffman, of Berks county, and died Nov. 11, 1895. Children as follows were born to their union: Franklin L. is mentioned below; William H. was born Jan. 26, 1860; John M. was born Jan. 19, 1862; Lydia E. married E. R. Reitz; Mary Etta, born July 18, 1867, died Aug. 10, 1886; C. Reuben was born Sept. 21, 1869; Samuel was born Dec. 12, 1871, and died Jan. (?) 9, 1876; Kate A., born Aug. 14, 1877, married David C. Drumbheller; Rosie A., born Jan. 21, 1880, married A. J. Schwalm.

Franklin L. Kehres received his education in the schools of the home locality and was reared to farm life. At an early age he began running a huckster team to Shamokin and Ashland, with produce, and was thus engaged for seven years, meantime commencing to clerk in the store for his father. Eventually he gave all his time to looking after the store, and in 1888 succeeded his father in the mercantile and hotel business, having moved to the old stand two years previously. Rebuck is an old-established business center in Washington township. Mr. Kehres carries a full line of general merchandise, continues to conduct the hotel, and operates his farm of ninety acres in conjunction with his other interests. He enjoys a large share of the patronage in his section of the county. He is agent for fertilizers and farm im-

plements, in which line he has built up a good trade, and he has been postmaster at Rebuck since the Harrison administration, having been appointed by John Wanamaker. One of the leading citizens of his district, he is identified with everything affecting its development and progress.

On June 23, 1878, Mr. Kehres married Sarah E. Hetrich, who was born in Washington township Dec. 2, 1860, daughter of Daniel Hetrich, and died Sept. 22, 1893. They had three children, John O., Cora A., and Gertie M. (wife of Norman Peifer). On Nov. 30, 1899, Mr. Kehres married (second) Katie E. Reed, daughter of Henry A. Reed. They have no children. Mr. Kehres and his family are Reformed members of the Himmel Church, and he has been joint treasurer of the church since 1903. In politics he is a Republican.

John O. Kehres, eldest of the family of Franklin L. Kehres, was born Oct. 11, 1879, and obtained his early education in the local public schools. Later he attended the Interstate Commercial College, at Reading, and he subsequently formed a partnership with William Hetrich, under the firm name of Kehres & Hetrich, engaging in the lumber business and the manufacture of cider, and also operating a gristmill, in Washington township. They were associated in business for ten years, and since 1904 Mr. Kehres has been in partnership with his father in the general merchandise business. He is an enterprising and respected young man, and is progressing steadily in business circles. He is a member of Lodge No. 355, B. P. O. Elks, at Shamokin, and since 1900 has belonged to Lodge No. 551, I. O. O. F., at Mahanoy.

Ephraim R. Gehris, late of Boyertown, Berks Co., Pa., was also a member of the Gehres family of which this article treats. He was a native of Boyertown, son of Isaac and Sarah Gehris, and passed nearly all his life there. He followed the occupation of tinsmith, and was a faithful employee, having been with Jacob B. Yahn for more than thirty years. In politics he was always an active and enthusiastic Democrat, and held several minor offices in the borough. From early youth he had played in the Boyertown Band, first as snare drummer, later as trombone. He was a charter member of the Keystone Fire Company, in which he was very popular, and served as chief engineer for a number of years. He belonged to the Knights of the Mystic Chain at Boyertown and to the Independent Order of Mechanics at Pottstown. Mr. Gehris died in June, 1910, at his home on Washington street, Boyertown, aged fifty-three years, six months, eleven days. He was buried in Union cemetery.

Mr. Gehris married Ada Slauer, who survived him with the following children: Ella, wife of Edwin Engel; William; LeRoy; Isaac; and Agnes, wife of William Trout—all of Boyertown. One



daughter, Florence, died several years before her father. Mr. Gehris's father, Isaac Gehris, survives him, but his mother and sister preceded him in death.

HENRY N. ADAMS, whose home is in Cleveland township, Columbia Co., Pa., just across the Northumberland county line at Bear Gap, is a member of an old Northumberland county family.

Casper Adams, his great-grandfather, the first of the family in this country, was born April 25, 1755, at Langendiebach, Offenburg, Germany. Little is known of his early life. On coming to this country he lived in Berks county, Pa., before coming to Northumberland county, where he was one of the earliest pioneers in Ralpho township, owning several hundred acres of land there. He cleared some of his land and followed farming. He died Jan. 26, 1832, and is buried at St. Peter's (the Blue) Church in Ralpho township. Casper Adams married, in Berks county, Elizabeth Hinkle, of that county, and they had a large family, six sons and six daughters, namely: Frederick (1792-1853), John, Samuel, Casper, Leonard, Peter, Nellie (married George Startzel), Susanna (married Samuel Startzel), Elizabeth (married Gilbert Liby), Polly (married Peter Strausser), Maria (married Jacob Kreher) and Catharine (married Samuel Anspach).

Casper Adams, fourth son of Casper and Elizabeth (Hinkle) Adams, was born April 10, 1796, on the homestead farm in Ralpho township, and was there reared to farm life. When he became of age his father deeded 100 acres of land in Ralpho township to him, this being the farm afterward occupied by his son George C., near the Blue Church. Mr. Adams was a man of active mind, one who interested himself in the general welfare as well as in the promotion of his own interests, and he was one of the foremost men of his locality for many years, well known as a staunch Democrat and as one of the most liberal supporters of the Blue Church, with which he was identified all his life: he served as elder of that church and was one of the most generous contributors toward the erection of the church edifice. He married Susanna Startzel (daughter of John), who was born March 14, 1800, and died Jan. 22, 1873; Mr. Adams died Jan. 28, 1882, and is buried at the Blue Church. Their children were: Benjamin, who died in 1895, at the age of seventy-four years (Edward, William F. and Lucinda were his children); Daniel H.; Casper, deceased; George C., born Aug. 17, 1826; David, born in 1830; Jacob, born in 1833, who died in 1895; Samuel, deceased; William; Elizabeth (deceased), who married William Smith; Susanna (deceased), who married William Klase; Polly, Mrs. Fry, deceased; Angelina, who married William Smith; and Harriet, deceased.

Daniel H. Adams, son of Casper and Susanna

(Startzel) Adams, was born in 1822 on the old homestead near Elysburg, in Ralpho township. He followed farming all his life, owning a tract of about fifty acres near the Blue Church, and in connection with his agricultural work engaged in lime burning. He died June 20, 1892. Mr. Adams married Sarah A. Pensyl, who was born in 1829, daughter of Leonard Pensyl, and died Jan. 4, 1908. They are buried at the Blue Church. Twelve children were born to their union, viz.: Francis is a resident of Shamokin; John is deceased; Henry N. lives near Bear Gap, in Columbia county; D. Alonzo is on the old homestead in Ralpho township; Leonard M. is a resident of Shamokin; Nathan G. is located at Paxinos; Allison C. is living in Ralpho township; Marietta (deceased) was the wife of Frank Erdman, commissioner of Northumberland county; Emma married George Erdman; Elizabeth married Philip Richard and they live at Elysburg, Northumberland county; Lydia married Thomas Boughner, of Ralpho; Casper died young.

Henry N. Adams was born upon the homestead near the Blue Church Nov. 18, 1851, and was raised by his grandfather, Leonard Pensyl, in Ralpho township. He remained with him till about thirty years of age and then left home after the death of his grandfather. He was employed for several years by the Pennsylvania Railroad and the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Companies, for a few years was section track foreman, and then was employed at the Pennsylvania yard at Weigh Scales. In 1889 he located upon his present farm in Cleveland township, Columbia county, near Bear Gap, which he purchased, having 145 acres of valuable land, among the best in the district. It has an abundant supply of spring water. He is a much respected citizen of his community, having been elected auditor of his township, which office he is filling at present.

On Feb. 4, 1888, Mr. Adams married Lydia Dimmick, daughter of Adam and Elizabeth (Leiby) Dimmick, and they have three children, Calvin B., David L. and Clara M., all at home. He is a member of the Reformed (Blue) Church, and in politics is a Democrat.

STAMM. The Stamm family has many representatives in Northumberland county, descendants of old Berks county (Pa.) stock, the Stamms having scattered from that region over various parts of Pennsylvania.

The name Stamm or Stam is found frequently in the lists of emigrants to America. On the passenger list of the "Hope," Daniel Reed, master, from Rotterdam, qualified Sept. 23, 1734, is the name of Peter Stam, aged twenty; on the "Samuel," Hugh Percy, captain, from Rotterdam, qualified Dec. 3, 1740, that of Adam Stam, aged twenty-five; on the "Francis and Elizabeth," George North, master, from Rotterdam, qualified Sept. 21,

1742, those of Johann Adam Stam and Werner Stam; on the snow "Charlotte," John Mason, master, from Rotterdam, Sept. 5, 1743, Johann Jacob Stam; on the "Phoenix," William Wilson, commander, from Rotterdam, Sept. 30, 1743, Johannes Stamm; and on the "Union," Andrew Bryson, captain, from Rotterdam, Sept. 30, 1774, Adam Stam.

The Stamm family is one of the oldest in Berks county. Werner (or Peter) and Johann Adam Stam (or Stamm), brothers, were natives of Switzerland and emigrated to the New World on the ship "Francis and Elizabeth," George North, commander, from Rotterdam. It qualified at Philadelphia Sept. 21, 1742, and of the 141 male emigrants who had taken passage many settled in Berks county, their descendants being still found in goodly numbers in the districts where they located. Where Johann Adam Stam settled, or what became of him, we do not know. The other brother, Werner, was the ancestor of the Stammers of Berks county. He was born Nov. 13, 1726, in Bern, Switzerland, and died May 16, 1795. He settled in what is now Bern township in 1763, obtaining a large tract of land in the vicinity of Mount Pleasant, in Berks county, where he lived and died. He and his wife are buried at the old Bern Church. He married May 26, 1748, Catharine, born in 1728, died Nov. 4, 1812. Among his children were two sons named Nicholas and Frederick.

(The name Peter is said to have been Werner Stam. There is a Werner Stam buried at the Bern Church. The Pennsylvania Archives record the name as Peter, but this is reputed to be an error, the tax lists, church records, etc., all bearing evidence to the contrary. However, it is reasonable to suppose that Werner Stamm was under age when the two mentioned in the Archives arrived, and that for that reason his name does not appear. The date of their landing agrees with the date tradition and old members of the family have of Werner's coming to America.)

Nicholas Stamm, son of Werner, born April 22, 1752, died Oct. 6, 1828. He married Catharine Lerch, born April 21, 1754, died May 16, 1844. Like his parents, they are buried at the Bern Church. Among their children were: Johann Adam, Frederick, Peter, John, Mrs. Benjamin Graeff, Philip, William, Catharine (married Peter Reinhart) and Benjamin. Some of this family moved to Lycoming, Snyder and Northumberland counties, Pennsylvania.

Frederick Stamm, the grandfather of Levi F. Stamm, of Turbut township, Northumberland county, was evidently one of the sons of Nicholas, above, having been born in Bern township, Berks county, near the Bern Church, Feb. 17, 1782. In 1816 he came to Northumberland county, settling near the Paradise Church in Turbut township.

Afterward he lived for a time in Center county, Pa., but returned to Northumberland in a few years and died on the old homestead. He was one of the pioneers in this region, and made the trip hither from Berks county by team. His wife, whose maiden name was Barnhart, died in Center county and is buried there, at the Loop Church at Center Hall. Frederick Stamm died in Turbut township Sept. 11, 1859, aged seventy-seven years, one month, twenty-four days, and is buried at the Paradise Church. He was a Reformed member of that church and active in his congregation, which he served many years as deacon and elder. They had children as follows: Mrs. John Frymeyer; Jacob; Henry, who died in Turbut township; Mrs. Samuel Stahlnecker; Mrs. Conrad Diefenbacher; Benjamin, who died in Center county; Charles, who died in Center county; Mrs. John Gingrith; Mrs. Christian Gingrith (John and Christian Gingrith were brothers); Mrs. John Catterman; Daniel, who died in Montour county; Mrs. Myers; Dr. William, who died near Pittsburg, Pa.; and one that died in infancy.

Jacob Stamm, son of Frederick, was born in Berks county in 1808. He grew to manhood upon the homestead farm in Turbut township, which he later purchased, and when a young man he learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed for many years. A prominent worker in the Democratic party in his locality, he served over eighteen years as overseer of the poor and held various other township offices, proving a faithful and intelligent public servant. He was an active member of the Reformed congregation at Paradise Church, and served many years as deacon and elder. In 1831 he married Mary Deifenbacher, daughter of Philip Deifenbacher, of Montour county. Mrs. Stamm was born in 1811, and died in 1899, long surviving her husband, who passed away Oct. 28, 1881. They are buried at Paradise Church. The following children were born to this couple: William B. (died Dec. 31, 1898, aged sixty-eight years, twenty-six days) married Catharine Berger; Edward J., born in Lewis township Dec. 15, 1839, died Feb. 7, 1909, a farmer, married Amelia Berger; Daniel D., born in 1842, died in 1901, married Susan Rangler; Franklin H., born in 1843, died in 1911, married Annie Snyder; Levi Frederick is mentioned below; Philip L., born in 1848, died in 1906, married Susan Bellman.

LEVI FREDERICK STAMM, son of Jacob, was born Jan. 6, 1845, in Delaware township, this county, received his education in the township schools and in a graded school at Limestoneville, Montour county, and was engaged in teaching for two terms, at East Lewisburg and at Kiefertown. After that he farmed in Lewis township for one year, at the end of that time settling in Turbut township, where he has since remained. Buying the Schaefer



for homestead (that of his father-in-law) of 177 acres, he prospered in his agricultural work, and also acquired an adjoining tract, of sixty acres, all valuable land, being classed among the best farm acreage in the county, abundantly supplied with good water. Mr. Stamm continued active farm work until 1892, since which year he has lived retired, his successful career having enabled him to rest from heavy responsibilities for many years. He is a Reformed member of the Paradise Church and has held offices in his congregation.

In 1868 Mr. Stamm married Sarah Schaeffer, and they have three children: Cora married Robert Sheep and has one child, Neta; Ida married Andrew Kurtz and has two children, Mildred and Dorothy; Oran S., born in 1877, a clerk in the employ of the Milton Manufacturing Company, married Catharine Satteson and has one child, Thelma. Mrs. Stamm's grandfather was Peter Schaeffer, and her parents were Eli and Elizabeth (Glase) Schaeffer, the former of whom died Aug. 19, 1886, aged sixty-five years; his wife died Nov. 21, 1887, aged sixty-two.

John William Stamm (probably the son of Nicholas recorded as William) was born in 1793, and died in 1868, aged seventy-five years, at the borough of Northumberland. He is buried in Riverview cemetery. For a time he lived in Washingtonville, Montour Co., Pa., where he kept a hotel until 1840, in which year he moved to Point township, Northumberland county, where he owned land and followed farming. Upon his retirement from active work he settled in Northumberland, in which borough he passed the remainder of his days. His wife Catharine (Kissinger) died out West while with one of her sons who had settled there. The children of John William and Catharine (Kissinger) Stamm were as follows: Benjamin died in Detroit, Mich.; Louis died out West; Andrew, William and G. Washington live out West; Thomas J. is mentioned later; Margaret married Robert Arnold; Sarah married and lived in Iowa; Susan married Joseph Watson.

Thomas J. Stamm, son of John William, was born in 1821 in Montour county, Pa., where he passed his youth and young manhood. In his earlier life he was a farmer, and later, settling at Northumberland, engaged in hotel-keeping, conducting the "Exchange Hotel," which he established. He subsequently conducted the "Washington Hotel," in the same borough, up to within several years before his death, which occurred at Northumberland in 1897. He is buried there. His son Benjamin F. succeeded to his interests in the hotel business, which he still carries on. Politically Mr. Stamm was a Democrat, and he was elected to the office of school director, which he filled faithfully. In religion he was a member of the Lutheran Church. He married

Catharine Crouser, who was born in 1828, daughter of Jacob Crouser, of Catawissa, Pa., and died in 1895. The following children were born to them: Laura E. (deceased), who was an invalid; Mary S., who married Robert G. Seiler, of Northumberland, Pa.; John W., mentioned later; Thomas J., Jr., a resident of Lewisburg, Pa.; Margaret Ann, who married Abner G. Mertz, of Northumberland; Clarinda C., who is unmarried and lives in Detroit, Mich.; Sallie Ann; Benjamin F., mentioned later; and Carrie May, who married James McKinney, and they live at Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

JOHN W. STAMM, son of Thomas J. and Catharine (Crouser) Stamm, was born Dec. 28, 1850, in Point township, Northumberland county, and received his education in the public schools of Northumberland. After working for his father until he reached the age of eighteen he began work in a sawmill and lumber business at Northumberland, and was thus engaged for the next seventeen years, following which he farmed in Point township for five years. During this time

in 1885 he became interested in the butcher business, which has grown to such proportions that it now requires the principal share of his time and attention, and he is the leading butcher of Northumberland borough, where his establishment is located. He has a wide patronage, and has the distinction of having the only sanitary butcher wagon run in the borough, a fact indicative of the progressive methods which have always characterized his work. Mr. Stamm is not only a successful business man but a citizen of broad public spirit, and as such has done good work as a member of the bureau of industry of Northumberland. In political sentiment he is a Democrat.

In 1867 Mr. Stamm married Adda Hoffman, daughter of John and Amelia (Kreider) Hoffman, of Snyder county, Pa. They had two daughters: Edna, now the wife of Urban Snyder, living in Upper Augusta township, this county; and Katie, wife of Roy Ulp, of Northumberland. Mrs. Stamm died Feb. 2, 1878, aged thirty-two years. In 1880 Mr. Stamm married (second) Sarah Gulick, daughter of Isaac and Sabilla (Ulrich) Gulick of Northumberland, and they have had one son, William Floyd, born Sept. 15, 1882, who is a railroad man in the employ of the Pennsylvania Company. Mr. Stamm occupies a fine residence built by his father, at the corner of Queen and Fifth streets, in the borough of Northumberland. He and his family are members of the Lutheran Church, in whose work he has taken considerable part, having served as elder and as deacon for many years.

BENJAMIN F. STAMM, son of Thomas J., was born Dec. 9, 1867, in the old "Exchange Hotel" in Northumberland borough. He received his ed-



neation at that place, in the public schools. He is an experienced hotel man, having practically grown up to the business, which he has followed all his active life. In 1892 he began conducting the "Washington Hotel" at Northumberland, and has been proprietor ever since; in 1905 he bought the property, which is located at the corner of King and Northway streets. It has some twenty rooms and the trade has been a lucrative one for many years. Mr. Stamm is a well known sportsman and hunter, and has many friends among those similarly inclined in his section. He is an independent voter, supporting the candidate he prefers without regard to party lines.

Mr. Stamm married Jennie Haas, daughter of Luther L. Haas, of Northumberland, and they have two children, Esther C. and Luther A.

LANDIS ZARTMAN, farmer of Rockefeller township, near the Lantz Church and Lantz schoolhouse, was born July 27, 1863, in Jackson township, this county, and belongs to a numerous and respected family whose members have been identified with the best element in that region for several generations past. The family has been settled in this county for over one hundred and forty years. The founder of the family in this country settled in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania.

Alexander Zartman and his wife Ann Catharina came from Germany to America in the summer of 1728. They were classified with the German Palatinates, but it is more likely that they came from Wurtemberg, possibly from Erlenbach. Their first stopping place was Philadelphia, whence they followed the pike leading to Harrisburg, and at length found their way into the region of the Tulpehocken, southwest of Reading, in Berks county, not far from the Muddy Creek Lutheran and Reformed Church, where they worshipped in the years 1728 and 1729. Before 1730, however, they located in Warwick township, Lancaster Co., Pa., and in 1738 purchased a tract of land near Brickerville, that county, the deed for which (calling for 197 acres) was given by the Penns to Alexander Zartman in about 1750. He made his last will and testament (recorded at Lancaster, Pa.) Oct. 6, 1762, and it was probated in December, that year. His age is not given. He lived in America thirty-four years. His wife survived him some years. They had two sons, Jacob and Alexander, and as there is no record of other offspring it is probable these were their only children.

Jacob Zartman, son of Alexander, was the ancestor of the Zartmans of Northumberland county. He may have been born in Germany. He received his inheritance from his parents in 1754, when they deeded to him seventy-one acres of the old homestead. This land Jacob Zartman sold to George Graffe in 1759 for £380. In about 1768

he came to Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, where he purchased a 122-acre tract at the foot of Line Mountain. In 1775 John Adam Shaffer deeded a farm of 100 acres to Jacob Zartman, of Mahanoy township, the consideration being £11, and there, between what are now known as Kneass and Otto stations, established the old Zartman homestead, which after his death was owned by his sons Martin and Peter, later by their brother Henry, and then, successively, by Henry's son Martin, Martin's son Daniel and Daniel's son Samuel S., who sold it only recently to Edward Hilbush. There is a very good spring near the old house, and there stood a beautiful pear tree, from which four generations gathered fruit. In February, 1793, Jacob Zartman made his last will and testament, and died either that month or the month following. He is interred in a private burial ground in the meadow west of the house; he has no tombstone. He married Anna Margareth Roemin (Ream), and their children were: Henry; Martin; Anna Margareth, born Oct. 28, 1755; Susanna; Eve, born Oct. 1, 1758 (probably died young; her birth and baptism are recorded at Brickerville Church); Peter, born March 3, 1760; Jacob, and Anna Maria.

Martin Zartman, son of Jacob and Anna Margareth Zartman, was born in Lancaster county, and in about 1769 moved to Northumberland county, where he passed the remainder of his life. Under his father's will he and his brother Peter became joint owners of the homestead at the foot of Line Mountain. He made his last will and testament Oct. 2, 1816, and it was probated Oct. 2, 1817. He married Susanna Futler (Fittler), sister of his brother Jacob's wife, and their children were born as follows: Elizabeth, April 27, 1780; Martin, Nov. 11, 1781; Benjamin, March 13, 1783; William, May 28, 1785; Eve Magdalene, Oct. 8, 1795; Margaret, 1797; David, Dec. 30, 1799.

David Zartman, son of Martin, born Dec. 30, 1799, lived in Washington township, was a weaver by trade, and died Oct. 30, 1879, aged seventy-nine years, ten months. David Zartman was twice married, and was the father of six children: Benjamin, Isaac, Elias and Israel, by his first wife, and Samuel and Mary by the second.

Israel Zartman, son of David, was born in Jackson township, where he grew to manhood and learned the carpenter's trade. He followed that vocation for many years, finding plenty of work in his own and surrounding townships. He lived at St. Peter's Church, Mahanoy, for many years, and died there in 1870 or 1871; he is buried at that church, whose bell he had rung for many years. His wife, Polly (Schlegel), daughter of William Schlegel, still survives, and has now (1910) reached the advanced age of eighty-seven years. She makes her home with her daughter.

Mrs. Louisa Garinger, in Rockefeller township. Mr. and Mrs. Zartman had children as follows: Malinda, Mrs. Cornelius Smith; Lucinda, deceased; Louisa, wife of Jackson Garinger; Landis; Nelson, of Sunbury; and twins and another child that died young.

Landis Zartman was reared to farm life. Soon after his father's death he was taken into the family of Jacob Fegley, with whom he lived until he was past twenty. For three years he lived at Limestone, in Upper Augusta township, thence moving to Rockefeller township, where he began farming, remaining there about four years at that time. For the next three years he was engaged in farming in Little Mahanoy township, after which he was again in Upper Augusta before settling on his present home in Rockefeller township. It is a tract of ninety-six acres, formerly the homestead of Maj. Samuel Lantz, and located near the Lantz Church and Lantz schoolhouse. Under Mr. Zartman's care it is in excellent condition, and he has proved himself a progressive and enterprising farmer, conducting his work systematically and obtaining good results. Mr. Zartman is a Democrat and has been identified with politics and public matters in his locality, having served as election judge, and at present filling his fourth term as overseer of the poor.

In 1888 Mr. Zartman married Annie M. Sterner, daughter of George W. and Ellen (Barrett) Sterner, of Rockefeller township. They have had three children: Della May married Bertram Fegley and they live in Rockefeller township; Bertha Ellen married Domer Zimmerman and they live in Rockefeller township; Irvin Edwin was born Aug. 5, 1893, in Little Mahanoy township. Mr. Zartman and his family worship in the Lutheran Church, and he has served many years as deacon.

The descendants of Alexander and Ann Catharina Zartman have organized, Rev. Rufus C. Zartman, of Philadelphia, being president of the association. Their latest and largest reunion was held at York, Pennsylvania. Zartmans and Zortmans from various sections were represented at the gathering.

EMANUEL WILL YOUNG, justice of the peace and chief clerk to the county commissioners of Northumberland county, is a citizen of Riverside who has been identified with business and public matters and is well and favorably known, being a man of ability and trustworthy character.

Joseph Young, his grandfather, was a native of Lancaster county, Pa., where he lived and died, passing his life in Penn township, where he is also buried, at White Oak Church. He was a member of the Reformed congregation there. By trade he was a cooper. Six children were born

to him and his wife, namely: Levi, who lived at Ralpho, Pa.; a daughter who married Michael Frunck, of Lancaster county; Sophia, who never married; Reuben, who died at Elkhart, Ind.; a daughter who married Joseph Baker and lived in Lancaster county; and Michael.

Michael Young, son of Joseph, was born in January, 1815, in Penn township, Lancaster county, and died there Aug. 10, 1890. He was a cooper and farmer, owning a tract of twenty acres near Manheim, in Penn township. He is buried in the family plot at White Oak Union Church, where he was a prominent member of the Reformed congregation, serving many years as deacon and trustee. In politics he was a Republican for many years, but though active in the party always refused offers of public position for himself, preferring to use his influence, as he did, to help elect his friends. To him and his wife, Fannie (Will), daughter of Peter Will, of Ralpho township, Lancaster county, were born the following children: Catharine is the wife of Joseph Keith and they live at Lebanon, Pa.; Elizabeth married Thomas Keith, brother of Joseph, and they live at Penryn, Pa.; Sarah married Monroe Ulrich and they live at Manheim, Pa.; Annie, married to Benjamin Hammer, also lives at Manheim; Malinda married Talton Wechter and they reside at Penryn; Emanuel Will was the only son.

Emanuel Will Young was born May 26, 1866, in Penn township, Lancaster Co., Pa., and there received his early education in the common schools. Later he took a commercial course in the Lancaster Business College, and he was a young man when he settled in Northumberland county, removing to Sunbury in 1889. There he engaged in the manufacture of cigars, and afterward had a cigar factory at Riverside, continuing that business until the spring of 1900, when he entered the employ of the M. F. Gulick Sand Company, at Riverside, as foreman. He was with the concern in that capacity for a period of three years, until appointed assistant clerk to the county commissioners, holding that position until 1906. Resuming his work with the sand company he continued in their employ until 1908, when he received his appointment as chief clerk to the present board of county commissioners. Mr. Young was first elected justice of the peace in 1900, and has since been reelected. He has also been overseer of the poor. He has long been one of the leaders of the Republican party in Northumberland county, being one of its faithful workers and standing well with the best class of citizens. Socially he holds membership in Danville Lodge, No. 224, F. & A. M., of Danville; in Lodge No. 209, I. O. O. F., also of Danville; and in the Order of Moose at Milton, this county.

In 1889 Mr. Young married Sallie E. Culp,



daughter of William and Martha (Smith) Culp. They are members of the Baptist Church, and Mr. Young is at present serving as trustee.

**WILKISON or WILKINSON.** Both forms of this name are in use among the descendants of Aaron Wilkison, a pioneer of Northumberland county, Pa., who was a native of New Jersey and came to this section at an early day, settling in Augusta township, along Shamokin creek, where he lived for some years. He then moved to the Irish Valley, in Shamokin township, this county, settling on the property now owned by Francis Wynn, a tract of 120 acres. By occupation he was a farmer. He died while yet a young man, and is buried at the Presbyterian Church near Snyderstown, though he was a Methodist. His wife, whose maiden name was Poyer, long survived him. They had children as follows: Joseph; John, who located near his father's place in the Irish Valley; and Samuel, who succeeded to the ownership of his brother John's farm when the latter died.

Joseph Wilkison, son of Aaron, lived in Irish Valley, where he was born in 1812. He was a farmer all his life, owning and living upon the 100-acre place now occupied by his son Peter. He was active in church life, and is buried at the Irish Valley Methodist Church. He lived to his seventy-fifth year, dying in January, 1887. Mr. Wilkison's wife, whose maiden name was Shull, was of German birth, born Sept. 5, 1819, and she survived him, dying April 10, 1899. They had a large family, viz.: Mary Elizabeth married Henry Long; Peter is mentioned later; Aaron is mentioned later; Lafayette lived for some time in Maryland, later moving to Kansas; Susanna married John Barton and they lived at Salt Lake City, Utah; Elizabeth married Hiram Rockefeller, of Irish Valley; Sarah Jane married William Roth and they lived in Shamokin, this county; Mary Ann married William Farrow and they lived at Snyderstown, this county; Isabella became the second wife of William Farrow after her sister's death; Ruth died unmarried when twenty-five years old.

Peter Wilkison, son of Joseph, was born Sept. 8, 1840, on his father's homestead in Shamokin township, where he now lives. He has spent all but two years of his life on this place, the family living at Snyderstown during the period mentioned, and he was engaged in farming throughout his active years. The farm came into his possession in about 1865, and he is the third generation of this family to own the property, which belonged in turn to his grandfather and father. Joseph Wilkison built the barn and in 1837 put up the old house, which is still standing, but the large house now occupied by the family was erected by Peter Wilkison in 1887. He has lived retired

for several years past, having accumulated a substantial competency. In fact, he is one of the substantial citizens of his district, and is a director of the First National Bank of Trevorton. He has served several terms as overseer of the poor, and is a Republican in political affiliation.

On June 8, 1862, Mr. Wilkison married Mary Jane Malick, daughter of Henry and Lydia (Wolf) Malick, of Rockefeller township, who lived near Augustaville, and granddaughter of Jacob Malick, who died in 1842 and is buried at the Stone Church at Augustaville; his wife was an Epler. Mrs. Lydia (Wolf) Malick's mother, Susanna, was the daughter of Valentine Fasold. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilkison: Henry Nelson is mentioned below; Joseph E. died when four years old; Celia A. married Harry Miller and they live at Sunbury. Mr. Wilkison and his family are members of the Methodist Church, which he served as trustee for many years.

HENRY NELSON WILKISON, son of Peter, was born July 18, 1863, on the homestead, and was reared to agricultural pursuits, in which he has always been occupied. He assisted his father in running the farm and dairy until he began operations on his own account, in the spring of 1884, on the homestead, continuing to farm there until 1893, when he purchased a 120-acre tract, the second farm west of his father's place. There he has since lived and farmed, and in 1902 he built the large Swiss barn on the place. In 1907 he erected a commodious frame residence, and he has since rebuilt all the other farm buildings, the entire property being now in excellent condition, in every detail. His farm is now regarded as one of the valuable agricultural properties of Irish Valley. It is located in the southeastern part of Rockefeller township and was once the John Yordy homestead. Mr. Wilkison is a conservative but progressive citizen, and is regarded as an intelligent farmer, with a thorough comprehension of the requirements of modern agriculture and the ability to fill them. He has served as school director of his district.

On June 13, 1886, Mr. Wilkison married Catharine Kerstetter, daughter of Adam and Sevilla (Fegley) Kerstetter, of Shamokin township, and they have had five children: Curtis, who died when eleven months old; Adam R., now engaged in farming his grandfather's place, who is married to Lydia Straub; Palmer P.; Jennie S., wife of Walter Clark, who assists Mr. Wilkison; and Blanche E. Mr. Wilkison and his family attend the Methodist Church. He is a Republican in politics.

Aaron Wilkinson, son of Joseph, was born June 9, 1845, in the Irish Valley, Shamokin township, and died May 8, 1908. He was a life-long



farmer, owning 110 acres in Lower Augusta township, the original Shipman plantation, and he was not only known in his community as a successful agriculturist, but also for his participation in its various activities. He was a Democrat, and served as school director and road director; was a Methodist and interested in church life, as were also the members of his family; and took pleasure in using his influence to further the welfare of his section, where he enjoyed considerable prominence. He had one hobby, being a true sportsman, and was often on the mountain when the snow was a foot deep, taking great delight in fox hunting; he killed three foxes in one day.

During the sixties Mr. Wilkinson married Abigail Snyder, who was born Feb. 28, 1840, daughter of Peter and Sarah (Shipman) Snyder and sister of former Associate Judge Shipman. Mrs. Wilkinson died July 18, 1908, at the age of sixty-eight. She was the mother of the following children: Melvin, who died aged twenty-eight years, unmarried; Samuel J.; John, who lives near Trevorton, this county; Dr. Boyd, of Trevorton; and Ira, who died unmarried, at the age of twenty-one years.

SAMUEL J. WILKINSON, son of Aaron, was born Nov. 26, 1871, in Lower Augusta township, and there obtained his early education in the public schools. Later he attended Central Pennsylvania Academy, at New Berlin, Union county, which institution was conducted under the auspices of the Evangelical Association. When a young man of twenty he was licensed to teach public school, and taught two terms in Cameron township, later being engaged for one term in West Cameron township, after the district became subdivided. For the next five years he followed farming, in 1896 engaging in the milling business in Mahanoy township. In 1904 he became proprietor of his present establishment, known as the Mahanoy Valley Roller Mills, at Dornsife. This mill is located on Mahanoy creek, and the property includes seventeen acres of land. The plant is an old one, the mill having been built by John Dunkelberger. Since his day it has passed through many changes of ownership, having been owned successively by Reitz, Kobel, the latter's son, Bowman and the present owner, who bought Mr. Bowman out in 1904. It has always been a leading business center of the district, and has lost none of its old prestige under the present management, Mr. Wilkinson having remodeled the mill and equipped it with roller process. The trade has increased five-fold since he acquired the plant, his patrons coming from a radius of many miles, and he finds a ready market for his flour in Shamokin, Trevorton and the surrounding territory. He manufactures a straight grade known as Wilkinson's Best, and his other well known brands are White Rose, Banner, Spring Patent and Triumph. He also

does a large business in the production of manufactured feed.

In May, 1897, Mr. Wilkinson married Rebecca French, daughter of John and Frances (Sharp) French, and a native of Sussex county, Del. Mrs. Wilkinson was born Dec. 9, 1878, and died May 2, 1909. She is buried in the cemetery of the Presbyterian Church on the Wilkinson homestead, which was taken up by the Shipman family early in the eighteen hundreds. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson had the following children: Abigail, Ida, Llewellyn, Alton and Laura. Mr. Wilkinson and his family are members of the Boyle's Run Methodist Church. He is a Democrat in politics, and was committeeman of Mahanoy township three years.

DANIEL GEISE (deceased), for many years a most respected citizen of Jordan township, was well known as a prosperous farmer and a faithful public official. He was born July 18, 1836, son of George Geise and grandson of Heinrich Geise, of Bern township, Berks Co., Pa., among whose children were George, Samuel, Daniel and Jacob.

George Geise, born July 20, 1788, settled in what is now Jordan township, and died there, on the farm now owned by the widow of his son Daniel, Sept. 2, 1869. He was a miller by trade, but in time devoted himself entirely to farming, owning the farm which is still in the family name. His wife Catharine, daughter of Peter Schwartz, of Berks county, was born Dec. 10, 1796, in Berks county, and died Jan. 9, 1875, and they are buried at St. Paul's (Schwartz) Church, Urban. Their children were born as follows: Hannah, Aug. 2, 1817; Benneville, June 23, 1819; Peter, Jan. 20, 1822; Catharine, June 26, 1824; Rachel, June 13, 1827; Elizabeth, Jan. 21, 1830; George, March 26, 1832; Daniel, July 18, 1836; David, June 25, 1838 (died Sept. 11, 1906; wife, Catharine, died July 14, 1901, aged sixty-three years, fourteen days).

Daniel Geise was a lifelong farmer, owning and occupying the place where his widow now resides, a tract of 149 acres located a quarter of a mile south of Urban. This was originally a Schwartz homestead. Besides general farming, Mr. Geise engaged in lime burning and in cattle dealing, and he made a success of his various undertakings. He was a man who took a keen interest in the local welfare and administration, serving the township in the offices of treasurer and overseer of the poor. Politically he was a Democrat and in religion a Lutheran, belonging to the Lutheran congregation at St. Paul's Church, where he is buried. His death occurred Jan. 2, 1900.

Mr. Geise married Froenica Trautman, daughter of George and Rebecca (Heckert) Trautman, and ten children were born to this union: David; Katie, married to Galen Bower; Mary (twin of

Katie), married to William Pickering; Sallie, married to Elias Phillips; George; Ellen, married to Charles Deppen; Rebecca, married to Harry Drum; Louisa, married to Charles Tressler; Emma, married to Albert Phillips; and John. The family is highly respected, enjoying the best standing in the community. Mrs. Geise is a member of the Reformed congregation at the Schwartz (St. Paul's) Church.

Samuel Geise, son of Heinrich and brother of George (above), was born in either Berks or Northumberland county, and died at Kratzerville, Snyder Co., Pa., in the seventies; he is buried there. He was a butcher by trade, and owned a small tract of land in Monroe township, Snyder county, where he lived. He was well known at Northumberland, where he sold his meat. In religion he was a Lutheran. To him and his wife Hannah (Bowman) were born seven children: Hannah, Mrs. Walter; Henry; Polly, who died unmarried; Samuel, who lived in Dry Valley, Union Co., Pa.; Sarah, who died unmarried; Moses, who owned the homestead and who died unmarried (he had very weak eyes); and Eliza, who never married.

Henry Geise, son of Samuel, was born Jan. 15, 1818, in Ohio, whither his father had emigrated from Mahanoy township, making the trip by wagon. The family remained in that State only one year, however, returning to Pennsylvania and settling in Snyder county. Mr. Geise passed his earlier years in Snyder and Union counties, operating gristmills, and about 1850 came to Point township, Northumberland county, where he engaged in farming and passed the remainder of his long life, dying July 9, 1900. He is buried at Northumberland. He owned his own farm of eighty-one acres, which he cultivated until his retirement, being succeeded there by his son Samuel, who is now deceased. In religion Mr. Geise was a Lutheran. His wife, Susanna, was a daughter of Henry and Sarah (Frederick) Brouse, of Kratzerville, Snyder county, and they were the parents of two children, Samuel and Henry F. The former was a farmer in Point township; his children were William, Dora, Harvey, Ammon, and Anna (deceased).

Henry F. Geise was born in Point township, and there received his early education in the public schools, later attending a select school at Northumberland. For one term he taught the school in his native township which he had previously attended as a pupil. He was reared to farm life, and continues to follow agricultural pursuits, giving special attention to dairying. His farm is in the central part of Point township, a tract of 180 acres, which he conducts on modern lines. Since February, 1902, he has been engaged in dairying, now keeping twenty-seven cows and selling his milk at Northumberland, to which place his milk

team goes daily. Mr. Geise is one of the most progressive citizens of his locality. He was one of the organizers of the Northumberland National Bank, and served three years as director of that institution. For eleven years he served as tax collector, was at one time a member of the township board of school directors, and is at present one of the supervisors, having held that office since the new road law went into force. Politically he is a Republican, a well known worker in the party in his section, having been county committeeman since 1896 and served as delegate to various county conventions.

On June 20, 1882, Mr. Geise married Mary Jane Dagle, daughter of John Frederick Dagle, and they have become the parents of nine children: Charles H., who married Marie Von Bargaen and resides at Sidney, Ohio; Edna G., who died when seventeen years old; Frederick D.; Martin L.; Nora E., who graduated from the Bloomsburg State normal school in 1910 and is now a teacher in Point township; Mary I.; Susan L.; John F., and Mildred L. Mary, Susan and John now attend the Northumberland high school. Mr. Geise and his family are members of the Lutheran Church, and he helped to organize Trinity Church in his township, of which he is a trustee. Prior to the organization of this church, in 1897, he and his family belonged to St. John's Church, at the borough of Northumberland.

In Will Book A, page 75, Berks county courthouse, is found record of the will of George Adam Geiss, made Jan. 26, 1784, probated March 4, 1784. The witnesses were Matthias Staudt, Matthias Sonnenlich and Joseph Conrad. George Adam Geiss was a farmer of Bern township, Berks county. His wife Anna Barbara and son Michael were the executors, and the following division was made of the property: "Son Michael shall have 10 pds first of all of my personal estate for his birthright and each of my three daughters shall be equal to the eldest in their first marriage each shall receive the same as the other; son Michael shall have all my real estate but he shall pay to *each* of his sisters the sum of 700 pounds." The son Michael had a son George, born in 1788, who may have been the George Geise mentioned at the beginning of this article as the father of Daniel Geise, of Jordan township, Northumberland county.

THOMAS A. EVANS, proprietor of the "Valley House" at Mount Carmel, has been a resident of that borough since 1894 and has been engaged in various pursuits, for several years holding the office of ticket agent of the Lehigh Valley & Pennsylvania Railway Company there. He has been interested in the local administration for some years, at present serving his third term as member of the borough council.



Mr. Evans was born in 1869 near the city of York, in York county, Pa. His father, John H. Evans, a native of Wales, came to America when a young man and lived in York county, Pa., for some time. He then went to Shenandoah, Pa., where he remained until his death. He was a rock contractor. He and his wife had a family of six children: Elizabeth, who is now the wife of O. B. Williams, a well known contractor of Tamqua, Pa.; William J.; Hannah, wife of Thomas Mullahey, a tailor of Mount Carmel; Thomas A.; Hugh J., a United States marshal, now stationed at Scranton, Pa.; and Nellie, wife of Robert Goodwill.

Thomas A. Evans received a common school education. His first employment was as a clerk, and after being thus engaged for a time he became a merchant, carrying on a general store at Shenandoah for four years. In 1894 he came to Mount Carmel, where he followed mining for about five years, at the end of that time becoming ticket agent of the Lehigh Valley & Pennsylvania Railway Company. He was thus engaged until the spring of 1910, when he became proprietor of the well known "Valley House" at Mount Carmel, in the conduct of which he has been very successful. He is an up-to-date business man, and his methods and good management promise to hold the trade this house has always enjoyed and to increase it. Mr. Evans was elected a member of the borough council in 1904, on the Republican ticket, and has since been a member of that body, at present serving his third successive term. His continuance in office is the best guaranty of the satisfaction his services have given to his fellow citizens.

On Sept. 20, 1893, Mr. Evans married Mary E. Moyer, daughter of James Moyer, and they have one son, Delroy. Socially Mr. Evans is a member of the Elks and the Eagles, and he also belongs to the Anthracite Fire Company.

**CORNELIUS LESHER**, a highly respected farmer of Jordan township, was born there Nov. 15, 1842, son of John Leshner and grandson of Samuel Leshner. The latter came to this region from Berks county, where the Leshners have been settled for a number of generations.

John Leshner, a native of Germany, born Jan. 5, 1711, was the only son and heir-at-law of Nicholas Leshner, of the Fatherland. He emigrated to Pennsylvania in 1734 and was naturalized in 1743. He first settled in Bucks county, and later in Oley township, Berks county, where he became prominent as an ironmaster. He represented the county in the Constitutional Convention of 1776, and from 1776 until 1782 served in the General Assembly, helping to prepare the "Declaration of Rights," and being extremely prominent during the Revolutionary war, rendering valuable service to his adopted country. He died in Oley township April

5, 1794, aged eighty-three years, leaving a widow, five daughters, Barbara, Hannah, Maria, Catharine and Elizabeth, and two sons, John and Jacob, of Oley township. The family here under consideration springs undoubtedly from this source.

Samuel Leshner, the grandfather of Cornelius Leshner, was born March 12, 1782, and died March 12, 1844, aged sixty-two years. Upon settling in Northumberland county he made his home in Stone Valley, owning the farm which is now the property of Elias Philips, which was and is still considered the best farm in the township. He erected buildings on that place. He was prosperous, and also owned an adjoining farm, his holdings comprising fully three hundred acres, so that he was one of the substantial men of his time. He was a member of the Evangelical Association and he and Frederick Bohner were the first of that denomination in the township and instrumental in the establishment of Troutman's Church and Bohner's cemetery. The United Evangelical Church there now numbers fully one hundred members. Mr. Leshner was a devout Christian and a well known exhorter. He was twice married, and the children born to his first marriage were: George, John, Henry, Jacob, Samuel and Sarah (Mrs. John Troutman). His second wife, Maria (Smith), was born Aug. 12, 1799, and died Jan. 11, 1877. She and Mr. Leshner are buried in the Uniontown cemetery. Their children were: Harriet (Mrs. John Troutman), Isaac (born Jan. 1, 1832), Daniel, Elias, Jonas, Mary (Mrs. Charles Snider) and Elizabeth (died unmarried).

John Leshner, son of Samuel, was born March 11, 1810, in Stone Valley, Jordan township, and died Nov. 9, 1884. His wife, Polly (Troutman), daughter of Jacob Troutman, was born June 10, 1814, and died Oct. 4, 1893. They were members of the Evangelical Association and faithful in their attendance at public worship. They are buried in the Uniontown cemetery. Mr. Leshner followed farming, owning a seventy-five-acre farm (now the property of David Leitzel) near Hebe, where he reared his large family. Twelve children were born to him and his wife: One daughter, Sarah, died young; Carolina married Jesse Schadel; one daughter married Simon Riegel and (second) Adam Bohner; Annie married Henry Schadel; Cornelius is mentioned below; Magdalena married Samuel Masser; one daughter married Moses Masser, cousin of Samuel Masser; Cassie married Joel Strohecker; John is a resident of Dauphin county, Pa.; Samuel is deceased; Jacob lives at Trevorton, Pa.; George L. is mentioned below.

Cornelius Leshner was reared under the parental roof, working for his father until he attained his majority. After following the carpenter's trade for two years he commenced farming as a tenant in Jordan township, and he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits on his own account for nearly



forty years. In Lower Mahanoy township he owned a farm of eighty acres which he farmed for three years, at the end of that time selling it to Gilbert Troutman, and for the next two years again farming as a tenant. He then bought a farm of 100 acres, the old homestead of Heinrich Troutman, who was the father of Jacob and grandfather of John Troutman, and there he lived and worked for twenty-eight years, finally disposing of the place to Samuel R. Reed. Mr. Leshner has always been considered one of the thrifty and intelligent farmers of Jordan township, and he has a complete farm stock, believing in working to the best advantage if the best results are to be expected. Physically he is short and well set, capable of doing a good day's work, and by industry and good management has attained a creditable position in his community. He has served his township efficiently as treasurer and overseer of the poor, is a Republican in political connection, and is a leading member of the United Evangelical Church at Uniontown, to which his family also belong. For a number of years he served as church trustee and he was a class leader for six years.

In December, 1863, Mr. Leshner married Polly Lease, who was born Jan. 1, 1841, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Troutman) Lease, of Mahanoy, Pa., and died Feb. 20, 1868. She is buried in the Uniontown cemetery. Of the three children born to this union two are deceased, the survivor being Lizzie, wife of David Eister, a farmer; they live near Mahanoy. In 1869 Mr. Leshner married (second) Carolina Troutman, daughter of Moses and Rebecca (Bohner) Troutman, and they have had four children: Daniel, who lives at home; Ida, Mrs. John Schmeltz; Wilson, of Jordan township; and Irwin, at home.

George L. Leshner, younger brother of Cornelius Leshner, is a farmer in Jordan township, where he was born Aug. 15, 1859. He was reared to farm life, which he has always followed. Working for his parents until he reached young manhood, he hired out to others for a time, and in the spring of 1886 began farming on his own account, in Jordan township. He had a farm of 106 acres which he sold in the fall of 1909, in the spring of 1910 moving to his present place. In September, 1885, he married Kate Troutman, daughter of George W. and Elizabeth (Rothermel) Troutman, and they have had six children, two of whom died unnamed. The others were: Joy, who died aged four years; S. Edgar, who died aged nine years; Norman, and Beulah. Mr. Leshner and his family attend the United Evangelical Church. He is a Republican in politics.

WILSON O. GEIST, of Herndon, proprietor and owner of the "Herndon House," and agent for farm machinery, is a man widely known in and around that borough, and the family has been well

known in this end of Northumberland county for several generations. In 1828 one John Geist was a trustee of the Reformed congregation at the old established Himmel Church, in Washington township, with which the Geists have been prominently identified down to the present day. When St. John's Lutheran and Reformed Church, of Upper Mahanoy township, was organized in 1853, Peter Geist was one of the first trustees.

Abraham Geist, grandfather of Wilson O. Geist, was born March 20, 1813, in Upper Mahanoy township, and was not only a successful farmer but also an enterprising business man, being one of the first dealers in live stock in his district. He had the best farm in the township, a place of 160 acres. He died Aug. 28, 1883, and is buried at Himmel's Church, as is also his wife, Elizabeth (Hepler), who was born June 10, 1813, and died July 14, 1888. She was a large and powerful woman, weighing nearly three hundred pounds. Besides John H. Geist they had children as follows: Christian (daughter), born in 1834, who died in 1835; Frank; William; Samuel; Lizzie, who married Alexander Gonser and lives at Lewisburg; William (?); Lydia, who married Daniel Swartz and lived at Urban, Pa.; Hettie, who married Jacob Snyder (they are buried at Leck Kill Church); and Polly, who married Michael Powell and (second) a Mr. Shoemaker.

John H. Geist, son of Abraham, lived for a number of years in Upper Mahanoy township, of which he was one of the best known residents in his day. He was a most enterprising business man, a merchant, huckster, butcher, hotel-keeper and farmer, owned Leck Kill and several large farms there, was postmaster at Leck Kill, and in every way the leading spirit of the place. For ten years before his death he conducted the "Central House" at Williamstown, Dauphin county, and his son John has succeeded him as proprietor of this place. He died there in 1905, at the age of sixty-one years. His widow, Harriet (Beisel), is still living at Williamstown. They had children: Wilson O., William B., Anson, Charles, James, Martin, John and Laura (married to George Troutman and living in Snyder county).

Wilson O. Geist, son of John H. and Harriet (Beisel) Geist, was born Sept. 14, 1861, in Upper Mahanoy township, this county, and was reared to farm life. But he began his business training early, assisting his father in the store and hotel, and running a huckster team for him, collecting produce and poultry. Continuing thus until he had reached the age of twenty-two years, he then began business on his own account, having a bottling establishment at Herndon. Afterward he embarked in the livery business, and in 1898 he became proprietor of the "Herndon House," purchasing the property in the year 1907. This is the oldest established hotel in the town and a relic of

the early days, the building itself being the oldest in Herndon. It was built by Peter and Henry Ziegler, and during the construction of the Northern Central railroad to Sunbury and Williamsport served as headquarters. It is on the main road to Pottsville, what is known as the old stage route road, and was the stopping place for the old-time stage coaches which ran between Lewistown and Pottsville. Mr. Geist has a first-class livery attached to the hotel, and also deals in horses. He is district agent for the Osborn Machine Company, selling all kinds of farm implements, and in the pursuit of his various interests has become very well known and popular among his associates. He does a thriving business in all these lines, and is a natural-born hotel proprietor, understanding the wants of his guests and looking out for their comfort in every way. He is a member of Herndon Lodge of Odd Fellows, No. 132.

In 1882 Mr. Geist married Sevilla J. Updegraff, daughter of Jacob Updegraff, of Valley View, Schuylkill Co., Pa. They have four children: Harvey, married to Laura Lahr; Irwin, who is at home; Carrie, wife of John Borrell; and Hattie, at home.

**JACOB B. GETTER**, an old resident of Shamokin, where he is well known in various connections—as a Civil war veteran, charter member of the Independent Fire Company and one of the first mail carriers in the city, has had his home there since 1849. He was born April 15, 1839, at Northumberland, Northumberland county, son of Peter Getter. His grandfather lived and died in Northampton county, this State.

Peter Getter, born May 10, 1816, was a tailor, and followed his trade in Northumberland county, where he made his home for many years, living in Northumberland, Sunbury and Shamokin, respectively. He settled in the last named place in 1849, and died there Dec. 21, 1884, aged sixty-eight years, seven months, eleven days. Mr. Getter was originally a Democrat in politics, but went over to the new Republican party. He married Sarah Beck, born Feb. 10, 1816, died April 17, 1894, aged seventy-eight years, two months, seven days, daughter of Jacob Beck, of Northumberland county. To them were born eleven children: Jacob B., James, Edwin, Susanna (widow of Theodore Jones), Edgar, Eliza, Florence, Eva (wife of Hugh Coulton), Clara (widow of Robert Gorre), and two who died in infancy.

Jacob B. Getter attended the public schools of Sunbury. He came to Shamokin with his father in 1849, and here enlisted, April 22, 1861, from Shamokin, for three months, in Company A, 8th Pennsylvania Infantry, being at once made corporal. At the end of the three months he returned home, but remained only sixteen days, when he again enlisted, for three years' service, in Company

K, 46th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving first as second lieutenant and on March 18, 1864, being appointed first lieutenant. This office he held until his discharge, when he returned home to remain about five months, at the end of that period going to Philadelphia and enlisting in Company D, 2d Pennsylvania Provisional Cavalry; he was mustered out after a service of unusual length and severity in September, 1865, at Louisville, Ky. Mr. Getter saw much active service, and was wounded in the left knee at Chancellorsville and in the right leg at Dallas, Ga. He took active part in all the movements of the Army of the Potomac. After the battle of Gettysburg the 11th and 12th Corps went West, remaining in the Southwest under command of General Hooker, and took part in Sherman's march to the sea. Mr. Getter tells many interesting stories of the Civil war.

Upon his return to Shamokin after his army service Mr. Getter commenced mining, which he followed for many years, beginning with the Shamokin Coal Company, in whose employ he remained for two seasons. When the free delivery system was put in operation at Shamokin he was one of the first mail carriers appointed, and served seven and a half years, resigning in 1898. He is now living retired, making his home at No. 140 East Sunbury street.

Mr. Getter is a prominent man in local G. A. R. circles, having been long a member of Lincoln Post, No. 140, of Shamokin, of which he has been commander. He was a charter member of the Independent Fire Company of the city. He is a Republican in politics, and a Methodist in religious connection.

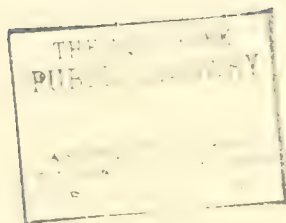
On Feb. 25, 1864, Mr. Getter was married to Thursa Rhoads, daughter of William and Eliza (Gordon) Rhoads, and she died May 1, 1874. His second marriage, Nov. 25, 1874, was to Lavina D. Yocum, daughter of James and Eliza Yocum, of Ralpho township, and his third marriage, Dec. 14, 1899, was to Mary W. Young, who survives. His children were all born to the first marriage, viz.: Harry H. resides at No. 2448 North Thirtieth street, Philadelphia; William E. is deceased; Sarah married Edward M. Seitzinger, of Shamokin, and they have children, Thursa, Lavina and Harriet.

Mrs. Jacob B. Getter is a granddaughter of Rev. John Wolverton, who was a Baptist minister of Northumberland county. Her father, Isaac Wolverton, was a merchant for several years and later became a farmer in Shamokin township, where he died at the age of thirty-seven years. He married Anna Vastine, daughter of Benjamin L. Vastine, and their children were: John, Benjamin, Jonathan, Eliza, Mary (Mrs. Getter) and Lewis, all of whom are deceased except Mrs. Getter. Mrs. Getter was born in Shamokin township July 5,



*J. B. Giffen*





1828. She married (first) Jacob Weimer Young and (second) Jacob B. Getter. By her first marriage she had two children, Nora A. and Harry L. Young.

**BENJAMIN F. TROUTMAN**, proprietor of the Opera House Cafe at Shamokin, has been doing business at his present location on Independence street since 1895, and is one of the most popular men in his line in the borough. He is widely acquainted among the business men and citizens generally. Mr. Troutman was born in the Mahantango Valley, in Schuylkill county, Pa., July 14, 1865, son of James B. Troutman, and is a member of an old family of Berks county, being a grandson of Abraham or Peter Troutman.

The Troutman family of western Berks county had settled prior to the organization of the county, in 1752, in Tulpehocken township, where Hieronimus Troutman on Oct. 13, 1752, obtained two warrants, each for twenty-five acres of land located in that part of Lancaster county now embraced in Lebanon county. On March 23, 1802, he and Abraham Troutman (a relative) jointly obtained a warrant for 152.80 acres of land in Northumberland county. The records show that at this time he was a taxable in Tulpehocken township, Berks county, the Pennsylvania Archives recording the following in 1768: "Peter Troutman, eighty acres of land in Tulpehocken; Philip Troutman, 100 acres; Valentine Troutman, six acres; and Michael Troutman, 217½ acres." Previously, in 1759, one John Troutman paid eleven pounds tax in Tulpehocken township. In 1779 the tax lists show: "Valentine, single-man; John, single-man and tailor, and Peter, weaver." In 1779 Michael Troutman owned 215 acres of land, six horses, six cattle, and paid seven pounds, thirteen shillings tax, showing that he was a large property owner. It is traditional, and records confirm it, that Hieronimus Troutman had these sons: Michael, born Nov. 8, 1746, died Nov. 1, 1804; Valentine, born June 17, 1752, died April 19, 1823; Johannes, born Feb. 1, 1755, died Dec. 2, 1823; Johann Philip, born Aug. 9, 1758, died Feb. 23, 1830.

Michael Troutman, the eldest of this family, made his will Aug. 3, 1804, and died about three months later. In the will he mentions his wife Susanna, who was to receive the property in Tulpehocken township on which they lived, besides other items. Ample provision was made for her. They had no issue. After leaving a bequest to Host Church of twenty pounds, to care for his grave, Michael Troutman divided the rest of his estate among his brothers, whom he mentioned thus: Valentine, John who had a son Michael, and Philip.

Valentine Troutman served during the Revolution in September, 1776, in Capt. Michael Furrer's company, and was sent to Long Island. He was

died, and among his children was a daughter, Eva Elizabeth, who was born in 1785 and died unmarried in 1804.

Philip Troutman married Magdalena, a born Troutman, possibly a descendant of Abraham, who was a relative of Hieronimus. She was born Feb. 16, 1753, and died Dec. 29, 1834.

All of the above Troutmans are buried at Host church, in the old graveyard adjoining it on the southwest. Many of the gravestones are brown sandstones. Immediately back of the church is an old sandstone on which appears the following inscription:

"Eva Elizabeth Troutman Seirist gaboren den 6 Januar, im Jahr 1716, und starb am 1 Januar in Jahr 1794. Bracht ehr alter zu 78 Jahr, 4 Monat, und 3 tag." This possibly was the wife of the ancestor Hieronimus Troutman, and the mother of the sons before mentioned.

Johannes Troutman, son of the ancestor, was born in 1755 and died in 1823. He was married (first) May 13, 1787, to Maria Elizabeth Hoffman, and (second) to Sybilla Himmelberger, who was born Jan. 7, 1774, and died Nov. 29, 1858. Among his children were: Michael, born Aug. 2, 1787, died July 19, 1840; John Jacob, born May 18, 1791, died March 6, 1862; Elizabeth, born in 1796, died in 1866.

The grandfather of Benjamin F. Troutman, of Shamokin, owned a farm in the Mahantango Valley, along the creek of that name, near Uniontown, in Dauphin county, and there followed farming until his death. His family consisted of seven children, viz.: Daniel, who was killed in 1882 by two Rumberger brothers who wanted to rob him of his money, and who were hanged for the crime at Harrisburg; Elias, who took the homestead in the valley; James B.; Josiah, who served in the Civil war, enlisting twice; and three daughters.

James B. Troutman was born on the homestead in Dauphin county in 1821 and died at Kratztown Sept. 26, 1894, aged seventy-three years, one month, eighteen days. He is buried at St. David's church in Northumberland county. He was a carpenter by trade and also owned a farm, near the homestead, where he operated a sawmill and during the winter followed the butchering business, at the time the Molly Maguires were in this section. His wife, Sarah (Singer), died in 1873. Their children were as follows: Uriah; David L.; Benjamin F.; Mary, wife of Tobias West, living at Herndon; Mahalia, wife of Benjamin Yeager (both deceased); Sarah Ellen, deceased; Syvilla, who married Isaac Daniels; and Catherine, who married Christ Christstine and lives at Tipton, Pennsylvania.

Benjamin F. Troutman attended the schools in the neighborhood of his birthplace and assisted in the family work until he was eighteen

years old, when he commenced to learn the carpenter's trade, following it for six years. He then engaged in the hotel business, and since 1895 has conducted the Opera House Cafe on Independence street, in the borough of Shamokin, a well known and well patronized business stand, which under his management has held its share of the local patronage. He has built up his business by the most approved methods and is considered one of the substantial men of Shamokin. He has represented the Ninth ward on the school board since 1903, is a member of the I. O. O. F., F. O. E., local Nest of Owls, P. O. S. of A., Liberty Fire Company and Shamokin Auto Club. He is a Republican in political faith, and in religion a member of the Reformed Church, belonging to St. John's congregation.

On Jan. 8, 1893, Mr. Troutman married Helen F. Bennage, daughter of William Bennage, of Union county, Pa., and they have four children: Florence May, Marion H., Charles Frederick and William L.

Simon Bennech, from whom Mrs. Troutman traces her descent in the paternal line, was thirteen years old when he arrived in America with his family in 1732. His father died on the voyage to America. He settled in Heidelberg township, Berks county, where he died in 1757, leaving a family. The family is of French Huguenot origin and the name is a notable one in the annals of the Huguenots. The members of the family were scattered by persecution into Switzerland, the Palatinate and England.

**WEAVER.** The Weavers are well known in their long connection with work in the collieries of Shamokin, and the three brothers particularly mentioned in this article, William H., Peter M. and John A. Weaver, employed respectively at the Cameron, Luke Fidler and Bear Valley collieries, are respected citizens of that borough. They are members of an old family of Northumberland county, of German origin, whose first ancestor in this country was Michael Weaver, a native of Wurtemberg. Michael Weaver emigrated to this country in 1769. His first settlement was in Berks county, Pa., where he remained only a short time, however, coming to Northumberland county in 1770 and locating near Liberty Pole, in Rush township. He took up a large tract of land on which he lived to the end of his days, dying there in 1834; he was buried on his farm. During the Revolutionary war he supported the Colonial cause and served in the army seven years. He had married in Germany and had a family of thirteen children, among whom were Martin and Frederick.

Martin Weaver, fourth son of Michael, was born in Rush township in 1770 and died in 1844. He was twice married, and by his first union, to a Miss Hirst, of Rush township, had three children:

Joseph, who died at Shamokin; Catharine, who married Enoch Howell; and Elizabeth, who married John Yarned. To the second marriage were born five children: Mary, who married Daniel Evert; Rebecca, who married Daniel Rote; William M.; Rosetta; and Solomon, of Sunbury.

Frederick Weaver, the other son of Michael mentioned previously, was born in Rush township and there passed all his life, engaged in farming. He served in the war of 1812. He married Catharine Bockire, who died in 1844, and his death occurred in 1854. He is buried at the Presbyterian church in Rush township. Their children were as follows: Henry; Martin, who married Rebecca Noaker and died in Rush township (they had two children); Philip, who married Mary Hoffman and died in Rush township; Rebecca, who died unmarried; Sallie, who married Levi Miller; Catharine, who married Samuel Gillingier; Mary, who died at Sunbury in 1909, aged eighty-three years; and Peter.

Henry Weaver, son of Frederick, was born in Rush township and followed farming there. Moving to Muncy, Lycoming Co., Pa., he there engaged in the hotel business, which he later carried on at Danyille. His next location was at Trevorton, the site of which was then a farm, the buildings consisting of one log house and three old frame houses. He kept the first place of public entertainment there, remaining at Trevorton until his death. He was a prominent man of his day in that section and one of the most interested workers in the establishment of the town, getting up the dinner to promote the sale of town lots.

Mr. Weaver married Catharine Ephlin, daughter of Peter Ephlin, of Rush township, and they became the parents of six children: Larissa, born June 15, 1831, now the widow of Richard Brace, came with her father to Trevorton, was the first school teacher there, and is now the oldest resident of the place; Lorenzo Dow is mentioned below; Lyman died unmarried; Elizabeth married S. B. Ludlow; Ellen B. died unmarried; Alice married Jesse Metz and they reside at Trevorton.

Lorenzo Dow Weaver was born in 1833 near Muncy, Pa., and came to Shamokin, Northumberland county, in 1878. His earlier years were passed at Trevorton, and he followed railroading many years, his run being between his home place and Baltimore. After settling in Shamokin he became a breaker boss at the Bear Valley colliery, holding this position until his death, which occurred July 15, 1894, in his sixty-second year. He was well known in Shamokin and highly respected. In 1853 he married Matilda Metz, daughter of Peter and Rebecca (Barndt) Metz, and she made her home in Shamokin with her son William H., where she died April 11, 1910. The following children were born to this union: William Henry, Peter M., Hannibal H., John A., Lyman F., Jesse G., Thom-



as E., Charles A., Elizabeth (wife of Joseph A. Kline, of Trevorton), Mary A., and Ellen R. (wife of William Woolridge).

WILLIAM H. WEAVER, assistant superintendent at the Cameron colliery, Shamokin, was born Oct. 23, 1856, at Trevorton, Northumberland county, son of Lorenzo Dow Weaver. He received his education in the public schools of his native place, and when a young man began work in the mines as a slate picker at the breakers. In time he began to work as fireman at stationary engines, being thus engaged for six years, when he became a stationary engineer. He was employed in that capacity at the mines for fifteen years. For two years afterward he was assistant foreman at the Cameron colliery. Mr. Weaver's next position was that of outside foreman, which he held for four years and six months, in January, 1908, assuming the duties of his present position, that of assistant superintendent at the same colliery. His long retention at the same colliery bespeaks the excellence and value of his services.

On July 31, 1881, Mr. Weaver married Florence L. McGinness, daughter of James P. and Mary A. (Jones) McGinness, the former of whom was a pioneer coal operator in Schuylkill county. Six children have been born to this union: John R. (married Mary Scovack), Rebecca (died in infancy), Lydia (wife of Howard D. Moore, whose children are Margaret A., Florence L. and Howard D., Jr.), William H., Jr., Stephen J. and Daniel D.

Mr. Weaver has been active in religious work as a member of the Chestnut Street Methodist Church, which he has served as steward, trustee and Sunday school superintendent, also taking a prominent part in the Epworth League.

PETER M. WEAVER, son of Lorenzo Dow Weaver, was born Oct. 31, 1858, at Trevorton, Northumberland county, and there attended the public schools. He was only eight and a half years old when he commenced picking slate at the breaker during the summers, continuing his education in the winter months. Later he tended door in the mines and then learned engineering, at which he was chiefly engaged about the mines, though he was engaged as a regular miner for five years, doing tunnel work and mining. In 1901 he became breaker foreman at the Luke Fidler colliery, at Shamokin, which position he has filled to the present time. Mr. Weaver has one hundred men and boys in his charge, and he has proved a responsible man for the work assigned him, having a high reputation for faithful and intelligent work.

On Oct. 16, 1880, Mr. Weaver married Catharine Shuey, daughter of Christian and Mary (Miller) Shuey, and to them have been born fourteen children, nine of whom survive, namely: Joseph A. (married Lizzie Maurer), Annie S., Charlotte M., Emma C., Charles A., George D.,

Jesse W., Florence M. and Thomas. Eugene died in infancy.

Mr. Weaver has done his share in promoting the welfare of the community and is well known in various capacities, having served as a member of the board of school directors of Coal township, and as treasurer of that board. He is a Republican in politics and was committeeman of his district three years. Fraternally he has belonged to the I. O. O. F. since 1877, is treasurer of the Temple Association of the I. O. O. F. and a member of the I. O. O. F. Club. He belongs to the Methodist Church.

JOHN A. WEAVER, son of Lorenzo Dow Weaver, was born at Trevorton, this county, March 5, 1863, received a public school education and when old enough found employment at the mines. He fired a boiler one year and for the past twenty-six years has been stationary engineer at the Bear Valley colliery, where he has been employed in all for the long period of thirty-three years, being among the oldest employees at the colliery. His long service and efficient work make him a valued and trusted man, and he has the respect of his employers and fellow workers without reserve.

On Oct. 26, 1883, Mr. Weaver married Sarah Jane McCollum, daughter of Ephraim S. and Sarah Jane (Allvord) McCollum, and they have had a family of ten children, namely: Ephraim S. (married Gertrude Stahl), Minnie (married Francis Goldman), Florence (married Ray Dunkelberger), Tillie (married Frank Gross), George, Edna, Clarence, Elsie, Ethel (deceased), and a son that died in infancy. The family reside at No. 704 West Pine street, Shamokin. Mr. Weaver is a Republican in politics, a member of the Evangelical Church, and an Odd Fellow in fraternal connection.

JOHN E. ALLEN, superintendent of the silk mills at Shamokin conducted by J. H. & C. K. Eagle, has a responsible connection with one of the important industries of the borough, and has been engaged in that line of work practically all his life—ever since he began to earn his own living. He is a native of Paterson, N. J., born Oct. 22, 1872, son of Peter Allen, who was born in England and came to America when a young man. He located at Paterson, N. J., where he was engaged in the silk business.

John E. Allen attended the public schools of his home district, and when a youth of seventeen began to work in a silk mill, on the floor. He was employed at different mills while acquiring his extensive knowledge of the business, and in time entered the employ of Bamford Brothers, at Paterson, as superintendent, remaining with this well known concern for a period of eighteen years. The Bamfords have mills at Paterson and Belydore, in New Jersey, and at Wilkes-Barre, in Pennsyl-

vania. In April, 1909, Mr. Allen came to Shamokin to assume the duties of his present position at the Eagle mills, where he has proved himself well qualified for his work. He is a self-made man, intelligent, industrious and enterprising, and by close application to his calling has become thoroughly versed in the work in its various branches, being considered a valuable employee.

Mr. Allen is a well known member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Warren Lodge, No. 13, F. & A. M., of Belvidere, N. J., of which he is a past master; to Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M.; Williamsport Consistory, thirty-second degree; and to the Temple Club at Shamokin. In religious connection he is a Presbyterian.

Mr. Allen married Ella Cole, of Belvidere, N. J., and they have had three children: Myrta, Roy D. and H. Marion.

**WILLIAM M. YOCH**, one of the most successful bakers in Shamokin, where he is at present running three establishments, is a self-made man, having attained his present substantial position by hard work and thrift. His goods are high-grade and recommend themselves to the best class of patrons in the borough.

Mr. Yoch was born June 10, 1862, at Easton, Northampton Co., Pa., and is of German descent, his father, Herman Yoch, having been born in Saxony, Germany, in 1829. He married Amelia Fischer, like himself a native of Saxony, and they came to America in 1856, locating at Easton, Pa., where he followed his trade, that of slater, which he had learned thoroughly in the old country. In 1871 he came to Shamokin and here also worked as a slater, slating the old St. Edward's and Polish Catholic churches. After spending about twenty years in the Western States he returned to Shamokin, where he is now living retired with his son William. He and his wife have had children as follows: Francis, who lives at Seigfried, Lehigh Co., Pa.; Mary, wife of Clinton Koch, of Allentown, Pa.; William M.; Charles, residing in California; and Herman, who is engaged in the pretzel business in Shamokin.

William M. Yoch came to Shamokin with his parents and when thirteen years old became an apprentice to the baker's trade. In 1886 he went to Richmond, Va., where he was in business for eighteen months, at the end of that time returning to Shamokin, where he has since remained. He began business in the borough in 1889, at No. 70 Chestnut street, where he has since maintained an establishment, having built an addition to the original place as the demands of business made more room necessary. Meantime he has opened two more stores, having one on Spruce street and one on Race street, and now gives employment to twenty men and runs four teams. He is regarded as one of the leading and successful busi-

ness men in the west end of the borough. In his line he is undoubtedly the leader. His business has been built up by honest values and a high class of bakery products, including bread, cakes and pies of all kinds, all made of the best materials, put together by skilled tradesmen. He still supervises the work personally, being just as careful of the good will of his customers now as he was in his struggling days. His equipment has been modernized from time to time to keep pace with the demands of his trade and as improvements have been made in the devices used in the business, and not many years ago he put in a modern Vienna oven and a patent dough mixer. His business is the largest in its line in the borough, and his goods have a wide reputation for being up to the standard in every respect.

Mr. Yoch has devoted practically all of his time to business, and is not active in politics or other local public matters, though he takes the interest in the welfare of the borough which every public-spirited citizen should feel. He is fond of good horses and has several fine driving animals. In religious connection he is a Lutheran.

**KIEFFER.** The Kieffers or Keiffers of Washington township, Northumberland county, to which family Abraham Kieffer and Daniel M. Keiffer, both residents of that district, belong, have been located in this part of Pennsylvania for several generations. The family is of French origin, the name in that language being *Sonnellier*, and they moved from their native France to Zweibruecken, Germany, in the year 1685, coming thence to America in 1732. One Abraham Kieffer is buried in Snyder county, this State.

Abraham Kieffer, the ancestor of the branch here under consideration, was a native of Richmond township, Berks Co., Pa., born March 15, 1751, and coming to Northumberland county settled in Washington (then Jackson) township, where he owned a large tract of land, 300 acres. It is now subdivided, and owned by the Rebucks and Krisingers. He followed farming. He died July 15, 1832, and is buried at the Himmel Church, of which he was a member. There also is the grave of his wife Margaret, who was born May 15, 1758, and died March 6, 1840. They had sons John and Daniel, and several daughters.

John Kieffer, son of Abraham, was born Aug. 15, 1790, and was a young man when he came from Berks county and located in Washington township. He was a lifelong farmer, but he was also a handy man at mechanical work and made shoes. He was quite a prominent citizen of his district, serving in various local offices, and was an active member of the Reformed congregation of the Himmel Church, which he served in different official capacities. He died Dec. 8, 1880. He married Magdalena Heim, daughter of Matthias Heim,



born March 13, 1792, died Aug. 20, 1864. Children as follows were born to this union: Jonathan is mentioned below; John, born Aug. 31, 1829, lived in Washington township, and died Jan. 2, 1864; George lived in Washington township; Peter died young; Elizabeth married Jacob Krebs; Susan married Henry Bohner; Maricha married John Eister; Magdalena married John Hepner; Abraham is mentioned below.

Jonathan Keiffer, son of John, was born on the farm now owned by his son Daniel M. Keiffer, and followed farming practically all his life, though in his earlier manhood he worked as a carpenter at Sunbury. He owned a farm of 110 acres in Washington township, one mile south of Rebuck, one of the best pieces of property in that section, and erected the present set of buildings thereon. The place is an old Kieffer homestead. Mr. Keiffer died June 21, 1902, aged seventy-six years, eight months, twelve days. He was a progressive man, and served his township eighteen years in the office of school director, in that capacity helping to build the five schools now located in the district. He was a Democrat in politics, and he and his family were members of the Reformed congregation at the Himmel Church. He married Sarah A. Kehres, daughter of William Kehres, and she died Oct. 29, 1886, aged forty-three years, five months, eleven days, the mother of nine children: Emanuel, who is now in Nebraska; William J., who died Aug. 1, 1900, aged thirty-four years, eleven months, eleven days; Kate, married to C. B. Hetrick; Mary, widow of Freeman Fertie; Jane, married to Henry Schlegel; Emma, married to Edw. Boyert; Samuel, living in Washington township; George, deceased; and Daniel M. For his second wife Jonathan Keiffer married Louisa Rausch, widow of Adam German, and she survives him, now making her home in Snyder county. She was the mother of several children.

DANIEL M. KEIFFER, son of Jonathan, lives at the old homestead in Washington township, where he is a prosperous farmer and a successful auctioneer. He was born at that place March 22, 1879, received his education in the public schools of the township, and has been engaged at farm work all his life. Until he was eighteen he worked for his parents. Then he entered the employ of John Hetrick, for whom he worked four years, after which he operated the huckster wagon of F. L. Kehres one year. In 1902 he began agricultural pursuits on his own account at the homestead, where he has since remained, having purchased the property in the fall of 1901. It is one of the fertile spots in the Swabian Creek Valley, and Mr. Keiffer has done well in its cultivation. In 1904 Mr. Keiffer began to cry sales, and his services have been in demand for such work ever since, to such an extent that he was auctioneer at thirty sales in the spring of 1909. He is an en-

terprising young man, and holds the respect of all who know him.

On May 25, 1900, Mr. Keiffer married Henrietta Geist, daughter of Daniel and Cecelia (Updegrove) Geist, of Upper Mahanoy township, and they have two children, Stella M. and Norman L. Mr. Keiffer and his family are Reformed members of the Himmel Church, which he has served as deacon. Politically he is a Democrat, and he has been school director since 1908.

ABRAHAM KIEFFER, another son of John and Magdalena (Heim) Kieffer, is now retired, living on the farm near Rebuck which has been his home for so many years. He was born Nov. 11, 1836, on the homestead of his grandfather Kieffer, in Washington township, received his education in the subscription schools which were the rule during his boyhood, and was reared to farming pursuits. He worked for his parents until he attained his majority, and after his marriage worked five years for his father-in-law, John Schlegel, of Jordan township, eventually settling at his present place. He has a tract of forty-five acres, which he cultivated successfully during his active years, retiring some time ago. This tract was part of a Gonsers homestead, and the brick house now standing on the property was built by one Killian Rothermel in 1864.

About 1865 Mr. Kieffer married Mary Jane Schlegel, daughter of John Schlegel, a native of Northumberland county, and granddaughter of William Schlegel, a native of Berks county, Pa. Mrs. Kieffer was born in 1842. She and her husband have four children: William, of Trevorton, Northumberland county; Charles, of Elizabethville, Dauphin county, where he carries on a hotel; Alice, wife of Daniel Treon; and Mary Agnes, married to O. S. Dunkelberger. The family are Lutheran members of the Himmel Church, and Mr. Kieffer has always been regarded as one of the most worthy and zealous members of the congregation, which he served in official capacities almost continuously in his active years, having been deacon, elder, trustee and treasurer. He is a Democrat in political sentiment, and has served as tax collector of Washington township.

PAUL DUROVCIK, hotel-keeper of Mount Carmel, has conducted his present stand at No. 123 North Market street since 1894. He is a native of Austria Hungary and the acknowledged leader of his countrymen in Mount Carmel and vicinity, a man of substantial worth as a citizen of his adopted country and respected by all who know him.

Mr. Durovcik was born in Austria Dec. 8, 1866, in the town of Lucka. His father, also named Paul, was a farmer in Austria and died in that country. The son came to America when sixteen years old and spent his first three years here in



New York City, arriving at Mount Carmel, Northumberland Co., Pa., June 7, 1885. Here he has since made his home. He followed mining about nine years, in 1894 engaging in the hotel business at No. 123 North Market street, where he is still located, having established a steady and lucrative trade. Mr. Duroveik has acquired other interests as his prosperity enabled him to invest elsewhere, and he was one of the organizers of the Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Company, which he serves as director. He has twice represented his ward (the Second) in the borough council as the Republican candidate, having been first elected in 1907 and reelected in 1910. Mr. Duroveik belongs to the local lodge of Elks, to the Red Men and the Owls, being treasurer of the local organization of the latter society. He is very prominent in the various Slavic societies, and is a member of the Slavic Reformed Church, in the work of which he takes a leading part.

On Jan. 17, 1888, Mr. Duroveik married Anna Dovei, like himself a native of Austria, and they have a family of five children: Paul, Jr., Annie, Mary, John and Agnes.

GEORGE H. LENKER, farmer of Washington township, was born Feb. 14, 1851, in Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, son of Peter Lenker. He is a descendant of Adam or John Adam Lenker, a native of Switzerland, who was one of the pioneer settlers in this region, locating in territory now embraced in Lower Mahanoy township, where he followed farming. The original homestead upon which he settled was the farm now owned by David Bohner. He was born Dec. 12, 1765, and died March 24, 1831, and is buried at the Zion Church in Stone Valley, as is also his wife, Anna Maria; she was born June 15, 1764, and died May 12, 1822. Their children were: Michael, John Adam, Jacob, Polly (married John Wimmer) and Mary (married William Schaffer).

Jacob Lenker, son of Adam, was born in Germany, landed at Philadelphia upon his emigration to America, and soon afterward settled in the Mahantango Valley, in Northumberland county, Pa., where he owned a large farm which he cultivated successfully. He built a sawmill, which he operated in connection with his agricultural work, and was a prosperous man. In religion he was a Lutheran, as are most of his descendants (a few being members of the Evangelical Association), and he and his son Jacob, as well as Peter Lenker, father of George H., are buried at the Stone Valley Church in Lower Mahanoy township. He served his adopted country as a soldier. He and his wife, Anna (Feldy), had children as follows: Peter; Jacob; Simon; Jonathan; Philip; Mrs. Jacob Hepner; Mrs. John Shaffer; and Mrs. Seaman. The son Jacob obtained the homestead, where he

lived and died, and like his father followed farming and operated the sawmill.

Peter Lenker, father of George H. Lenker, was born on the old homestead in Lower Mahanoy township, and died in the house in which he was born, though he had passed many years of his life elsewhere. He was a lifelong farmer, and at one time owned a farm, later renting the land he cultivated. For thirteen years he lived near Line Mountain post office, in Upper Mahanoy township. He was a member of the Stone Valley Church, where as above stated he is buried. His first wife, Susanna Bobb, was the mother of twelve children, viz.: John, Magdalena, Peter, Nicholas, Adam, Michael, and six who died young. His second marriage was to Esther Hetrich, daughter of George Hetrich, and to this union were born six children: Daniel died aged nineteen years; Lydia is unmarried; Simon died when eleven years old; George H. is mentioned below; Benjamin lives in Lower Augusta township; Rebecca died when six years old.

George H. Lenker had three months of instruction in the old-fashioned subscription schools formerly conducted in this section, but he was educated principally in the public schools, which he attended off and on until he was of age. He was trained from youth to farming, and in 1871 began that occupation for himself in Washington township, where he has since continued to live. He owns eighty acres of cleared land and fifteen acres of woodland, and built a substantial house on his property in 1897. The barn was built by the Zerkows about 1870. Mr. Lenker is an intelligent and progressive citizen, and though he has devoted his attention to his work and cultivated his land profitably he has found time to take part in the administration of local affairs. For twelve years he served as auditor of his township, and after that became school director, in which office he has served continuously since 1895, having been re-elected five times. He is a Democrat in political opinion. He and his family are members of the Lutheran congregation at St. Peter's Church, which he has served as deacon, being much interested in the welfare of the church.

In 1871 Mr. Lenker married Henrietta Carl, daughter of John and Catharine (Diener) Carl, natives of Pike township, Berks Co., Pa., and they have a family of seven children: Hiram O., who lives at Lavelle, Schuylkill county; Charles M., of Shamokin; Alice R., wife of George Thomas, of Jackson township; Nathan H., of Mowry, Schuylkill county; George C., of Allentown, Pa.; Isaac I., of Washington township; and Henrietta R., who married Monroe Bobb, of Washington township.

JOHN B. SEYER, of Shamokin, chief dyer at the J. H. & C. K. Eagle silk factory, located in that borough, is a man of the widest experience in

his line, gained in the foremost establishments of this country, and is himself interested in the business as vice president of the Garfield Silk Dyeing & Finishing Company, of Garfield (Passaic), N. J. All his active years have been given to this line of industry, in which he is a noted authority, known to the trade all over the United States.

Mr. Seyer was born in 1866 in France, from which country his father, also John B. Seyer, brought his family to America in 1870. He made a home at Paterson, N. J., where he died. There the son received his education in the public schools, and there he began to learn his present business in the plant of the Weidmann Silk Dyeing Company, the largest dyeing house in the United States. So thoroughly did he master the work that he was made foreman in this establishment, holding that responsible position for a period of nineteen years, at the end of which time he formed a connection with Ashley & Bailey, another important concern at Paterson, taking charge of their plant for seven years. In company with other men he then organized the Garfield Silk Dyeing and Finishing Company, of Garfield, N. J., of which he is vice-president, and of whose plant he had charge for two years, leaving to enter the establishment of the Standard Silk Company, at Phillipsburg, N. J. In July, 1909, he came to Shamokin, to enter upon his duties as chief dyer at the Eagle plant. Mr. Seyer has about one hundred and twenty-five employees under his charge in the dye house, which is one of the most completely equipped plants of the kind in the country. The Eagle silk factory, though one of the more recently established industrial plants of Shamokin, has from the first been regarded as an important factor in local business prosperity, and Mr. Seyer's work has done much toward making its product popular and in steady demand. His skill, taste and ingenuity make him one of the most valuable of the clever men associated with this concern who have placed its goods among the most desirable on the market.

Mr. Seyer is well known in the Masonic fraternity, holding membership in Falls City Lodge, No. 82; Cataract City Chapter, No. 10, R. A. M.; Shamokin Commandery, No. 77, K. T.; Jersey City Consistory, thirty-second degree; and Salaam Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., in the latter connection also belonging to the Temple Club at Shamokin. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F. and the Shamokin Automobile Club.

In 1891 Mr. Seyer married Adeline Ferry, and they have two children, Blanche and Henry.

FRANKLIN A. NEWCOMER, of Turbut township, Northumberland county, represents the third generation of his family in that section, his grandfather, Philip Newcomer, a native of Pennsylvania, having owned and occupied a farm

in that township long known as the Newcomer farm. It consisted of about one hundred acres. He married Elizabeth Lantz, of Turbut township, and in 1864 took his family out to Iowa, making the trip by team. The journey occupied three months, and they crossed only one railroad track—one of the old-fashioned kind, with wooden rails. Mr. Newcomer took up land in Iowa and there spent the remainder of his life, dying there. He and his wife had a large family, viz.: John Samuel, Daniel, Susan (Mrs. Thomas Stover), Emanuel, Levi (who served as a captain during the Civil war, from Iowa), Philip, Margaret (Mrs. Aaron Costenbador), Kate (married Edw. Kelly), Annie (Mrs. Woodwring), Joseph, and four others not named.

John Samuel Newcomer, son of Philip, was the father of Franklin A. Newcomer. He was born June 3, 1825, in Turbut township, Northumberland county, and there grew to manhood. When the family moved out to Iowa he accompanied them, but not caring for the country returned to his native township, where he subsequently bought his father-in-law's farm, which he cultivated until his death. He died there Sept. 6, 1908, at the advanced age of eighty-three, and is buried at Milton. In religious faith he was a Lutheran. He married Matilda Jacoby, daughter of Samuel and Catharine (Bachman) Jacoby, and they reared a family of three children: Elizabeth C., who is the wife of Isaac Seers, and resides in Milton; Hattie M., who married Charles C. Gast and lives in Milton (their children are John N. and Helen M.); and Franklin A.

Franklin A. Newcomer was born Dec. 31, 1866, at the place where he still resides, and obtained his education in the public schools of that locality and in Milton high school and Milton Academy, the latter institution taught by the able Professor Schneider. He then taught for one year at the Ireland schoolhouse in Turbut township, after which he turned his attention to teaching music, both vocal and instrumental, being thus engaged until 1897. He made a success of his professional work, but for a number of years he has devoted his principal attention to farming. In 1897 he located at the old home with his father and farmed for him, and in the fall of 1908 he bought the property. He makes a specialty of truck raising, and attends the Milton markets. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen and of Turbut Grange, interested in all affairs that affect the welfare of his locality, and one of the progressive, intelligent citizens of his section. In religious connection he is a Lutheran, a well known member of Christ Church at Milton, which he served as organist for a period of sixteen years. Mr. Newcomer is independent on political questions, supporting the best men and measures without regard to party.



In 1892 Mr. Newcomer married Jennie L. Clewell, daughter of Godfrey William and Catharine (Artley) Clewell, and to them have been born two children, Franklin C. and John William.

The Clewell family is of French Huguenot origin, and the family history is very complete. Jacob Clewell, Mrs. Newcomer's grandfather, was born May 13, 1783, and on Oct. 16, 1808, married Sarah Miller, who was born March 8, 1785. They lived at Catawissa, Pa., where they were farming people. Their children were born as follows: Catharine, Jan. 11, 1812; Jacob, Jan. 3, 1815; Sarah, Oct. 11, 1817; Daniel, Oct. 18, 1818; Mariam, Feb. 4, 1821; Mathias, Jan. 20, 1822; Lovina, Aug. 19, 1825; Godfrey William, Jan. 8, 1828.

Godfrey William Clewell, son of Jacob, was during his active years a successful farmer in Montour county, near the Northumberland county line. He is now living retired at Milton. He married Catharine Artley, and to them were born three children, Jennie L. (Mrs. Franklin A. Newcomer), William and Artley. The two sons are farmers in Liberty township, Montour county, the father having divided his farm between them, each one having his own tract.

**WYNN.** John Wynn, said to be a native of New Jersey, was a pioneer settler of Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county. He was of Welsh extraction. Prior to May 18, 1818, he came to Northumberland county, and settled on the farm now owned by his grandson, David S. Wynn. This tract was originally taken up by warrant by John and Margaret Snyder. On May 18, 1818, John "Win," as his name appears in the deed, purchased these eighty-two acres for \$650.69. Here he erected the first set of buildings, of logs. The log house stood until about 1880, when it was razed by David S. Wynn. He and his wife Elizabeth probably were Baptists, as all their children were of that faith. Elizabeth Wynn was the first person buried in the Augusta Baptist church cemetery. Her husband is buried at the Mountain Presbyterian Church. They had these children: Samuel, Annias, John, Jr., Mathias (settled out West), Byram (settled out West), and Sallie (married John Van Sant, who was a merchant in Rockefeller township).

In 1847 John Wynn, Sr., sold his farm to his son Samuel D. On the deed conveying this land to the son the pioneer wrote his name in plain English John "Wynn."

Samuel D. Wynn, son of John, was born in Lower Augusta township Jan. 24, 1795, and died on his farm April 27, 1878. His wife Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob Shipman, died Feb. 3, 1890, aged eighty-four years, five months, ten days, and they are buried at the Augusta Baptist cemetery. They were Baptists, and members of that church,

of which he was a deacon many years. Earlier in life he was a millwright, and followed his trade throughout eastern Pennsylvania. Later he farmed in Lower Augusta on the homestead. He was a Democrat. The following were their nine children: Reuben died at Sunbury, Pa.; Rachel married Edw. Trowbridge; Jacob lives at Lykens, Pa.; Mary married John Townsend; Barbara married Charles Sarvis; Emma married Samuel Snyder; David S. is mentioned below; Sarah J. married Adam Wynn, a cousin; Susanna married John Orendorf.

Annias Wynn, son of John, was born in Lower Augusta township, where he also died. His wife, Elizabeth (White), was born Oct. 27, 1809, and died Sept. 26, 1863. Both are buried in the Baptist cemetery. Elizabeth White was a daughter of Robert White, an Englishman, who after being in America some years returned to his native country, and there enlisted in the English navy. Annias Wynn was a deacon of the Baptist church, of which he was a member for sixty years. He was a farmer, and owned the tract now owned by Samuel Still. He and his wife had twelve children, namely: Susanna; Sarah, who married William Conrad; John G., who died Sept. 2, 1897, aged sixty-four years, three months, nine days (his wife Lydia died Oct. 3, 1901, aged fifty-five years, eight months, eighteen days); Lafayette; Oscar T., who married Ellen Kritiz; William, who married Annie Welker; Jane, Mrs. Reuben Conrad; Luscious C., deceased, who married Annie Spotts; Annias, who served in the regular army and who was never married; Silas H., who married Orilla E. Shipman (died Nov. 30, 1883, aged twenty-six years, one month, fourteen days) and (second) Maggie Obetz; and Mary and Samuel, both of whom died young.

John Wynn, Jr., son of John, was a farmer in Lower Augusta township. He was born Feb. 10, 1797, and died Oct. 8, 1875. His wife, Betzy Snyder, is buried in Kansas. They had children: Adam, Stephen, Chambers (his wife's name was Mary; their daughter Lydia died Feb. 2, 1861, aged one year, eleven months, fourteen days, and their daughter Amanda, born May 26, 1854, died Jan. 20, 1858), Albert, Jemima, Martha J. (born March 27, 1850, died Feb. 7, 1872), Mary and Samantha.

Lafayette Wynn, son of Annias, is a farmer in Lower Augusta township, where he was born Aug. 28, 1835. During the Civil war he was a soldier in Company I, 58th Pennsylvania Infantry, under Col. J. Riter Jones, of Philadelphia, and he participated in many engagements and was shot through the left shoulder. He took part in the Grand Review at Washington, D. C., and was discharged Nov. 21, 1865. After the war he worked six years in the lumber woods, and railroaded for twenty-two years. In 1892 he purchased his



eighty-four-acre farm in Lower Augusta, on which he has lived since 1903. Mr. Wynn was married three times. His first wife, Elizabeth M. J. Lytle, died Aug. 31, 1868, the mother of three children, George, Robert and Elmer. By his second marriage, to Maggie Haupt, he had two children, Peter and Edward. His third marriage, in 1885, was to Mary C. Smith, by whom he had one child, Arthur.

David S. Wynn, son of Samuel D., was born May 17, 1844, near Fishers Ferry. When nineteen he began railroading, which he followed six years. In 1870 he purchased the original Wynn homestead where he has since lived and farmed. He is a Democrat, has been supervisor, and school director, and has been an active member of the Baptist Church, since 1899 serving as a deacon. Since 1900 he has been Sunday school superintendent, and in 1909 he was elected president of the Sunday School Association, which is an auxiliary of the County Sunday School Association. On April 28, 1870, he married Henrietta, daughter of William Randall, of Centre county, Pa. She died Feb. 13, 1887, aged twenty-seven years, ten months, nine days, the mother of children as follows: Jasper, Frank, Molly, Rachel, Charles and Henrietta. Mr. Wynn's second marriage, on May 4, 1888, was to Ellen, daughter of John and Sarah (Bewman) Geiswhite, of Dauphin county, Pa. They have six children: Clayton, Alice, Warren, Eva, Joseph and Catharine.

**FREDERICK W. WOLF**, proprietor of Wolf's Restaurant, at Milton, Pa., and one of the substantial and well-to-do citizens of that town, was born there March 24, 1868, son of Frederick W. Wolf, Sr. His grandfather came to America from Germany, and settled in Philadelphia, Pa., where he followed the baker's trade. He died there leaving two sons, Frederick W. and William, the latter of whom resides in Philadelphia.

Frederick W. Wolf, Sr., was born in the Kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany, Nov. 26, 1838, and came to America about 1859, settling in Mercer county, N. J. On March 4, 1866, in Philadelphia, he married Mary Elizabeth Gehring, who was born April 18, 1841, in Halle, Westphalia, Germany. He and his wife came to Milton in 1867, and went into the baking business on Mahoning street, near the old canal bridge. In 1872 they removed their place of business to South Front street, near the river bridge, and there they continued. Mr. Wolf died Oct. 28, 1877, and his wife on Aug. 27, 1907, and both are buried in the Harmony cemetery at Milton. During the Civil war Mr. Wolf enlisted as a laborer, and served until the close of the war. He was a Democrat in politics, and his religious connection was with the German Lutheran Church. His children were: Frederick W.; Lulu, born in Milton June 10, 1870, who married

Lewis Young, of Philadelphia, and has a daughter, Fay; and Maria, born at Milton July 29, 1872, who married A. S. Miller, of Milton.

Frederick W. Wolf attended the schools at Milton, and then found employment with the Shimmers, the Godcharleses and in the Milton car shops. He began his restaurant business in 1892, the next year buying the property, which is located at the corner of South Front and River bridge, and was once the old tollhouse. Mr. Wolf has greatly improved the place and has made it up-to-date in every particular. He is the owner of considerable valuable real estate in Milton.

Mr. Wolf married Hettie Wetzel, and they have had three children, Margaret, Frederick W. and Lulu. Mr. Wolf is a member of the F. O. E. and the P. O. S. of A. In politics he is a staunch upholder of Democratic principles. The family attend the Lutheran Church.

**WARREN UNGER**, the proprietor of the large hardware establishment at Nos. 309-313 Spruce street, Shamokin, is one of the enterprising business men and public-spirited citizens of that thriving borough. He was born in Dauphin county, Pa., April 7, 1868, son of Daniel and Huldah (Baker) Unger.

Christian Unger emigrated to America in the ship "Edinburgh," landing at Philadelphia Sept. 19, 1752. In 1756 he was a taxable resident of Greenwich township, Berks county. His children were: Michael, a taxable in Greenwich township in 1759; John, who went to Shamokin, Pa.; Herman, who married Elizabeth Keim, and reared a family; one son (name unknown) who settled in Maryland; Susanna, who married John Schappel; Elizabeth, who married George Heffley; and a daughter who married Christian Reeser.

John Unger, son of Christian, was born in Berks county, and first followed farming near Hamburg. He came to Northumberland county in 1812, by wagon, and settled in Shamokin township, three miles west of Paxinos. Here he took up about 300 acres of land in the woods, and built a house and hotel. The stage stopped at his hotel to feed the horses and spend the night, and the hostelry became known throughout the country. Mr. Unger died in 1847, and was buried at the Blue Church, in Ralpho township. He was twice married, and his children were: Solomon; Jacob; George; John; Annie, who married Andrew Knerr; Elizabeth, who married John Fegley; Catharine, who married Joseph Hill; and Sallie, who married Charles Foy.

Jacob Unger, son of John, was born in 1802 in Berks county, and came to this county with his father. He followed farming in Shamokin township, and there owned a farm. He died in 1884, and is buried at the Blue church. He married Catharine Rose, who died in 1877. Their

children were: John; Maria, who married William Mattres; Margaret, who married Bastian Artley; Harriet and Elizabeth, who both died unmarried; Catharine, who married Solomon Rockefeller; and Daniel.

Daniel Unger, son of Jacob, was born in Shamokin township Dec. 25, 1838, and followed farm work until he was eighteen. He then went to Sunbury and learned the tinner's trade, which he followed for several years, and at different times while engaged in farming. He sold out in 1897 to his sons, and retired from active life. He is the only one of his generation living. Mr. Unger served in the Union army during the Civil war. He married Huldah Raker, daughter of George and Mary (Oxheimer) Raker, and their children were: (1) William H., born June 24, 1864, was educated in the common schools, Elysburg Academy, and Central Pennsylvania College, at New Berlin, Union county, graduating from the latter in 1887. He read law with W. H. M. Oram, of Shamokin, was admitted to the bar in September, 1890, and has since been engaged in the practice of his profession. In politics he is a Republican, and from 1885 to 1889 was a member of the county committee. He was formerly vice-president and is now president of the Market Street National Bank, Shamokin. In 1890, he was elected to the borough council. On April 16, 1890, he married Ella Malick, daughter of Emanuel and Hannah Malick, of Shamokin. (2) George C., born Oct. 13, 1865, was educated in the common schools. In 1883 he entered the employ of A. Raker, and learned the tinner's trade, and now is in the hardware business at Lebanon, Pa. He is a member of the P. O. S. of A. and the S. of V. In 1887 he married Clara E. Smink, and they have nine children, of whom are mentioned Edith L., Clarence and one deceased. In politics Mr. Unger is a Republican. (3) Warren is mentioned below. (4) Della married Leonard H. Adams, and lives at Shamokin. (5) Henry H. is a druggist at Shamokin. (6) U. Grant is an attorney.

Warren Unger attended the public schools and Central Pennsylvania College in 1888. He learned the tinner's trade, and became a member of the firm of W. H. Unger & Co. In 1898 he purchased his brother's interests, and has since branched out, doubling the stock and increasing the facilities, adding a sanitary plumbing and steam fitting department, and doing electrical work. In 1905 he built a large warehouse at Arch and Fifth streets for his reserve stock, and for storing stoves and household goods. It is one of the best equipped stores of the kind in the county. He employs sixteen to eighteen men.

Mr. Unger is interested in other enterprises, and is agent for the Reo automobiles. He was a director of the Shamokin and Coal township Light, Heat & Power Company, but sold his inter-

est in 1908. He is a director of the Market Street National Bank. Fraternally he belongs to the Elks and the P. O. S. of A., and is a director in the latter.

Mr. Unger married Eliza Walters, daughter of Samuel Walters, of Shamokin, and they have four children: Blanch, Foster, Ruth and Edna. The family attend the United Evangelical Church.

DAVID A. FEGLEY, of Sunbury, who conducts a plumbing and heating business, is a young man of substantial qualities who has made a position for himself in the commercial circles of the borough by application and energy, and he deserves the good standing he enjoys. He was born May 23, 1873, in Rockefeller township, Northumberland county, and has lived in Sunbury since 1891.

Jonathan Fegley, great-grandfather of David A. Fegley, lived in the Mahanoy Valley in this county. His children were: Jacob, John, Samuel, Moses, Polly and Sarah.

Jacob Fegley, son of Jonathan, was born in Stone Valley, Northumberland county, and was one of the well-to-do and well known men of his district. He followed milling, and owned three farms in Rockefeller township, dying upon one of his farms. He is buried at Lantz's Church. In religion he was a member of the Reformed Church, in politics a Democrat. To him and his wife Catharine (Schlegel), daughter of Daniel Schlegel, were born the following children: Louisa, William, Peter, David (living in Sunbury), Mary, Sevilla and Simon.

William Fegley, son of Jacob, was born Oct. 1, 1843, in the Mahanoy Valley, and followed farming in Rockefeller township, where he passed the greater part of his life. In 1896 he came to Sunbury, where he lived in retirement until his death, June 14, 1902. He is buried at Lantz's Church. Like his father he belonged to the Reformed denomination, and he took an active part in church affairs. Politically he was a Democrat. On Dec. 25, 1866, he married Catharine Keef-er, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Weiser) Keef-er, and she survives him, making her home in Sunbury. Six children were born to this union: Laura, who is the wife of Eben Martz; George, of Perry, Iowa; David A.; Elizabeth, wife of William Fetter; Peter, of Lower Augusta township; and Turabell, wife of Charles Fahrensworth.

David A. Fegley obtained his education in the public schools of his native township, and was employed there, upon his father's farm, until he came to Sunbury in 1891. Entering the employ of I. J. Reitz, he remained with him for thirteen years, learning the plumbing business thoroughly, and since leaving Mr. Reitz's employ has been in business on his own account. He is located at No. 25 South Seventh street, Sunbury. Mr. Fegley has one rule from which he never departs, to



do his best to please his customers, and the large trade he has built up has been founded principally upon that basis. He is thorough in his work, and honorable in his financial transactions, and is highly respected among his business associates.

On Nov. 8, 1891, Mr. Fegley married Annie A. Ellenberger, daughter of John H. and Mary Jane (Geib) Ellenberger. They have no children. Mr. Fegley is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Lodge No. 620, of Sunbury, and in politics is a Democrat. He is a member of the Lutheran Church.

FRANK X. KLAUS, of Locust Gap, in Mount Carmel township, is proprietor of the "American House" at that place and in that and other associations well known in his section of Northumberland county, being one of the local leaders of the Democratic party. His hotel stand is the leading place of the kind at Locust Gap.

Mr. Klaus was born at St. Clair, Schuylkill Co., Pa., June 4, 1867, son of Frank Klaus. The father was born in Germany, and came to America when a young man, settling in Schuylkill county, where he lived at Minersville and St. Clair. In 1873 he came to Locust Gap, Northumberland county, where he followed his trade, that of blacksmith, and where he died in 1889; he is buried at Locust Gap. His wife, whose maiden name was Matilda Hipp, is still living at Locust Gap, now (1910) aged seventy-six years. They were the parents of a large family, namely: Catherine (deceased), Stephen (deceased), Edward (deceased), Frank X., Joseph (deceased), Michael, Martha, Theresa, Rossie, Matilda and Mary.

Frank X. Klaus worked at the mines for a number of years before entering his present line of business. He began as a slate picker when but eight years old, afterward worked as door tender and was employed in different capacities inside, in time becoming boss loader inside. After two years at that he left the mines to engage in the hotel business, in 1896, and since 1900 he has been at his present location. The "American House" is on the Helfenstein road, across the bridge, and is well patronized, Mr. Klaus having the custom of a substantial element in his community.

As a leading worker in the local ranks of the Democratic party Mr. Klaus is well known in the township and county, having served as county committeeman and as delegate to the State convention. He has served two terms (six years) as school director of Mount Carmel township, and during that time was president of the board one year and treasurer two years. Socially he belongs to the Eagles (at Mount Carmel) and the Foresters. He is a member of the Catholic Church and also of the Holy Name Society.

By his first marriage Mr. Klaus has a son, Francis Joseph. His second marriage was to Margaret T. Melody.

SIEGFRIED WASHINGTON ZIMMERMAN, of Little Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, comes of a family which for many years has been identified with Berks and Schuylkill counties.

Sebastian Zimmerman, his grandfather, was born in Berks county, whence when a boy he moved with his father, who, it would appear, had a farm at the upper end of the Deep creek, where Sebastian was reared. He was a weaver by trade, and owned a loom, but he was likewise a prosperous farmer, owning several farms in Upper Mahantango township, Schuylkill county. The one there on which he lived was formerly owned by Benjamin Peifer and is now owned by a Hepler; another was owned by Jacob and Abraham Blaser, of Herndon, until 1907. Removing to Cameron township, Northumberland county, he lived there some years, moving to the Mahantango valley, where he farmed until his death. He was a foremost member of the Lutheran congregation of Salem Church, known as Herb Church, located near Rough and Ready, serving as elder and trustee, and he and his wife are buried at that church. During the war of 1812 he was a soldier, and he was one of the pensioners of that war. Sebastian Zimmerman married Elizabeth Klock, daughter of Peter Klock, and they had children as follows: Joseph, a farmer, who settled at Red Bank, Jefferson Co., Pa., was twice married and had children; Elizabeth married a Bliss; Catharine married George C. Peifer; Salome married Mr. Kline, and they moved to Jefferson county; Lydia married a Snyder; Sebastian, born in 1829, lives at Sunbury, this county; George is mentioned below; Esther married Joel Daniel.

George Zimmerman, son of Sebastian, was born in Schuylkill county, and learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed until he entered the army. During the Civil war he was drafted for nine months' service, and at the expiration of this term enlisted for three years, from the Mahantango Valley. He was shot while on picket duty and removed to the hospital on Long Island, where he died six weeks after being wounded; he is buried on Long Island.

Mr. Zimmerman married Elizabeth Harter, daughter of Matthias Harter, whose wife's name was Eister. Mrs. Zimmerman is buried at Little Mahanoy. Five children were born to them: S. Washington; Fietta, who died young; Joel, of Eldred township, Schuylkill county; Jonathan, of Cass county, Mo.; and Monroe, of Snyder county, Pennsylvania.

Siegfried Washington Zimmerman, son of George, was born Sept. 18, 1855, in the Mahantango valley, Schuylkill county. He received his education in the common schools and when eighteen years old took up the carpenter's trade, which he has followed ever since. In 1872 he had come to Little Mahanoy township, Northumberland



county, living at Dornsife, in that township, until his marriage. He became boss carpenter, and for some years was busy erecting houses and barns in Shamokin, Sunbury and the surrounding districts. Since April, 1909, he has been engaged as carpenter for the Trevorton Coal Land Company. He has prospered at his trade, and owns real estate at Sunbury, where he built a house in 1908 at the corner of State and Broad streets. His large frame residence near Hunter Station (on the Reading railroad), in Little Mahanoy township, he erected in the fall of 1889, and has occupied it ever since. Mr. Zimmerman has served the township as assessor for twelve years, and as school director for three years. He is a Democrat in political affiliation.

On June 7, 1878, Mr. Zimmerman married Alice Peifer, daughter of Elias Peifer, and they have had two children, George Elmer and Harvey Clayton. George Elmer Zimmerman is a lumber merchant at Shamokin; he married Carrie Dunkelberger and has one child, C. Myrtle. Harvey Clayton Zimmerman, a student at the institution at New Berlin, Pa., taught music before taking up his classical course. Mr. Zimmerman and his family are Lutheran members of Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church at Little Mahanoy, of which he was deacon eight years and elder two years. They have also been active in the work of the Sunday school, in which he has been a teacher from boyhood, was at one time treasurer, secretary for some years and superintendent for a number of years. Thus it will be seen that his usefulness has carried him into several fields of general interest, in all of which he has done his share as a good member of society.

CHARLES F. REICK, of the Monarch Steam Laundry, Shamokin, has established a standard for excellence in his line which would make him a successful competitor for the patronage of any community. The support his enterprise has received shows how well his up-to-date methods and high-class work are appreciated. Mr. Reick's experience in the matter of laundry equipment prior to his entering the business on his own account gave him a distinct advantage at the start, but his continued success should be credited to his own efforts.

Mr. Reick was born at Trevorton, Northumberland county, Sept. 2, 1858, son of George Reick, a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, who came to America in 1840. In his native land George Reick was engaged as foreman in a silk mill. On coming to America he landed at New York, but came on to Schuylkill county, Pa., where he began mining, an occupation which he continued to follow until his death. In 1849 he moved to Trevorton, making a permanent home there. He died Jan. 5, 1869. His wife, Catherine (Fisher), died

at Williamsport, Pa. They had the following children: George, William, Dora, Polly, Amelia, Charles F., and three who died in infancy.

Charles F. Reick received his education in the public schools of Trevorton. He was only a boy when he commenced work in the mines, being employed at the North Franklin and Red Ash collieries. He followed this work until he was twenty years old, when he went to Ashland with William Lauderfield, with whom he learned the carpenter's trade. Going to Williamsport, he was engaged by the Williamsport Furniture Company for one year, after which he commenced carpentering and building on his own account at that place, continuing it for some time. He next entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Company as a bridge builder. Returning to Williamsport, he became foreman for A. A. Artley, a well known contractor, with whom he was associated for five years, since when he has been identified with the laundry business. Entering the service of the Lloyd Laundry and Shirt Manufacturing Company, at Williamsport, he continued with that concern for the long period of twenty-two years, during which time his work took him into twenty-seven States, principally in the South. For six years he was at Charleston, S. C. Mr. Reick's specialty was the equipment and establishment of laundries, in which he was very successful, his judgment in the requirements of such plants being found most reliable by all who trusted to it. He has, in all, fitted up twenty-eight laundries, the success of which has demonstrated the practical value of his ideas in this field of industry. In 1902 he located on his father-in-law's farm at Catawissa, Pa., but after three years he returned to his old line, in 1905 settling in Shamokin, where he has since run the Monarch Steam Laundry, having leased it from F. A. Schreadley in April, 1905. Under his management the equipment of this plant is naturally the most convenient known to the trade. With his wide knowledge of laundry machinery he was able to select the most reliable and economical devices invented for turning out the finest grade of work, with the result that Shamokin has exceptional laundry facilities, such as are enjoyed by few places of its size, and which can be excelled nowhere. The Monarch Steam Laundry is the best equipped plant of its size in the State, Mr. Reick having built and fitted every part of it himself, from the dry room to the laying of the steam pipes, the setting of the boiler and the installing of the machinery, no expense having been spared in any department. He had had the task of establishing it, two years before he became the lessee, so that he knew exactly what he was doing when it came into his hands. The equipment includes two 250-shirt washers, an extractor, Bishop starcher, thirty-gallon starch kettle, body ironer, neckband and

wristband ironer, collar shaper, economic collar and cuff starcher, forty-inch five-roll Hagan mangle and cuff machine, Hagan bosom ironer and a 100-inch five-roll Hagan mangle with a capacity of ten thousand pieces a day. A Hercules dry room, built after Mr. Reick's own plans, will dry 1,500 collars or 100 shirts in twelve minutes. The upper floors of the plant are devoted to the cleaning of woolen blankets and lace curtains. Employment is given to eleven people. The best supplies are used and the utmost care is taken in the handling of all pieces, with the result that the laundry enjoys high popularity and corresponding prosperity.

Mr. Reick married Mary Bude, daughter of Augustus Bude, of Catawissa, Pa., and they have had three children, Martha, Edna and George. The eldest daughter, Martha, is the wife of Thomas Nolan, and has had three children, William (deceased), Herbert T. and Rosie. Mr. Reick and his family live upon his stock farm of fifty-eight acres at Paxinos. He is a member of the United Brethren Church.

**MARTIN LUTHER HENDRICKS**, deceased, who until his death had been engaged in business in Sunbury from 1880 as a wholesale dealer in wines and liquors, was also well known as the owner of one of the largest and finest collections of Indian relics in his section of Pennsylvania. The house in which he lived has been remodeled and improved, but it is the oldest dwelling in Sunbury, having been built in 1775. He was of the fourth or fifth generation of his family to reside in this region, his great-grandfather, Tobias Hendrick, having come to Snyder county from York county, Pa., in an early day, and Fort Hendrick, at Kitchener, Snyder county, was named after his father.

Samuel Hendrick, son of Tobias, was born in Penn township, Northumberland (now Snyder) Co., Pa., and is buried at Row's church, in Snyder county, to which he gave twenty acres of ground with the provision that "no Hendrick should be refused burial in the cemetery of Row's Church." The transfer of the deed is recorded in the courthouse at Sunbury. Samuel Hendrick was a prosperous farmer, owning a large tract which is now divided into three farms, all lying around Row's church. He married Elizabeth DeWees, who long survived him, and who upon her second marriage, to George Boger, sold the homestead (to a man named Leck) and moved to Sunbury. Samuel and Elizabeth Hendrick had one son, Benjamin, the father of Martin Luther Hendricks. The members of the Hendricks family generally have been tall and of athletic build.

Benjamin Hendricks, son of Samuel, was born in Snyder county Sept. 25, 1811, received a common school education, and learned the trade of

cigarmaker. He was quite young when he went to Sunbury, in 1824, living there in a house which stood near the present site of the residence of John Haas. His active years were spent principally at farming, merchandising and the manufacture of lime, and he prospered, at one time owning what is known as the Hunter farm, on which Fort Augusta was located, and also owning a good plantation in Caroline county, Va., which he bought after the Civil war. After his wife's death he lived on that property with his son, dying there in 1883. He was a director of the Sunbury, Hazleton & Wilkes-Barre Railroad Company during the construction of its road, which is now owned by the Pennsylvania Company, retaining that connection until the road came under the new ownership.

Benjamin Hendricks married Ann Maria Shindel, who was born in Sunbury, Pa., daughter of Rev. John Peter Shindel, and she died Dec. 9, 1877, aged sixty-two years. Mr. and Mrs. Hendricks are buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery, at Sunbury. They were members of the Lutheran Church. To them were born twelve children, six sons and six daughters, viz.: Samuel S. is deceased; William M. is deceased; Jacob S. is a resident of Virginia; Elizabeth D. married Hon. S. P. Wolverton, one of the foremost citizens of Northumberland county; Martin Luther is mentioned below; Susan Ann died at Allentown, of spotted fever; Louisa married M. R. Hemperly, a photographer, of Philadelphia; Mary S. (deceased) married Samuel Faust, of Sunbury; Catharine Y. died young; Isaac N. is a resident of Sunbury; John Peter S. is deceased; Ann Maria makes her home with her sister Mrs. Wolverton.

Martin Luther Hendricks was born June 4, 1843, in Sunbury, and there began his education in the pay schools which were common in his boyhood. Later he went to what is now Susquehanna University, at Selingsgrove, and to Wittenberg College, at Springfield, Clark Co., Ohio, graduating from the latter institution in 1872. Since then he had been a resident of Sunbury, and in 1880 became engaged in the wholesale liquor business, being the first dealer of the kind in the borough. In that year he and his brother-in-law, B. F. Bright, became associated under the business name of B. F. Bright, and were in business together until Mr. Bright's death, in July, 1907, after which Mr. Hendricks carried on the business alone until his death. He carried a large and well assorted stock of wines and liquors, and had a large trade, built up by straight dealing and honorable business methods. Mr. Hendricks' death occurred June 21, 1911, at his home in Sunbury.

As previously mentioned, Mr. Hendricks was the possessor of one of the largest and finest collections of Indian relics possessed by any one in his section, about twenty thousand specimens in



all, and his collections of beads, bracelets and similar articles is the largest owned by any one person in Pennsylvania. Northumberland county was the home of Shikellimy, the most famous Indian chief of his day, and Mr. Hendricks was always deeply interested in his story and in local history generally, especially of the early days, when the red men were still in this section. In 1858 he dug up the remains of the famous chief, who had been interred above Fort Augusta, the public road now passing over the site of his grave; he had been given a Christian burial by one of the noted Moravian ministers of the day. When Mr. Hendricks disinterred his body he also found many Indian relics, pipes, beads, tomahawks, paint and paint cups, bracelets, a horse pistol, etc., all of which have been carefully preserved.

On Aug. 6, 1878, Mr. Hendricks married Esther Amelia Bright, daughter of George and Sarah (Weiss) Bright. They had no children. They resided at Woodlawn avenue and Third street, Sunbury, in a house which was originally built by George Sherwood, from Philadelphia, in 1775, the oldest house now standing in Sunbury. It is one and a half stories high, and built of logs, which are now, however, covered with weatherboards.

**TIMOTHY NEARY**, proprietor of the "Pennsylvania House" at Gowen City, in Cameron township, Northumberland county, was born in the borough of Shamokin July 28, 1853, and is of Irish descent. His grandfather, James Neary, settled in New York State upon his emigration from Ireland, and there passed the remainder of his life.

James Neary, son of James Neary and father of Timothy Neary, was born in Ireland and was a young man when he came to America. He first lived in New York State after his arrival in this country and was there engaged at day labor. Coming later to Shamokin, Northumberland Co., Pa., he was employed at the mines. He died at Shamokin. To James Neary and his wife Mary (Kennedy) were born children as follows: Maria, Timothy, James, Bridget, Eliza and John.

Timothy Neary obtained his education in the public schools of Shamokin. When a boy he began work as so many of the youth of the region did, as slate picker. He was thus employed at the Leuzist Gap and Cameron collieries for some time, and later tended door and loaded cars before he began cutting coal. He followed this work for fifteen years, most of the time employed at the Cameron colliery, and in 1892 retired from mining. He has since been engaged in the hotel business. For several years he carried it on in Shamokin, in April, 1902, buying his present stand at Gowen City from Elias Gonser. This hotel was built by Peter Weikel in 1852, and was

the first in the district. The business has been enlarged and the service improved under Mr. Neary's proprietorship, and he has a profitable patronage, which he has gained and held by his accommodating and business-like methods. He is a well known and respected citizen, and occupies an honorable place among the substantial residents of his community.

Mr. Neary married Bridget Golden, daughter of James Golden, and to them were born two children: Mary, who is now the wife of Joseph Yeager and has two children, Mary C. and Elleanor; and John, at home. Mrs. Neary died Sept. 13, 1896, and is buried at Shamokin. Socially Mr. Neary belongs to the Ancient Order of Hibernians. In religion he is a Catholic, a member of St. Edward's Church, and in politics a Democrat.

**HENRY J. DONMAYER**, a farmer of Washington township, Northumberland county, was born May 22, 1856, in Jordan township, son of Davis and Catharine (Geise) Donmayer.

According to family tradition four Donmayer brothers came from the Fatherland and located in Berks county, Pa., one of them, Nicholas, locating across the Blue Mountains in the territory which in 1771 became part of Pine Grove township, Schuylkill (then Berks) county. His name on the first assessment list, made in 1772, appears as Nicholas Dornmeier. From him descended Henry Donmayer, the grandfather of Henry J. Donmayer, of Washington township, Northumberland county.

Another of the four brothers, Peter "Dornmeyer," settled in Greenwich township, Berks county. In 1790 he had one son under sixteen years old, a wife, and three daughters. His occupation was farming. Milton T. Donmayer, a prominent and influential citizen of Kutztown, Berks Co., Pa., is a descendant of Peter through Benjamin Donmayer (1799-1864), who was born in Longswamp township, Berks county, and died in Union township, Lebanon county. He was a farmer in Maxatawny township, Berks county, until 1845, when he sold out and moved to Lebanon county. His wife Hannah (Gernant) bore him the following children: Catharine, William, Lewis, Maria, Franklin, Susan, Rudolph, Milton T. (born in 1848) and Isaac (who died young). William, Lewis and Franklin were soldiers in the Civil war, Lewis losing his life at the battle of Cold Harbor.

Henry Donmayer, grandfather of Henry J. Donmayer, lived in Wayne township, not far from Pine Grove, Schuylkill county, and was a millwright and farmer. His descendants are still found in that section. He and his wife Susan (Snyder) had children as follows: Davis; Henry (Harry), who lived in Schuylkill county; Susanna, who died unmarried; Catharine, who died young;



and Mary, who married Edward Nies and lived for a time in Schuylkill county, later coming to Jordan township, Northumberland county.

Davis Donmayer was born in Schuylkill county, Pa., and died Sept. 9, 1906, in Jordan township, Northumberland county (aged eighty years, seven months, four days), where he is buried, at St. Paul's Church, Urban. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, which he served as elder and deacon. In his earlier life Mr. Donmayer was a farm laborer, later becoming a boatman on the old abandoned Union canal from Pine Grove to Middletown, and in time he went into the lime-farming business in Jordan township. In 1878 he commenced farming in that township, which he continued until his death. He owned a tract of thirty-eight acres. Mr. Donmayer was a Democrat, and he was a citizen who enjoyed the confidence of his fellow men, serving as treasurer and supervisor of his township. His wife, Catharine (Geise), daughter of George and Catharine (Schwartz) Geise, died May 9, 1907, aged eighty-two years, nine months, twenty-three days, the mother of the following children: Mary J., Mrs. William Henn; Daniel, who died in his twentieth year; Henry J.; George, Elizabeth and Charles, who died young.

Henry J. Donmayer obtained a common school education in Jordan township, and was a boy of only ten years when he began teaming regularly with his father, hauling coal, lime and doing all kinds of draying. In the spring of 1878 he began farming in Jordan township, on a thirty-six-acre tract upon which he lived for eight years, and in 1887 he engaged in the butcher business, at which he continued for ten years. During this time he lived at Urban. In the spring of 1898 he moved to Gowen City, in the eastern part of Cameron township, where he farmed for two years, thence moving to Eldred township, Schuylkill county, where he also farmed for two years. Moving back to Jordan township, he was engaged in farming there for several years, until he sold out and moved to Lebanon, Pa., at which place he worked in the rolling mills. In the spring of 1907 he came to his present home, the old Daniel homestead in Washington township, which farm consists of 110 acres. It was in the Daniel name from 1774 to 1907. Two log houses stand on this land, one of which was built in 1800 and is still used as a dwelling; the other is not quite so old. Mr. Donmayer has modern agricultural implements and is up-to-date in all the branches of his work, using scientific methods wherever practicable and working his land intelligently. He is a Democrat and has been active in promoting the success of his party. While a resident of Jordan township he filled the office of school director three years. He and his family are Lutheran

members of St. John's Church, which he has served as deacon.

In 1882 Mr. Donmayer married Susan J. Snyder, daughter of George B. and Susan (Ramer) Snyder, of Eldred township, Schuylkill county, and they have five children: Adam F., Katie G., Charles O., Jerre E. and Harry R.

GEORGE W. PAUL, merchant and postmaster at Line Mountain, in the most easterly part of Upper Mahanoy township, has been one of the most active residents of that section for a number of years and has passed all his life in the township, having been born there, on the Paul homestead, Aug. 27, 1853. He is descended from a family which has been settled in Pennsylvania from the early days, and which is still numerous represented there. The Federal Census Report of 1790 showed thirty-seven heads of families of this name in Pennsylvania alone, so that it is difficult for the genealogist to trace any one line without reliable records in the possession of the various branches of the family. The line in which we are interested is traced from Valentine Paul.

Valentine (known as "Falty") Paul, the pioneer who settled in Northumberland county, in that district now embraced in the territory of Upper Mahanoy township, located at the source of the Greenbrier creek, and owned a large tract of land, some of which he cleared and put under cultivation. In 1805 he purchased 120 acres in Mahanoy (now Upper Mahanoy) township for 550 pounds lawful money "truly in hand paid" from Philip and Magd. Diehl. The same year Philip and Magd. Diehl and their son Michael Diehl and his wife Magd. sold a second tract, lying adjacent to the one just mentioned, to Valentine Paul. He built a log house on what is now the farm of Peter H. Paul, and it was a very old structure when it was razed, in 1879. Valentine Paul was a member of the Reformed Church. He is buried at Howerters Church, but his grave is not marked. To him and his wife Susanna were born the following children: Benjamin, George, Michael, Valentine and Daniel. Of these, Michael is the ancestor of the branch of the family to which George W. Paul belongs. Concerning the others, George succeeded his father on the homestead, living there until his removal in 1856 to Illinois, where his descendants continue to reside; his children were Valentine, Peter, Jacob, Hannah and Sarah. Valentine, who was a farmer, lived on another part of his father's homestead; among his children were Michael (who moved West), Andrew (who was killed by a "Yankee" through some trouble about a land transaction), Polly and Catharine (married John Diehl). Daniel lived in part of his brother George's house for a time, later moving out West, where he prospered; he married Hannah

Heim, and they had one daughter, Mary, who was young when her parents moved West. In 1803, when St. Jacob's Lutheran and Reformed Church was organized, Michael and Benjamin Paul were among the prominent members.

Michael Paul, son of Valentine, was born in Upper Saucon township, Northampton Co., Aug. 13, 1768, and was there baptized. In Northumberland county he settled two miles south of his father's homestead, on a tract which is now the property of David D. Paul, a grandson, having a farm of 135 acres which afforded him a good living. He died at an advanced age and is buried at the Salem (Herb) Church, of which he and his family were members. His old family Bible, now in the possession of the widow of Elias Paul, shows date and place of his birth; that his wife Elizabeth Kuntzelman was born Jan. 25, 1773 (the wife of Michael Paul is recorded elsewhere as Elizabeth Geissinger, born Jan. 25, 1773, died Jan. 17, 1853; as his son Michael apparently married a Kuntzelman the surnames may have become mixed), and that their children were born as follows: Johannes, 1793; —, Dec. 27, 1794; —, Sept. 20, 1796; Michael, Sept. 21, 1798; Catharine, Oct. 27, 1800; John, Jan. 31, 1803; Samuel, Nov. 27, 1805; Susanna, Nov. 20, 1807; Tobias, Oct. 29, 1808. (Another account gives the children as Valentine, who remained on the homestead; Michael; and Lydia, who married Peter Brown. Lydia, wife of Peter Brown, was according to tombstone records born Sept. 23, 1817, and died March 27, 1887.) Among other items in the old Bible mentioned we find that Elias Paul, son of one Michael Paul, was born Oct. 15, 1824, and died May 8, 1906; his widow, Catharine (Maurer), was born Feb. 28, 1831.

Michael Paul, son of Michael and Elizabeth, was born Sept. 21, 1798, on the homestead, and died March 3, 1879. He is buried at St. John's Church, in Upper Mahanoy. He was a carpenter and an all-around skillful mechanic, being able to make shoes and wagons and do tailoring, in fact there was little in the way of handicraft that he did not undertake successfully. He was also a prosperous farmer, owning a tract of 100 acres, on which he built the house which still stands in 1868. In 1866 he built a barn, but it was destroyed by lightning in 1898 and rebuilt by his son Peter. He took an active part in local affairs, serving as supervisor and school director, and was prominent in the religious life of the community, being a Lutheran member of St. John's Church, which he served officially during the greater part of his mature life. His wife, Esther Hornberger, was a daughter of George Hornberger, who is buried in a private burial ground in a field in the eastern part of Cameron township. (Tombstone records say Michael L. Paul, born Sept. 21, 1798, died

— 3, 1879, aged eighty years, seven months, twelve days; wife Catharine Kuntzelman, born July 22, 1800, died Nov. 2, 1873. Johannes Kuntzelman and his wife Margaretha Reissin had a daughter Maria Catharine, born July 22, 1800.) To Mr. and Mrs. Michael Paul were born children as follows: John, who died in the Stone hospital, Washington, D. C., while serving in the army during the Civil war; Catharine, who married Elias Kahler; Peter H.; Polly, who married Andrew Kahler; George W.; Daniel H., who lives in Dauphin county, Pa. (his post office is Progress); and William, a resident of Upper Mahanoy township.

Peter H. Paul, son of Michael, is a retired farmer of Upper Mahanoy township, where for many years he was well known in public affairs, as well as in business life. He was born Aug. 5, 1848, and began his education in the subscription schools, later attending the free schools for two terms. Like his father, he is a mechanical genius, being able to work at many trades, and thus he has worked as a carpenter, blacksmith and wheelwright, has made a number of new wagons, and has made cloth for his own use, being handy at all sorts of mechanical work. He farmed for some years, owning eighty acres of the original Paul homestead, and he built the present barn on that tract in 1898. His undertakings prospered well under his efficient management, and his ability was recognized by his fellow citizens, who elected him for three terms as assessor and for the same period as school director. In politics he is identified with the Democratic party.

In November, 1873, Mr. Paul married Elizabeth Snyder, daughter of Simon and Leah (Wetzel) Snyder, of Upper Mahanoy township, and they have one daughter, Mary G., now the wife of Albert Gessner and the mother of one child, Leroy Allen; Mr. and Mrs. Gessner live with her parents, and he follows farming and carpentering. Mrs. Paul suffers almost constantly from rheumatism, having been an invalid practically since 1902, but her mental faculties are unimpaired, and she bears her infirmity with Christian fortitude. Mr. Paul and his family are Lutheran members of St. John's Church.

George W. Paul first attended the subscription schools, later receiving the benefits of the free schools. He was reared to farm life, and according to local custom worked for his parents until of age, in 1875 beginning to farm on his own account, at the homestead. The following spring he settled at his present farm in Upper Mahanoy, which contains ninety-one acres. It was at one time a Wren homestead, but the present set of buildings was erected by one Elias Smith. It was Wren, however, that established the mercantile business, about 1825, conducting it for many years, and he was succeeded by George Snyder. Elias



Schankweiler, and Smith & Herner, in turn. For some years after Smith & Herner discontinued business the store was closed, but Mr. Paul reopened it after moving to this location, in 1876, and two years later he succeeded in having the post office re-established, it having been removed to a place then known as Maurey's Hotel, near St. Jacob's Church. The store and post office are the most easterly in the township. Mr. Paul owns another farm besides his home place, a tract of 160 acres formerly known as the Daniel Howerter place, also in the eastern end of the township. Mr. Paul has been intrusted with various public responsibilities, was assessor of the township for some years, and was elected justice of the peace, but did not care to assume the duties of that position. On political questions he is a Democrat.

In 1874 Mr. Paul married Amelia Haas, daughter of Nathan and Elizabeth (Knorr) Haas, and they have had a family of four children: Sophronia, wife of Herbert C. Knerr, living in Shamokin, Pa.; Francis M., who married Katie Kehler and lives in Shamokin; George V., and Mabel C. Mr. Paul and his family worship at St. Jacob's Union Church, and he has been one of its useful members, having served eight years as deacon, and being present treasurer of the Sunday school, which office he has filled continuously since 1894.

WILLIAM C. BOYER, who has an up-to-date meat market and grocery in the borough of Sunbury, is one of the younger business men of that place whose energy and progressiveness have been marked factors in the bringing about of present conditions in its commercial life. He has been a resident of Sunbury since 1900. Mr. Boyer was born in Montour county, Pa., Nov. 13, 1876, and is a member of an old family of that region whose founder there, Henry Boyer, moved from Berks county, this State. He followed farming until his death, and is buried at the Follmer Church. He and his wife Catharine had children as follows: Jacob, Henry, Christopher, Susan, Benjamin, Phebe (Mrs. Thomas Bieber), Leah (Mrs. George Bieber) and Maria (Mrs. Henry Roul).

Benjamin Boyer, son of Henry, lived in Montour county, had a small farm, and engaged in farming and the manufacture of brick. He died Oct. 20, 1889, aged seventy-six years, and is buried at the Follmer Church. To him and his wife Mary (Miller), daughter of Samuel Miller, were born these children: Samuel M. lives at Pottsgrove, Pa., where he is serving as postmaster; George Francis lives in Michigan; Catharine died in infancy; Zacharias M. lives at Milton, Pa.; Charles P. lives on the homestead near Pottsgrove; U. Grant lives at Clarkstown, Pennsylvania.

Zacharias M. Boyer, son of Benjamin, was born May 6, 1851, on the homestead in Montour county, Pa. He was reared upon the farm and also worked

in his father's brickyard. In 1878 he moved to Milton, Northumberland county, where he still makes his home, and has ever since been engaged in the teaming business. He is an industrious and thrifty man, and is regarded by all who know him as an excellent citizen. On Dec. 30, 1875, Mr. Boyer married Emma Lattimere, daughter of Robert and Juliann (Gross) Lattimere, and they have the following children: William C. is mentioned below; Celia married Myron Fowler; Myrtle married Joseph Boyer; Mary; Catharine; Bertha; Robert.

William C. Boyer obtained his education in the common schools of Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county. He was employed at farm work until he reached the age of sixteen, after which he worked in the Godecharles iron works at Milton for about eight years. On Jan. 7, 1900, he arrived in Sunbury, where he completed an apprenticeship as butcher, in 1904 engaging in the butcher business on his own account, at his present location, No. 330 Line street, corner of Catawissa avenue. In 1906 he added a line of groceries, and he has since continued both branches of the business, having built up a large trade, one of the most extensive enjoyed by any tradesman in the city. He employs three men steadily. Mr. Boyer carries a very complete and desirable stock of groceries, both staples and fancy lines, and his meat market has the highest reputation. His prosperity is well deserved, for he has worked hard to attain his standing, and is much respected in business circles as well as among his patrons.

On June 23, 1905, Mr. Boyer married Mary Amelia Martz, daughter of William J. and Louisa (Lenig) Martz, of Sunbury, and they have four children: Mildred E., Charles W., Geraldine and Rachel. Mr. and Mrs. Boyer are members of Zion's Lutheran Church at Sunbury. Fraternally he belongs to the Royal Arcanum, the Modern Woodmen and the P. O. S. of A., all at Sunbury.

EMANUEL WILSON KERSTETTER, proprietor of a thriving general store at No. 619 West Pine street, Shamokin, is a native of Schuylkill county but a member of an old Northumberland county family. He is a descendant in the fifth generation from George Kerstetter, the founder of the family here.

George Kerstetter came to this country from Germany and settled near Shamokin, in Northumberland county, where he owned 250 acres of valuable land at what is now Ferndale, where he died. The old Nelson and Last Chance collieries were located upon this tract, which at one time was valued at six million dollars.

John Kerstetter, son of George, was born at what is now Ferndale, near Shamokin, and died in Cameron township, this county. He was a shoemaker by trade. His children were: Simon; John F.;



Adam, living in Coal township; Abraham, living in Cameron township; Susan, who married George Latsha; Kittie, who married Elias Derk; Salena, who married Jacob Weikel; Eliza, who married Daniel Kobel.

John F. Kerstetter, son of John, was born Oct. 30, 1817, in Little Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, and died April 29, 1875, in Cameron township, where he is buried, at St. Peter's Lutheran church. He followed the stonemason's trade in the Mahantango Valley and owned a farm of seventy-six acres in Cameron township. His wife, Abbie (Kramer), daughter of Christian and Lydia (Weary) Kramer, died in December, 1905, aged eighty-two years. They had a large family, viz.: Elizabeth married Alfred Schroder; Hettie married Samuel Croffert; Joel is mentioned below; Seth lives near Gosstown; Nathaniel lives at Mount Carmel; Helena married Jonathan Long; Henry lives on the old homestead in Cameron township; Lewis, born Aug. 29, 1854, a resident of Shamokin, married Mary A. Stahl, and their children are Laura Ella, Daniel H., Oswald W. and Lewis Oliver; Andrew is deceased; James is deceased; Jacob lives at Shamokin; Joseph lives on the old homestead in Cameron township; Susan married James Latsha, of Mount Carmel; Catharine married Amos Rhoads and they are living in the West.

Joel Kerstetter, son of John F., was born in 1848 in Northumberland county, and has followed farming all his life, now living in Upper Mahanoy township, where he owns a farm of ninety acres. He is a prosperous and respected citizen of his community. He married Hattie Dunkelberger, daughter of Joseph and Rachel (Federoff) Dunkelberger, and they have had seven children, namely: Emanuel W., Amelia, William, James, Marc, Cora, and Ida.

Emanuel Wilson Kerstetter was born Sept. 10, 1869, at Klumkerstown, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and received his education in the schools of Upper Mahanoy township and at the Gratz Academy, in Dauphin county. He had good advantages, and after leaving school as a pupil taught for seven years in all, being thus engaged in Upper Mahanoy township, this county, and in Eldred township, Schuylkill county. Coming to Shamokin in 1894, he found employment with N. C. Wolverton, as clerk, remaining with him about four years, since which time he has been engaged in business on his own account. He has a fine store at No. 619 West Pine street, and carries a stock of general merchandise which meets the local demand. He has good judgment in buying and anticipates the wants of his customers, whom he holds by satisfactory goods and prompt service. His store is well patronized and has a steadily growing trade. Mr. Kerstetter is regarded as one of the progressing busi-

ness men of the borough. He is a member of the Board of Trade and takes an intelligent interest in all projects which have for their object the welfare of the community, the promotion of trade activities and the encouragement of up-to-date public institutions.

On Dec. 25, 1891, Mr. Kerstetter married Alice Schreffler, daughter of Isaac and Malinda (Daniel) Schreffler, and six children have been born to them: Mabel, Charles, Hattie, Luther, Leona and Irene. Mr. Kerstetter is a member of the Lutheran Church and Sunday school, and socially he unites with the P. O. S. of A.

LEONARD KERSTETTER was an early settler in the western part of Cameron township, Northumberland county. He owned a tract of forty-four acres on which he farmed, erected a house and barn on this place, and died aged about eighty years. He is buried in Cameron township. In 1778 the names of Leonard and Martin Kerstetter appear among the pioneers of Mahanoy township, but in the first assessment of Cameron township, in 1814, Leonard's name appears among the taxables. His name appears in 1803 among the organizers of St. Jacob's Lutheran and Reformed Church, in Upper Mahanoy township. His wife's maiden name was Gerhard, and she is buried by his side. They had a large family, namely: Leonard, Philip, John, George, Daniel, Michael, Susan (married Peter Weigel), Hannah (married John Reichard), Mary Elizabeth (married Michael Derk and died in May, 1898, aged one hundred years, three months, eighteen days, at the home of her nephew, Simon Peter Kerstetter, in West Cameron township; she is buried at St. Peter's church in that township).

Leonard Kerstetter, son of Leonard, was a farmer in the western part of Cameron township, where he and his wife, Barbara (Heller), are buried. They had five children: John, who died young; Simon Peter; Isaac; Catharine, who married Daniel Kraemer; Salome, who married Solomon Gottschall.

Philip Kerstetter, son of Leonard, lived at Trevorton. He was a farmer for some years, in his later life hauling coal. He was twice married, and by his first wife had two children, Robert and Adam. To his second marriage, with Catharine Eisenhart, were born three children: Felix, Mary and Catharine.

John Kerstetter, son of Leonard, was a farmer in Cameron township. His children were: John, Abraham, Adam, Salome and Elizabeth.

George Kerstetter, son of Leonard, was a farmer and landowner of Cameron township, and is buried there. His wife was a Derk, and their children were: Daniel, George and Levi.

Daniel Kerstetter, son of Leonard, lives in the eastern part of Cameron township, near Gowen

City. He engaged in work around the coal mines. He married Luscena Wary, and among their children are Alexander and Joseph.

Michael Kerstetter, son of Leonard, lived in Bear Valley, two miles from Saanokin, where he did work about the coal mines. He married a Martz, and they had a large family. Their son William is out West. Charles was another son.

Simon Peter Kerstetter, son of Leonard and grandson of Leonard, was born June 3, 1840, and spent most of his life in Cameron township, working in the coal mines. He now, however, lives in Little Mahanoy. On April 15, 1866, he married Elizabeth Bingham, and of their four children three are deceased, the survivor, Benjamin Franklin Kerstetter, being a farmer in Little Mahanoy township, where he owns the original John Dunkelberger homestead. He married R. Agnes Long, and their children are: Elizabeth, Lloyd, George, Francis and Theresa.

**WILLIAM HENRY FRANCIS**, proprietor of the "Central House" at Trevorton, is one of the progressive business men of that town and is regarded as one of its reliable citizens. He was born July 19, 1874, at Exelsior, this county, son of John Paul Francis, who is now living retired at Trevorton.

Matthew Francis, his grandfather, was born in 1808 in Cornwall, England, where he followed ore mining. Coming to America in 1840, he settled at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he followed mining until his death a few years later, in 1847. His wife, Sarah (Paul), had come to America with their children in the fall of 1842, her husband meeting them at New York City. She survived Mr. Francis over forty years, dying Nov. 29, 1891, aged eighty-three years, six months, fourteen days. The children were: Matthew, who died in Iowa; John Paul; Joseph, who died in Philadelphia; Sarah, widow of Charles Webb, now living at Shenandoah, Schuylkill county; Jane, who married William Botham, of Newcastle, Pa.; Mary, widow of James Clifford, living at Allentown, Pa.; and William Henry, a resident of Trevorton.

John Paul Francis, son of Matthew, was born Feb. 26, 1836, in Cornwall, England, and was six years old when his mother brought him to America. At the early age of eight he began picking slate at the breaker, and in time became a miner, which occupation he followed for about forty years, becoming foreman, in which capacity he served at the Glendower colliery, near Minersville, Schuylkill county, and at the Enterprise colliery, operated by Thomas Baumgardner & Co. Having settled in the Mahanoy Valley, in Cameron township, Northumberland county, he followed farming for thirty-four years before his retirement from active labor. In 1909 he removed to Trevorton, where he has since led a retired life. Mr. Francis has long

been an ardent Republican in politics, and served as committeeman of his party in Cameron township, where he was also elected to the school board. He is a member of the Methodist Church, and has always taken an interest in everything affecting the public good. During the Civil war he enlisted, in April, 1861, in Company B, 14th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, in which he served three months as a private, being discharged at Carlisle, Pa., in August.

Mr. Francis first married Eliza Jane Craze, daughter of William Craze, of Schuylkill county, Pa., and she died in 1888, the mother of seven children, namely: Thomas M., born April 18, 1864, died March 22, 1866; Jemima, born Oct. 1, 1865, married Benjamin Machmer, of Trevorton; John H., born July 4, 1867, died Sept. 19, 1890; Emma Jane, born July 7, 1869, died Feb. 6, 1874; Joseph F., born July 6, 1871, married Ada Kline, daughter of Joseph, and they have one child, Paul A. (they live at Trevorton); William Henry was born July 19, 1874; Eliza H., born Dec. 16, 1876, died in July, 1877. For his second wife Mr. Francis married Mary Margaret Holzapfel, daughter of Philip M. and Anna M. (Ernst) Holzapfel, natives of Germany who came to America and settled in Cameron township, Northumberland Co., Pa., where they lived and died. Mr. and Mrs. Francis have had children as follows: Benjamin H., born Oct. 18, 1888, died Aug. 11, 1903; Stanley E., born Oct. 23, 1890, and Wilfred P., born Dec. 30, 1892, are at home; Carrie C., born Sept. 9, 1896, died Aug. 4, 1907; Elva B., born Aug. 17, 1899, is in school.

William Henry Francis, son of John Paul Francis by his first marriage, went with his parents to the Mahanoy Valley when a boy and there grew up, attending the local public schools in his earlier years, and in time commencing work at the mines. He was thus engaged for about fifteen years, at the North Franklin colliery. For a short time following he had a grocery business at Trevorton, in June, 1907, buying out the interest of D. N. Berkheiser in the "Central Hotel," which he has since conducted. It is a well known hotel stand, and Mr. Francis has shown considerable business ability in the manner in which he has carried it on. He is ambitious and a good manager, and has every prospect of taking a permanent place among the substantial business men of the town. He has served four years as auditor of Zerbe township, and has been quite active in local political circles as a worker in the Republican party, having been township committeeman for four terms.

In 1898 Mr. Francis married Sarah Ann Reed, youngest daughter of Emanuel Reed, of Trevorton, and they have one son, Franklin Reed Francis.

Peter Reed, Mrs. Francis's paternal grandfather, was born in Schuylkill county, Pa., and when only



a young man he was killed while blasting rock, on the Broad Mountain township road, in Schuylkill county. His wife was Madalena Kaufman, and their children were: Henry, who is deceased; Emanuel; Samuel, who was killed while serving in the army, in 1864; and Peter, deceased.

EMANUEL REED, son of Peter, was born July 5, 1840, in Lykens Valley, Schuylkill county, and was twelve years old when he came to Trevorton. He began work as a slate picker and followed mining until he reached the age of sixty-three years, since when he has lived retired. In 1864 Mr. Reed entered the Union service, enlisting in Company B, 184th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and saw service at Cold Harbor, the Wilderness, Petersburg, Deep Bottom, Ream's Station and Hatcher's Run, remaining in the army to the close of the war. He married Sarah Holshue, daughter of George Holshue, and they had the following children: Alice married Richard Phillips, of Shamokin; Elizabeth J. married Joseph Heim, of Trevorton; Helen J., twin of Elizabeth J., married Wilson Kline, of Trevorton; Emma married Jacob Snyder, of Trevorton; Mazzie married Daniel Reitz, of Shamokin Dam, Snyder county; Sarah Ann married William Henry Francis; Peter, Stephen, William and Emanuel, Jr., are residents of Trevorton.

HUBERT E. SNYDER, farmer and dairyman of Rockefeller township, Northumberland county, was born June 18, 1869, in Lower Augusta township, where the founder of the family in this region settled before the Revolutionary war.

Casper Snyder, the pioneer of the family in Northumberland county, came from Germany and settled here before the Revolution. He was a large land owner, having nearly one thousand acres, including what is now a part of the Updegrove farm, the Thomas, Peter and Adam Snyder farms, the tract now owned by Dennis H. and Newton W. Snyder, his great-grandsons, etc. He was a farmer and tavern-keeper, his tavern being located on the old Harrisburg and Sunbury road, where his son Peter succeeded him; in 1798 he built the old brick tavern known as "Blue Ball Tavern." He and his wife, Elizabeth Farst, are buried in the River cemetery at Fisher's Ferry, and according to the records there he was born May 2, 1745, and died Sept. 3, 1821. "Elizabeth," wife of Casper Snyder, born Feb. 5, 1754, died Aug. 12, 1823. They had the following children: (1) John, born Nov. 29, 1776, died April 29, 1851. (2) Polly, born June 21, 1782, died March 7, 1856, married a Mr. Updegraph and had three sons and one daughter, Isaac, Thomas, Adam and Sarah. Of these, Adam went to look after the vast fortune due the Snyders as heirs of the brother of Elizabeth Farst in Holland, but the connection was lost and he had no proofs to establish the claim.

(3) Peter, born April 21, 1783, died Feb. 19, 1866. (4) Sarah (Sally) married John Hendershot (1790-1851), and died Feb. 23, 1863, aged seventy-two years, three months, one day. They had six daughters and two sons, Eliza (Mrs. David Shipman), Harriet (who married Sylvanus Shipman, brother of David), Lydia (Mrs. Christian Fisher), Jane (Mrs. John Jones), Rebecca (Mrs. Sylvanus Shipman), Mary Ann (Mrs. Chambers Wynn), Isaac and Hiram. (5) George, born Sept. 3, 1785, died Feb. 9, 1812. (6) Casper lived near Sunbury, in Upper Augusta township. He had sons Thomas and Simon, and daughter Catharine (who married John Cooper; we have record of one daughter, Mary Cooper). (7) Catharine married William Silverwood and had sons, James, William and Hiram, and daughters Elizabeth (Mrs. John McPresson), Sarah (Mrs. John Climer), Harriet (who married Samuel Coul-dren) and Susannah (who married in the West).

John Snyder, son of Casper, was born in Lower Augusta township Nov. 29, 1776, and there made his home, owning the farm which is now the property of Martha Gass. His holdings were very large, his property having been divided into eight farms, seven of which he gave to his children. He owned and operated a distillery, cider press and sawmill and kept several teams busy transporting goods for him between here and Philadelphia, which was the market center for grain and provisions. A prominent and influential citizen of his day, he served twenty-five years as justice of the peace and held the rank of colonel in the State militia, standing at the head of the militia in his district for some years. He died April 29, 1851. His wife, Maria Margaret (Fisher), known as "Peggy" (only sister of Christian Fisher), is buried in the Presbyterian cemetery. They had children as follows: George, Thomas, Elizabeth (called Betsy, married John Wynn), Peter J., John, Adam (born April 9, 1814, died Dec. 15, 1895; his wife Martha died Sept. 30, 1869, aged forty-six years, five months, ten days) and Sally (born Jan. 10, 1809, married John Ebright, and died July 23, 1850). Of these, George, born Sept. 2, 1801, died Feb. 2, 1866. He was the progenitor of another branch of the family fully mentioned in this work.

John Snyder, son of John and Maria Margaret (Fisher) Snyder, was a millwright by trade, following that business all over the State. He also did farming, owning a small farm in Lower Augusta township. A man of active mind, he took an interest in matters of general interest, held the rank of captain in the State militia, and at the time of his death was serving as overseer of the poor. He was an old-line Whig in political conviction. He died March 25, 1877, aged sixty-nine years, eleven months, eleven days, and his wife, Martha (Norvinger), born Dec. 23, 1808, died



Jan. 31, 1862. They are buried at the Mountain Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Snyder was a Methodist in religious connection. They were the parents of eleven children, viz.: William; Matthew; Margaret, Mrs. Peter Shipman; Levi; Maria; Mrs. John Shipman; John N.; Henry C.; Susan; Mrs. David DeWitt; Jemima, who died unmarried; Stephen D., a railroad engineer; and Lydia, Mrs. Charles B. Smith. John N. is the only surviving son, and three of the daughters are living: Margaret, Susan and Lydia.

John N. Snyder, born March 5, 1838, on the Snyder homestead in Lower Augusta township, followed milling in that township until his health failed in 1876, when he moved to Rockefeller township. There he owns a farm of 115 acres in Brush Valley, which formerly belonged to Maj. Samuel Lantz, who built the large frame residence now standing on the property. Here Mr. Snyder farmed and followed dairying until the fall of 1908, and he has been succeeded by his son Hubert E. In the spring of 1909 he retired and moved to Sunbury, where he resides at No. 108 South Tenth street. He was made a Mason in 1874 in Lafayette Lodge, No. 194, F. & A. M., and in 1908 was transferred to Lodge No. 22, of Sunbury. Mr. Snyder served with the Union army during the Civil war under two enlistments, the first for nine months, during which he was a member of Company C, 136th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, of which he was a non-commissioned officer. Upon the expiration of that term he enlisted in Company H, 5th Pennsylvania Cavalry. He participated in the Antietam campaign, in the engagements at Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, the Richmond and Petersburg campaign, the battle of Five Forks, the flank movement on Richmond, etc. The morning of Lee's surrender he was engaged with Custer's forces, was dismounted, and after the surrender was sent back to camp at Richmond with other dismounted and disabled troops, and there received his discharge, by general order of the war department. Politically he is a Republican. He is a citizen who has always been willing to do his duty by the community, though he has taken no official part in the administration of public affairs.

In 1868 Mr. Snyder married Katie E. Seiler, daughter of George Seiler, of Lower Augusta township. Their sons have been born in Lower Augusta township, their daughters in Rockefeller township, namely: Hubert E.; George A., of Sunbury; Claud H.; Lizzie E., who married Addison C. Miller, a farmer and dairyman of Upper Augusta township, where they reside; Turie M., unmarried; and Jennie E., wife of Horace B. Neff.

Hubert E. Snyder was reared upon the farm, and worked for his parents until he reached his majority. In the spring of 1908 he began farming his father's farm in Rockefeller township, which he

has since conducted with great success, making a specialty of dairying in addition to general agriculture. He wholesales his milk in Sunbury. He is an intelligent and thrifty farmer, employing up-to-date methods in his work and proving himself thoroughly progressive in everything he undertakes. His standing in the community is high, and he deserves the respect of his fellowmen.

On Aug. 3, 1908, Mr. Snyder married Edna Stamm, daughter of J. William Stamm, of Northumberland, this county. They have one son, John William. The family belong to Lantz's Reformed Church. In political matters Mr. Snyder is a Republican.

**GEIST.** The Geist family has been well known in the lower end of Northumberland county for several generations. In 1828 one John Geist was a trustee of the Reformed congregation at the old established Himmel Church, in Washington township, with which the Geists have been prominently identified down to the present day. When St. John's Lutheran and Reformed Church, of Upper Mahanoy township, was organized in 1853 Peter Geist was one of the first trustees.

Christopher Geist, a German mineralogist, went from his native land to England, and from there was sent to Schwenkville, in Montgomery county, Pa., to manage or superintend a copper mine which is to this day an old landmark of that district. It is believed that one of the sons of this emigrant located in Longswamp township, Berks county. We find that one Christopher Geist came to America in 1740 on the ship "Lydia"; Fried. Wilhelm Geist came on the ship "Ranter" to America in 1749; and Hans Jacob Geist came on the "Brothers" in 1754. It is believed that the Geists now living in the Falkner Swamp district, Montgomery county, and the Geists of Longswamp township, Berks county, are of the same stock; and there were other Geists in Chester county, one Matthias Geist living on the west bank of the Schuylkill river in that county (it is thought he was buried at a Mennonite meetinghouse in that county); and John H. Geist, of Sunbury, is a great-grandson of Conrad Geist, who came from Germany about 1760 and located in Berks county. In 1790 there lived in Lancaster county the families of George and Jacob Geist, and in the same year the families of John and Matthew Geist lived in Montgomery county. In 1790 Conrad Geist, of the borough of Reading, had three sons over sixteen years old; two daughters; and wife. The same year there is record of George Geist, of Longswamp township, Berks county, with one son under sixteen years of age, one daughter, and wife; and of Valentine Geist, of Longswamp township, with one son under sixteen, two daughters, and wife.

An Andrew Geist died early in January, 1850, in Upper Merion township, Northumberland

county; his executors were Andrew Geist and Joseph Feger. Another Andrew Geist died in July, 1860; his executor was Solomon Schonkweiler.

Andrew Geist, grandfather of Wilson H. Geist, of Upper Mahanoy township, was born in Upper Mahanoy Jan. 5, 1801, son of Andrew Geist. He lived on the farm there now owned by his son Andrew, a tract of 112 acres which formerly belonged to one Andrew Snyder, and died there Feb. 12, 1878, his son Andrew succeeding him as owner of the property. Earlier he had owned and occupied a farm near by. He and his wife Mary Magdalena (Hepler), born May 4, 1803, died April 5, 1869, are buried at the Himmel Church, where several generations of Geists have been interred. He held several offices as an active member of the Reformed congregation of that church. His children were as follows: Elias located in Jefferson county, Pa.; Sarah married Daniel Seiler; Emanuel, born in 1828, died in 1844; Daniel H. is mentioned below; Lydia, born in 1834, died in 1836; Andrew is mentioned below; John, now (1910) sixty-five years old, has been an invalid all his life, having never been able to walk, and he now lives with Mr. and Mrs. Felix D. Mattern (the latter being his niece), who care for him tenderly, he being entirely helpless (he has a life interest in the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Mattern); Mary is deceased.

Daniel H. Geist, son of Andrew, was born May 31, 1832, in Upper Mahanoy township, and was a lifelong farmer. He lived three quarters of a mile west of Leek Kill, on a sixty-five-acre tract of valuable land now owned by his son Wilson H. Geist, and built the present barn there about 1875, putting up the house several years later, in 1883. He died there Aug. 13, 1901. He was a Democrat, and served many years as member of the township school board. His religious connection was with the Reformed congregation of the Himmel Church, to which his family also belong, and he served officially as deacon and elder. His wife, Cecellia (Updegraff), daughter of Jacob and Catharine (Kimmel) Updegraff, died Dec. 29, 1896, aged sixty-five years, nine months. They had children as follows: Mary died young; Alice married Rudolph Snyder; James married Mary Rothermel and died while a young man, leaving children, Edwin, Maud and Flossie; Wilson H. is mentioned below; Cassie married William Bast, of Leek Kill, and they have children, Gertie, Jennie, Walter, Morris, Stella, Harry and Clarence; Henrietta married Daniel Kieffer and they live in Washington township; Sylvester died when nine years old; Katie is the wife of William B. Geist.

Andrew Geist, son of Andrew and brother of Daniel H. Geist, has passed all his life in Upper Mahanoy township, where he was born July 4, 1839. He was reared to farming, which he has always followed, and since his father's death he

has owned the homestead place, which is a valuable piece of property and has been kept in a profitable state of cultivation under his efficient management. He met with continued success in his work, and during the later seventies built the fine large brick residence on the farm which he has since occupied. Mr. Geist married Mary Latsha, daughter of the late Michael Latsha, of Jackson township, and they have had five children: Ida married Felix D. Mattern; Agnes married David Trautman; Jesse married Alice C. Reitz; Oscar died young; Ella married Calvin Miller. Mr. Geist and his family are members of the Himmel Church, which he has served as deacon, elder and trustee. On political questions he is a Democrat.

WILSON H. GEIST, son of Daniel H. Geist, was born Feb. 22, 1867, in Upper Mahanoy township, where he is still engaged in farming, on his father's old homestead near Leek Kill. He received his education in the township schools, and his training to farm work under his father's supervision, working for his parents until he came of age. He has since been farming on the homestead on his own account, and his work has been successful to such an extent that he has been able to add twenty-two acres to the property, having one of the most valuable places along the Greenbrier creek, better known as Swabian creek. Mr. Geist has taken an interest in the local welfare and has served the township as overseer of the poor some years and as member of the road commission since 1907. Politically he is identified with the Democratic party. He and his family are Reformed members of the Himmel Church.

In 1890 Mr. Geist married Helen Koppenhaver, who was born Feb. 21, 1872, in Shamokin, in this county, daughter of Joseph and Rosanna (Faust) Koppenhaver, and they have had eight children: Maizie Edna, who died when exactly five months old; Beulah May, who died when one year, ten months old; Vertie M.; Earl R.; Edith A.; Luma E.; Helen M., and Russell W.

Abraham Geist, grandfather of William B. Geist, of Upper Mahanoy township, was born in Upper Mahanoy March 20, 1813, and was a successful farmer and enterprising business man, being one of the first dealers in live stock in his district. He had the best farm in the township, a place of 160 acres. He died Aug. 28, 1883, and is buried at Himmel's Church, as is also his wife, Elizabeth (Hepler), who was born June 10, 1813, and died July 14, 1888. She was a large and powerful woman, weighing nearly three hundred pounds. Besides John H. Geist they had children as follows: Christian (daughter), born in 1834, who died in 1835; Frank; William; Samuel; Lizzie, who married Alexander Gonser and lives at Lewisburg; William (?); Lydia, who



married Daniel Swartz and lived at Urban, Pa.; Hettie, who married Jacob Snyder (they are buried at Leck Kill Church); and Polly, who married Michael Powell and (second) a Mr. Shoemaker.

John H. Geist, son of Abraham, lived for a number of years in Upper Mahanoy township, of which he was one of the best known residents in his day. He was a most enterprising business man, a merchant, huckster, butcher, hotel-keeper and farmer, owned Leck Kill and several large farms there, was postmaster at Leck Kill, and in every way the leading spirit of the place. For ten years before his death he conducted the "Central House" at Williamstown, Dauphin county, and his son John has succeeded him as proprietor of this place. He died there in 1905, at the age of sixty-one years. His widow, Harriet (Beissel), is still living at Williamstown. They had children: Wilson O., William B., Anson, Charles, James, Martin, John and Laura (married to George Treutman and living in Snyder county).

WILLIAM B. GEIST was born Dec. 5, 1864, at Leck Kill, in the section of Upper Mahanoy township where he still resides. He obtained his education in the local schools, and was reared to farm life, which he has continued to follow. After working for his father until he attained his majority, he has since become one of the best known hucksters in his section. He began raising truck and general farm crops for himself in 1890, and now owns a forty-two-acre farm a quarter of a mile east of Leck Kill, which is under profitable cultivation. He has a cow-stone mine which covers his own and surrounding townships, and makes weekly trips to Shenandoah, Ashland and Girardville, disposing of produce and poultry. He has built up a steady custom, and by honorable dealing and reliable methods has gained and retained a large number of patrons who depend upon him for their supplies in his line.

In 1890 Mr. Geist married Katie Geist, daughter of Daniel H. and Cecellia (Updegraff) Geist, of Upper Mahanoy township, and granddaughter of Andrew and Mary Magdalena (Hepler) Geist. They have had a family of seven children: Gertie S., who married Raymond Haas; Jennie C.; Walter W.; Marie D.; Stella G.; Harry C., and John. Mr. Geist and his family worship at St. John's Church, belonging to the Reformed congregation. He is a Democrat in political connection, and has served for a number of years as supervisor of Upper Mahanoy township, where he is a most respected citizen.

EDWIN A. ADAM, who carries on a lumber business at Mount Carmel, Northumberland county, was born Nov. 19, 1871, at Hereford township, Berks Co., Pa., and is a member of one of the long established families of that region.

Anthony Adam, a potter by trade, was born in the Fatherland in the year 1716, and emigrated to America in the year 1741. He sailed from Rotterdam on the snow "Molly," commanded by Capt. John Cranch, which vessel arrived at Philadelphia, and the passengers, having taken the oath of allegiance to the English sovereign, were qualified to land Oct. 26, 1741. His age is entered on the passenger list as twenty-five years. On Feb. 7, 1748, he received from the proprietaries of the Province of Pennsylvania a warrant for a tract of 136 acres, 146 perches, of land in Albany township, then a part of Philadelphia county. This land was surveyed for him by the surveyor general of the Province, June 6, 1752. Andoni Adam, as he wrote his name, received a warrant for a tract of 135 acres and 47 perches "above Maxatawny," Feb. 7, 1748. In 1761 he sold 140 acres of his land in Albany township to John Reinhard. In 1766 he was administrator of the estate of Albrecht Stimmel, being the chief creditor. His administration account was audited and approved in December, 1768. The date of death of Anthony Adam, of Albany, is not known. It is known that he had sons Abraham, Anthony and Bernhard, who settled in Schuylkill county; and Peter. The name of Simon Adam, great-grandfather of Edwin A. Adam, does not appear among the known children of Anthony (?) or Peter, so it would appear the line in which we are interested would be traced through Abraham or Bernhard.

Simon Adam was married Feb. 13, 1776, to Catharine Eck, who died April 21, 1828. He died March 21, 1803. Their children were born as follows: John, Nov. 22, 1776; Anna, Sept. 30, 1778 (married Andrew Schuabel); James, Dec. 6, 1781; Catharine, Jan. 4, 1783 (married David Schuabel); Jean James, Feb. 2, 1785; Salina (married George Dapron); Elizabeth, June 20, 1788; John, Sept. 6, 1792; Paul, Feb. 5, 1797.

John Adam, son of Simon, was a well known farmer in Hereford township, Berks county, where he passed all his life. He and his wife Catharine (Hammerstine), daughter of Andrew and Barbara Hammerstine, are buried at Bally. Their children were: Jacob, Simon, John H., and Elizabeth.

John H. Adam, son of John, was born April 27, 1814, on a small farm, and grew to old age in the same place. He died Feb. 10, 1883, upon his farm, and he and his wife are buried at Bally. Her maiden name was Mary M. Klebs (also spelled Klase), and she was born April 30, 1808, and died June 21, 1879. They had five children: Elizabeth, born Dec. 15, 1840, died Oct. 15, 1877; John M. lives at Mahanoy City; Charles died in Berks county when twelve years old; Lucy A. died Jan. 24, 1906; Edwin A. is a resident of Mount Carmel.



Edwin A. Adam was born Nov. 10, 1851, in Hereford township, Berks Co., Pa., and was there reared upon the homestead farm, following farming until he attained his majority. Meantime he received his education in the common schools of the locality. Upon leaving home he located at Shamokin, Northumberland county, where he was in the employ of the late Darlington Kulp for a period of thirteen years, since when he has been engaged in the lumber business on his own account, at different places. He has lived at Mount Carmel since 1890, and for eleven years was a merchant in the borough. As a business man and citizen he occupies a substantial place in the community.

Mr. Adam married Mary C. Crowl, daughter of Jackson Crowl, of Elysburg, Pa., and to them have been born nine children: Gordon T. (of Mount Carmel), Lillie E., Mary M., Wheeler E., Flora A., Harriet Rella, John J., Mark J. (who died when three years old) and Anna L. Mr. Adam is a Catholic in religious faith.

**CHARLES A. KUNKEL**, engaged in the hotel and livery business in Shamokin, is a young man whose enterprise and good management are bringing him success. He was born in Shamokin Feb. 29, 1876, son of Leo Kunkel, a native of Germany, born in 1846, who came to America when a young man of twenty-two. He first located at Pittsburg, Pa., where he spent two years, thence coming to Shamokin. Here he followed mining until his death, in 1877, and is buried at Shamokin. Mr. Kunkel married Rosa Gafinski, who is now living in Wisconsin, and the five children born to them were named as follows: Joseph (who is deceased), Charles A., Tillie, Mary and Polly.

Charles A. Kunkel received his education in the public schools of Shamokin. When thirteen years old he became a shite picker at the mines, where he continued to work in various capacities until he reached the age of twenty-one years. At that time he engaged in the hotel business, but after conducting his place one year sold it and became bookkeeper for Squire Kreiger, with whom he continued for a period of three years. He then embarked in the wholesale liquor business on his own account, being thus engaged for one and a half years, when he sold out to the Mount Carmel Brewing Company. In 1906 he bought from Squire Kreiger the hotel stand where he has since done business. He enjoyed a large business from the time he took the management, having twenty-four rooms, and his being the only hotel in that section of Shamokin he had a thriving trade, which he succeeded in widening steadily by good business methods and satisfactory service. There was a fine hall on the top floor of the old building, which Mr. Kunkel rented for fairs, dances

and various entertainments; it was headquarters for the Springfield Band. On Aug. 4, 1910, the hotel building was completely destroyed by fire, the loss being thirty thousand dollars. With his customary enterprise Mr. Kunkel at once commenced rebuilding, on the same site, his new hotel being thoroughly up-to-date and a credit to the community as well as to the owner. Kunkel's hall, built on an adjoining lot, is 60 feet square. In connection with his hotel Mr. Kunkel has a livery business, keeping eight horses, for which there is constant demand.

Mr. Kunkel is well known socially, holding membership in the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Red Men, East End and Friendship Hose Companies, several Polish societies, and St. Stanislaus church. He is a Democrat in political matters.

On Nov. 26, 1892, Mr. Kunkel married Gertrude Green, daughter of William Green, of Mount Carmel, Pa. They have four children, namely: Clement, Florence, Violet and Alma.

**BENJAMIN F. BASTIAN**, of Sunbury, who carries on an up-to-date bakery on Eckman avenue, between Line and Race streets, was born July 31, 1868, in Upper Augusta township, Northumberland county, son of Matthias D. Bastian. He is a member of the fourth generation in that township, being a great-grandson of George Michael Bastian, who founded the family there, and from whom we give the family record.

George Michael Bastian was a native of Northampton county, Pa., born March 13, 1768, and died Feb. 18, 1845, in Upper Augusta township, Northumberland county, where he had followed farming, having a 200-acre tract known (and so called in the deed) as "White Lily Garden Farm." He and his wife died on that place, and they are buried in the old cemetery at Sunbury. Her maiden name was Susanna Bollender, and she was born Oct. 7, 1770, in Greenfield township, Berks county. Their children were as follows: Jesse lived in Sunbury; Peter died at Milton, Pa.; Daniel is mentioned below; George died in Sunbury; Catherine married John Renn and they lived in Sunbury; Christianna married Henry Conrad and they lived in Rockefeller township; Rachel married John Sinten and they lived at Alaska, this county; Elizabeth died unmarried, in Rockefeller; Lucy married Jeremiah Zimmerman and died in Shamokin, Pennsylvania.

From public records in the courthouses at Sunbury and Lewisburg has been taken the following information, which is here given not only as being of interest in this connection, but also as it has considerable bearing upon the spelling of the name, which seems to have been written Bastian from the time the records begin, in 1791, with two exceptions. Both these times it was found written Boston, but it must be noted that

on one of these two occasions the signer made his mark.

George Michael Bastian, Sr., came from Northampton county in the year 1791, and on June 16, 1791, bought 500 acres of land from Richard Willings of Delaware county, Pa., about two miles below Sunbury, Pa., on the west side of the Susquehanna river, and in the body of the deed the name is written George Michael Bastian. On June 11, 1798, George Michael Bastian, Sr., sold to George Michael Bastian, Jr., 176 acres of the above tract of 500 acres and in the body of this deed the name is written George Michael Bostion; the deed is also signed George Michael Bostion.

On May 10, 1819, George Michael Bastian, Jr., sold the above 176 acres to Lewis Dewart; he signed his name in German and it is written George Michael Bastian, and his wife Susanna Bastian signed by mark, her name being written the same way. On the same day and year Lewis Dewart sold to George Michael Bastian 300 acres in Augusta township about three miles southeast of Sunbury; in the body of this deed the name is written Bastian. On May 15, 1841, George Michael Bastian, Jr., sold to Henry Gass 76 acres of land in Augusta township, and in the body of this deed the name is Bastian; it is also signed George Michael Bastian. In the year 1844 George Michael Bastian, Jr., made his last will and testament and in the body of the will we find the name Bostion; it is signed Bostion, but by mark.

In the year 1845 George Michael Bastian, Jr., died, and on the tombstone is inscribed Bastian. His son George was one of his executors, and all papers signed in settling up the estate show the spelling Bastian.

In the year 1791 George Michael Bastian, Sr., gave a mortgage to Richard Willing, and he signed himself George Michael Bastian. In the year 1809 George Michael Bastian, Jr., gave a mortgage to Lewis Dewart, and it is signed George Michael Bastian.

One Daniel Bastian had a lawsuit in 1797.

Daniel Bastian, son of George Michael, Sr., was born Aug. 8, 1806, in what is now Snyder county, Pa., and was a young man when he came across the river into Upper Augusta township. There he married Elizabeth Drayer, daughter of Matthias Drayer, and they were Lutheran members of the Lantz Church in what is now Rockefeller township, both being buried at that church. Mrs. Bastian died Jan. 21, 1869, aged fifty-nine years, three months, twenty-seven days. Mr. Bastian died Dec. 29, 1879. He was a potter, and followed his trade in Sunbury and Upper Augusta township for many years, in his later life also engaging to some extent in carpentering. Mr. and Mrs. Bastian had a large family, as follows: Sarah died in childhood; Joseph was killed while serving in the Civil war (he was married); George,

a carpenter, died Feb. 3, 1897, aged sixty years, five months, ten days; Matthias D. is mentioned below; Henry died in young manhood, in Rockefeller township; Polly married Jeremiah Cooper and they lived in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Landis is a farmer in Upper Augusta; Daniel died Sept. 25, 1878, aged thirty-one years, two months, twelve days; Mary Ellen married Samuel Fry and died Aug. 5, 1879, aged fifty-six years, ten months, twelve days; Jeremiah, of Sunbury, is a painter; Anna married Henry Nase and they live in Chicago.

Matthias D. Bastian, son of Daniel, was born Oct. 11, 1838, in Northumberland county, and was brought up on the farm in what is now Rockefeller township. During the Civil war he enlisted in Company B, 184th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving as a private one year and four days. He was wounded in action in front of Petersburg and as a result had his right arm amputated while a prisoner at Libby, where he was confined for eighty-two days. After the war, however, he resumed farming, engaging in general agriculture and trucking until about 1893, when he retired and settled in Sunbury. His home is at No. 803 Market street, in that borough. Mr. Bastian is a Republican in politics and has served as constable and as jury commissioner of Northumberland county. He is a member of Bruner Post, No. 335, G. A. R., and of Lodge No. 203, I. O. O. F., both Sunbury organizations.

On Aug. 19, 1862, Mr. Bastian married Lydia Poyer, daughter of Abitha and Rebecca (Mitchell) Poyer, of Sunbury, and twelve children have been born to their union: Charles E., Elizabeth (married to Abraham Roger), Maclay, Benjamin F., Daniel, William, Joseph, Cora, Alberta, Jennie, and two that died in infancy. Mr. Bastian and his family are members of the Reformed Church. Mrs. Bastian died March 30, 1900.

Benjamin F. Bastian was educated in the public schools in the neighborhood of his early home. He was reared to farming, and followed agricultural work until he reached the age of eighteen years, when he learned the trade of baker. In 1900 he came to Sunbury, embarking in business about that time, and he has built up an extensive trade, employing four men at present. His specialties are bread and pastry. In 1910 Mr. Bastian erected the modern establishment he now occupies, a store 32 by 61 feet on Eckman avenue, equipped with the most modern facilities known to the trade. His oven cost \$1,500, and the rest of the place is in keeping. Store and bakery are clean and sanitary, the entire place being a credit to the owner and to the community.

On June 29, 1903, Mr. Bastian married Sue Brubaker, daughter of Jared and Susan (Renn) Brubaker, who died at Sunbury. Mr. and Mrs. Bastian have a large and comfortable home of



their own at No. 144 North Fifth street. He is a member of the United Evangelical Church of Sunbury, and holds office at present.

EZRA C. KELLER, proprietor of the "State Road Hotel," at Weigh Scales, in Ralpho township, has been there a comparatively brief time, but he has had considerable experience in the hotel business, and his establishment has shown great improvement under his management. Mr. Keller was born Oct. 19, 1867, at Strausstown, Berks Co., Pa., son of George W. Keller and grandson of John O. Keller, and he comes of an old family of Berks county.

The Keller family of Rockland is of German extraction, being descended from John Christophel (Christoffel) Keller, better known as "Stoffel" Keller, who was born in Nitsche, Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, son of Jacob Keller, a well known weaver who resided at that place. Jacob Keller was the father of six children, two of whom died in childhood. Two sons, both named Johan Adam, were distinguished by being called "der grosse Johan" (Big John) and "der kleine Johan" (Little John). John Christophel came next, and there was one daughter, Elizabeth Catharine. In 1764 John Christophel Keller, then seventeen years of age, came to America. His father gave him considerable money in gold, which he sewed in a belt and carried on his body. He made the voyage on the "Brittania," Captain Arnot, from Rotterdam to Philadelphia, where young Keller landed September 26th. From Philadelphia he walked to Rockland township, Berks county, where he found a home with the Reichert family, who were also from Nitsche, Mrs. Reichert having at one time worked for his father. With them he followed his trade of weaver. In 1765, at the age of eighteen, he married Catharine Delp, daughter of John Nicholas Delp, a large landholder of Rockland, and soon after his marriage secured a tract of land from his father-in-law. He began to clear this land, and it is said his wife assisted in the work. This home remained in the connection for over one hundred years, and the old log house, built before 1770, is still standing and in good condition. Stoffel Keller died there, in November, 1834, at which time he was living with his son-in-law, Squire Joseph Specht. His property in Rockland comprised about forty acres. He was a man of great force of character and considerable intelligence, was a school teacher, and preserved his mental vigor to the last. He served in the war of the Revolution. His wife, Catharine, died over ten years before him. Their children were as follows: (1) Maria, 1767-1850, married Michael Welder and had nine children. (2) Jacob married Betsy, daughter of John Specht, and they lived and died near Pricetown. They had children: John, who married Elizabeth

Wahl; Catharine, wife of Henry Noll; Rebecca, Mrs. Buskirk; Lydia, Mrs. Wahl; and Daniel. (3) Catharine married Daniel Specht and (second) Peter Muthart, and had five children. (4) Conrad married Polly Neiman, whose first husband was killed by the Indians in 1781. Their children were John, who married Esther Clouser; George, who married Lucy Bast; David, who married and lived in New York City; Charles, a prominent citizen of Berks county and later of Montgomery county (where he died March 7, 1897, aged eighty years), who married Harriet Moyer. (5) Elisabeth married Henry Moyer and had seven children. (6) Susan married Joseph Specht, Esq., and they had seven children. She died in 1832 and he subsequently married a Muthart, by whom he had two sons. He died in 1854. (7) George married Kate Keller and they lived and died near Pricetown. Their children were Abraham, Magdalena and Joseph. (8) Magdalena married Henry Sterner and had six children. (9) Abraham married Magdalena Specht, daughter of John and sister of Squire Joseph Specht, and they had two children, both of whom married, and both moved to Wauseon, Ohio, where their descendants reside. (Benjamin who was married four times, last time to Mrs. Sarah DeLong, daughter of Squire Joseph Specht, was a son or a brother of Abraham.) (10) Sarah died unmarried at the age of twenty-six years. (11) John married Betsy Egolf. They had no children. (12) Mary (Peggy), 1799-1879, married Jacob Sterner and had eight children.

From this source came John O. Keller, grandfather of Ezra C. Keller. He was born in Rockland township, Berks county, and followed farming at Pricetown, that county, where he died. He and his wife Sarah had children: Jacob, John, Joseph, Henry, Daniel, George W., Sarah, Mrs. Reinheimer, Mrs. David Welder and David.

George W. Keller, son of John O. Keller, was a stationary engineer as well as farmer. For eighteen years he lived upon a farm near Fleetwood, Berks county. He subsequently farmed at Shaefersstown and then moved to Strausstown, Berks county, where he still makes his home. He has continued to follow farming to the present. He has been twice married, his first union being with Henrietta Sheaffer, daughter of Daniel Sheaffer, his second to Leanda Gerhert. His children, all by the first union, were: Mary, Oscar and Ezra C., the last named being the only survivor.

Ezra C. Keller was reared upon the farm. After spending four years at Akron, Lancaster Co., Pa., he returned home and went to school for a year. He then located at Helfenstein, Schuylkill county, where he was engaged as a clerk for John Purcel & Co. two years, at the end of that time going to Shamokin, where he became a clerk for D. A. Haas. He was thus employed for four



months, after which he took a position as clerk at the "Eagle Hotel," where he remained three years and seven months, having charge of the stables for two years. In 1896 he bought the "Eagle Hotel," which he conducted for two years, selling out to George Brewer. For the next four and one half years he conducted the "Mansion House," and then for a similar period had the "Forks Hotel." On Nov. 1, 1907, he bought his present place, the "State Road Hotel" at Weigh Scales, where he has made many friends during the short time he has been at that point. Under his direction the establishment has been vastly improved, and travelers are given special attention. His hotel is a popular place for dinner and supper parties, and the patronage is steady. Mr. Keller has won the respect of the community, where he is regarded as a most desirable citizen. He is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and of the Improved Order of Red Men, and is a Republican in political sentiment.

Mr. Keller married Mary A. Gross, daughter of Eberhart and Lena (Hafer) Gross, and they have three children: Viola H., Lena H. and Catharine I. The family are Lutherans in religious connection.

**BROWN.** The Brown family has been identified with Upper Mahanoy township and that region of Northumberland county for over a century, having been founded there in the early days by Michael Brown, a native of Longswamp township, Berks Co., Pa., born Feb. 16, 1772. Coming to this section he became a farmer in what is now Upper Mahanoy township, on the property now owned by John Fetter and Albert Gessner. He died May 9, 1851, and his wife, whose maiden name was Cherry, was born March 30, 1770, and died Feb. 18, 1844. They were members of the Reformed congregation at the Himmel Church. They were married July 15, 1794, and nine children were born to this couple, as follows: Rebecca, March 10, 1796; Magdalena, Jan. 19, 1798; Catharine, June 18, 1800; John, March 17, 1803; Andraes, Aug. 16, 1805; Michael, July 13, 1807; George, April 26, 1809 (died July 13, 1864; wife Lydia, born Jan. 20, 1813, died March 27, 1892); Peter, Aug. 16, 1811 (died Sept. 12, 1878; wife Lydia, born Sept. 23, 1817, died March 27, 1887); Susanna, March 5, 1814.

John Brown, son of Michael, born March 17, 1803, lived on the place now occupied by his son John F. Brown. He was not only a farmer, but a carpenter and weaver as well, doing house and shop carpentry, making considerable furniture and in his earlier years many coffins, and he wove all sorts of woolen wear and carpets. He was active in church life and held various church offices. His wife, Catharine (Fetter), daughter of Friedrich Fetter, was born Aug. 27, 1806, and died Jan. 3,

1871, and Mr. Brown passed away March 10, 1881. They are buried side by side at the Salem Church. Their children were as follows: Fromena, born in August, 1829, married Elias Erdman and (second) Daniel Romberger; Lovina, born in 1831, married Jacob Paul; Jacob, born in 1833, died aged fourteen years; Hannah, born in 1836, died unmarried; Simon is mentioned below; a son born in 1841 died in infancy; Elias, born in 1843, died aged six years; John F. is mentioned below; Catharine, born in 1850, married Monroe Shadel.

Simon Brown, son of John, was born Aug. 31, 1838, on the farm of his father in Upper Mahanoy township, and was a lifelong farmer, an industrious, thrifty, successful man. His property adjoined the homestead to the south. An active member of the Reformed congregation at the Salem Church, he served as deacon and elder, and he is buried at that church. His death occurred Jan. 17, 1902, when he was aged sixty-three years, four months, seventeen days. Mr. Brown married Catharine Paul, who was born Dec. 19, 1838, daughter of Abraham and Esther (Merkel) Paul, and died Aug. 2, 1906. They were the parents of nine children: John W., Hettie, Cassie (married Elsworth Erdman), Adam H. (deceased), a son that died in infancy, Polly (deceased), Milton (deceased), Abraham and William.

JOHN W. BROWN, son of Simon, is a farmer in Upper Mahanoy township, where he was born Oct. 2, 1870. He obtained his education in the home locality, attending the common schools, and was trained to farm work from boyhood, beginning farming on his own account at his present home in 1901. This was once a Delo homestead, was later owned by Jacob Paul, and after him, by Simon Brown, father of John W. Brown. It consists of ninety-five acres located a quarter of a mile from the Schuylkill county line, and is well improved, though the house and barn are structures of long standing. Mr. Brown has gained a position among the most honorable and trusted citizens of his locality, and he has been chosen to serve as auditor of his township. In politics he is identified with the Democratic party.

On Nov. 28, 1891, Mr. Brown married Harriet Rothermel, who was a daughter of Solomon and Fietta (Snyder) Rothermel, and she died April 9, 1910, aged forty years, seven months, four days. She was a highly respected woman, and her funeral was largely attended, many neighbors and friends showing their sympathy for the bereaved family. To Mr. and Mrs. Brown were born children as follows: Clements, Maud, Minnie and Beriah (who died in 1908, aged six months). Mr. Brown and his family are Reformed members of the Salem Church, and he has served as deacon of his congregation.

JOHN F. BROWN, son of John and Catharine (Fetter) Brown, is a well known farmer citizen

of Upper Mahanoy township, where he was born Dec. 13, 1845. He has passed all his life on his father's homestead, working for his father until past his majority. After his father's death the property, consisting of sixty-five acres, came into his possession. One part of the house is very old, having been built probably more than a hundred years ago, and the rest of the buildings on the place were erected by John Brown, father of the present owner. Mr. Brown has been particularly interested in public school matters in his township, and his services on the school board cover almost twenty years; he is still a member of that body. Politically he is a Democrat.

In May, 1873, Mr. Brown married Elmira Dietz, daughter of Jonas Dietz, whose father, Michael Dietz (1806-1882), came to this section from Berks county. She died in August, 1874, at the early age of twenty-two years, the mother of one son, William Franklin, who now lives near Uniontown, Pa. Mrs. Brown was a member of the Reformed congregation at the Salem Church. On Oct. 17, 1875, Mr. Brown married (second) Emma Elizabeth Kiehl, daughter of George and Mary (Stahr) Kiehl, of Upper Mahanoy township, but now of Ashland, Pa., and by this union there have been twelve children: Jane E., married to Wilson Reitz; Charles V., who married Sarah Mattern; John Preston, who married Sallie Trautman; Katie S., who died aged seventeen years, seven months, eighteen days; Sadie E., married to Charles Wiest; Farietta; Froene Mabel, married to J. Allen Reed; Samuel W.; one daughter that died in infancy; Clarence O.; Lulu May, and Rosa Alveta. Mr. and Mrs. Brown and their family belong to the Reformed congregation of the Salem Union Church, at Rough and Ready, to which his parents also belonged. He has been an active member for many years, having served as deacon, for many years as trustee, and since 1903 as elder.

JOHN W. HECK, merchant and justice of the peace at Marion Heights, this county, which forms part of the borough of Keiser, has been one of the leading and most active citizens of that borough since its organization, and his influence has been felt in many of the most progressive movements in this section. He has been in business there in various lines ever since he settled in the place, and has held a number of the local offices, giving the same intelligent service in public affairs as he does in the conduct of his private interests.

Mr. Heck is of German descent, his grandfather, Samuel Heck, having come from his native Germany when a young man and settled in Maryland, in which State he passed the remainder of his life. He followed the milling business.

John W. Heck, son of Samuel, was born in Maryland, and coming to Pennsylvania located

at Mount Pleasant, Schuylkill county, where he owned the hotel for a number of years. He sold out the business about two years before his death, and thereafter followed butchering. He died suddenly, at the age of forty-three years. To him and his wife Rebecca (Hartlein) were born seven sons, only two of whom survive: Francis (who is in the wholesale flour business at Shamokin, Pa.) and John W.

John W. Heck, son of John W. and Rebecca (Hartlein) Heck, was born in 1859 at Mount Pleasant, Schuylkill Co., Pa. He was brought to Northumberland county when six years old, and grew up in Shamokin township, where he attended the public schools until he reached the age of fourteen years. He then went to the Freeburg Academy, in Snyder county, for three terms, after which he began work. Locating at Reed's station he was employed in the manufacture of smoking tobacco for some time, and then located at Paxinos, where he followed the butcher business for three years. For the next two and a half years he was with the Reading Company, after which he taught school at Paxinos for two terms. Then for three years he was superintendent of the Paxinos store, for Mrs. Littlehail, spending the next three years with George W. Miffin, whom he bought out. He continued in the business as proprietor for two and a half years, when he sold out, in 1897 making a trip to Alaska, prospecting. He was eleven months and fourteen days on this interesting journey. Upon his return he located at Freeburg for a year and a half, removing thence to Ashland, Schuylkill county, where he became manager of the "Ashland House." While there he was granted a license, in 1899, at Marion Heights, being the first in the place to obtain a license as hotel-keeper, but he continued for a time at Ashland, being there from 1898 to November, 1899. He has since been a resident of Marion Heights. In 1901 he built a fine three-storied hotel in the eastern part of the town and conducted same until May, 1902, at which time he sold to Lewis Zuschin. He has since been engaged in the mercantile business, carrying a large general stock, besides flour and feed, and in 1904 built the fine store and dwelling, 36 by 48 feet in dimensions, which he has since occupied.

There has been no more public-spirited citizen in Keiser than Mr. Heck. He was the leader in the movement which resulted in the formation of the borough of Keiser, in 1905, and in February, 1906, he was elected the first justice of the peace, which office he is still filling. The first chief burgess was Joseph Lucas. Mr. Heck has also served as clerk of the council and as secretary of the school board. He is a Democrat in political conviction, and though the borough could boast but eleven Democrats in the fall of 1907, at a normal election, there were seventy-six votes cast for a



Democrat who was a good local man, the influence of citizens like Mr. Heck being apparent on such occasions. He was formerly a member of the I. O. O. F., the K. G. E. and the P. O. S. of A.

In 1879 Mr. Heck married Clara Menges, daughter of George W. Menges, of Freeburg, Pa., and to them have been born seven children, four of whom survive: George, Leroy (married to Rebecca Hoover, and living in Philadelphia), Mary E. and Maude F. The family are Lutherans in religious connection.

JOHN J. CAMPTON, funeral director and embalmer, of Shamokin, has been engaged in that line of business in the borough for a period of thirty years, since 1880. He is located at No. 410 Webster street, and has facilities for the convenient handling of the excellent trade he has established.

Mr. Campton was born in 1852 in Trevorton, Northumberland county, son of James and Annie (Buggey) Campton, natives of Ireland. The father came to this country from County Tipperary when a young man, with his wife and small family, and they made their first settlement in Schuylkill county, later moving to Trevorton, where Mr. Campton followed mining. He was killed while at work in the mines, in 1852, at Donaldson; he is buried at Minersville, Schuylkill county. Mrs. Campton died at Shamokin. They had a large family, namely: Mary A., Joanna, Ellen, Margaret, Catherine, Sarah, Elizabeth and John J.

John J. Campton began attending school at Trevorton. He was eight years old when he came to Shamokin, where he has since lived, and on commencing work learned the cabinetmaker's trade, at which he was engaged until he went in to the undertaking business, in 1880. He is well fitted for his business, both by training and by experience, and has his full share of the local patronage.

Mr. Campton married Minie L. Cobb, daughter of Gaudner Cobb, late of Shamokin, and they have had children as follows: Normand, born Nov. 22, 1883, who died when four years old; James, born Jan. 6, 1885, who died when fourteen months old; Gilbert, born April 2, 1886; Eva, born Aug. 28, 1887; John, born Nov. 2, 1888; Gordner, born Feb. 7, 1890, who died in infancy; Arthur, born Aug. 8, 1891; Edward, born Feb. 28, 1893; George, born March 2, 1894, who died when fourteen months old; Joseph, born April 21, 1895, who died when fourteen months old; William, born April 15, 1896, who died when ten months old; Harry, born April 2, 1897; Anna, born Nov. 5, 1897; Margaret, born Nov. 1, 1901; Laura, born July 3, 1902; Charles, born April 22, 1906; and two sons that died in infancy unnamed.

Mr. Campton is a member of St. Edward's

Catholic Church of Shamokin, and fraternally belongs to the Knights of Columbus.

WILLIAM S. KAHLER, who has been a farmer in Upper Mahanoy township since 1876, belongs to a family which has been located in Juniata county, Pa., since his grandfather, Philip Kahler, came to this country from Germany, about 1852. He landed at Castle Garden, New York, and thence proceeded at once to Juniata county, settling in the woods in a region then sparsely populated and unimproved. He had to clear the land before he could commence its cultivation, erected the first buildings on the tract, and was a pioneer in every sense of the word. He took up 250 acres, but sold some of it, and became a prosperous farmer, his industry and well directed energy bringing him a good living. He and his wife were buried at Leininger's Church in the locality where they settled. In religion he was a Lutheran. Mr. and Mrs. Philip Kahler had children as follows: Margaretha married Henry Ford; Barbara married Barney Fogel, who was of German extraction; William and George both became farmers in Greenwood township, Juniata county, where the daughters also lived, their husbands being farmers there.

George Kahler, son of Philip, was a native of Germany, and was about fourteen years old when he came with his parents to this country. He passed the rest of his life in Greenwood township, Juniata Co., Pa., dying there in October, 1890, at the age of sixty-two years. He owned a farm of 130 acres, and was an enterprising agriculturist, becoming one of the most successful farmers of his neighborhood. He was a Democrat, and served his township many years in the office of supervisor. He and his family were of the Lutheran faith, and were members of Leininger's Church, where he is buried. To his first marriage, with Amelia Snyder, daughter of Jonas Snyder, were born the following children: Catharine married William Feltman; Louisa married Amos Howerter; Philip died in infancy; William S. is mentioned below; Susanna married Jacob Mitterling. For his second wife Mr. Kahler married Lydia Hallman, and they had two children: Edward, now a resident of Schuylkill county, Pa.; and George H., of Jackson township, Northumberland Co., Pennsylvania.

William S. Kahler was born Aug. 9, 1856, in Greenwood township, Juniata Co., Pa., and began his education in the subscription schools of the home district, later attending the public schools. In his twenty-third year he commenced to learn the carpenter's trade, which he followed for nine years. Meantime, in the fall of 1876, he had come to Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, and at once located on the farm which has since been his home. After giving most



of his attention to farming for several years he purchased a steam threshing outfit, the second to be put into operation in the locality, and for nineteen years did threshing. He has also sawed considerable timber, and since 1894 has operated a cider press, making large quantities of cider. Besides his home farm he owns a place of forty-seven acres lying along the road between Leek Kill and Line Mountain, formerly the Elias Howarter homestead. Mr. Kahler is regarded by all his associates as a man of ability and intelligence, as is shown by the fact that he has been honored with official recognition in the various phases of the life of the community with which he has been identified. He is a Democrat in politics, has been school director of the township and is at present supervisor; has been deacon of St. James (Howarters) Church, where he and his family worship; and is a past grand of Eureka Lodge, No. 260, I. O. O. F., of Leek Kill, in which he has passed all the chairs.

In 1880 Mr. Kahler married Mary Howarter, only daughter of Elias and Caroline (Leffler) Howarter, and they are the parents of two children: Katie married Francis M. Paul, of Shamokin, Pa., and has one child, Verna; Francis H., who is an engineer, married Eliza Paul, daughter of William Paul, and they have one son, Clarence W.

**HOWARTER.** Adam Howarter, the first known ancestor of a family numerously represented in Berks and Northumberland counties, Pa., was born Sept. 2, 1742, and died in what is now Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland Co., Pa., near Howarters Church, Dec. 6, 1819. The inscription on his tombstone says "born in Chester county," but family tradition has it that he was one of the Hessian soldiers brought here by the English government during the Revolutionary war, after which he settled in Chester county, Pa. About 1786 he located in Longswamp township, Berks county, where in 1790 the Federal Census Report records him as the head of a family of three sons and four daughters. The eldest son, Henry, was already married in that year, but at that time had no children. He is said to have remained in Berks county, but Adam and his other children, sons Johan Adam and Johan Peter and four daughters, came to the Mahantango Valley, settling in that district now embraced in Upper Mahanoy township, where the father took up a large tract of land, some of which he cleared, erecting the first set of buildings thereon. He and his wife Catharine, who according to the tombstone inscription was born in Europe Dec. 23, 1748, and died April 23, 1819, are buried at Howarters Church. They were Lutherans in religion, as are their descendants. Three of their daughters married brothers named Wary, another

was married to a Spiece, and another to a DeTurk. One of the Warys is buried at Mahanoy, one at Herb's Church. The tradition that the emigrant ancestor was a Hessian soldier may be correct, as no Howarter appears among the immigrants to this country recorded in the Pennsylvania Archives.

Johan Adam Howarter, one of the sons of Adam Howarter who accompanied him to Northumberland county, was born Aug. 24, 1769, and died Feb. 14, 1847. His wife, Catharine (Diehl), born Nov. 29, 1772, died May 18, 1851. They had no children. They are buried at Howarters Church.

Johan Peter Howarter, the other son of Adam Howarter who came with his father to Northumberland county, was born Nov. 4, 1772, and owned a 130-acre farm near Howarters Church, in Upper Mahanoy township, where he died May 6, 1862. This place is now owned by George Paul. He was one of the prominent members of Howarters Church, in which he held various official positions, and he was one of the building masters when the first church was erected. That edifice stood until replaced by the present building, in 1893, which his grandson, Amos Howarter, helped to build. His family are also buried there. He married Elizabeth Diehl, who was born Aug. 27, 1778, daughter of Johannes Diehl, and sister of his brother's wife Catharine. Mrs. Howarter died July 6, 1860, the mother of children as follows: Solomon; Peter; Daniel; Abraham; Elizabeth, Mrs. Peter Zerfink; Catharine, Mrs. Peter Stoudt; and Polly, Mrs. Daniel Bloom.

Solomon Howarter, son of Johan Peter Howarter, was born on the homestead Feb. 1, 1805, and was a lifelong farmer in Upper Mahanoy township, living on a 120-acre farm on the south side of Line Mountain, not far from Howarters Church. It was located on the road crossing Line Mountain to Shamokin. There he died June 25, 1878, and his wife, Mary (Hepler), born Feb. 7, 1808, died June 14, 1876. They are buried at Howarters Church. They were the parents of ten children: Elias, who died June 30, 1907, aged seventy-nine years, three months, six days, lived in Upper Mahanoy, and his only child was Mary, now the wife of William S. Kahler, of that township; Catharine married Godfried Schredder; Benneville lives in Juniata county, Pa.; Charles is a resident of Crawford county, Ill.; Jared lives in Shamokin, Pa.; Judith married Jacob Conrad, and they live in Shamokin; Luzena and Augustus died young; Amos is mentioned below; Aaron (deceased) lived in Girardville, Pennsylvania.

Amos Howarter, son of Solomon, was born Oct. 2, 1844, in Upper Mahanoy township, and was there reared. When twenty-one he began to learn the carpenter's trade, which he followed for sixteen years in Upper Mahanoy and at the coal min-

ing towns, building a number of houses and barns and doing work at the breakers; he employed as many as four men. In the spring of 1879 he began farming at his present place in Upper Mahanoy, having a sixty-eight-acre farm on the road leading across Line Mountain to Shamokin, besides which he owns twenty-five acres of mountain land. He built the house on his home property several years before he began farming there, and all the buildings are of his construction and the first to be built upon that land. He put up the others when he settled down to farming there. Mr. Howerter has been a useful citizen, has served his township three years as school director, and has been an active member of the Lutheran congregation of Howerter's Union Church, to which his family also belong. He has served as deacon and trustee, is at present an elder, and was building master when the present church edifice was erected. In politics he is a Democrat.

On Jan. 29, 1874, Mr. Howerter married Louisa Kahler, daughter of George Kahler, who lived in Juniata county, Pa., and they have had children as follows: William L., who lives on a tract of fifty-four acres formerly owned by his ancestor's brother, Johan Adam Howerter, the latter's property, however, being much larger in extent; George Monroe; Catherine N., who married Wilson Wagner and lives in Shamokin; Emma L.; Mary E.; Edward A.; Amelia M., and Freeman Amos.

George Monroe Howerter, son of Amos, was born Jan. 14, 1878, on his father's farm and obtained his education in the common schools of the locality. He worked for his father until he was past twenty-one, and in the fall of 1905 began farming on his present place, which contains thirty-eight acres, near the Schuylkill county line, and upon which he has made a number of improvements since it came into his possession, including the summer house which he built in 1909. This property was first owned by George Geist, later by Dan of Geist, who built the dwelling, then by William Geist, who built the barn in 1879, and subsequently by Daniel Klock, whom Mr. Howerter succeeded. Mr. Howerter sells his produce in Shamokin, and he is a good business man as well as a thrifty farmer.

On May 31, 1902, he married Amanda Rebeck, daughter of John and Sarah (Rebeck) Rebeck, and granddaughter of Elias and Mary (Reitz) Rebeck and, maternally, Conrad and Lucy (Shott) Rebeck. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Howerter: Mary Florence, George William and Emma Sylvia. Mr. and Mrs. Howerter are Lutheran members of St. Jacob's (Howerter's) Church in Upper Mahanoy township. Politically he is a Democrat.

ADAMS or ADAM. There are numerous representatives of the Adam or Adams family in Northumberland county. Its history in America goes back to the first half of the eighteenth century, when Anthony Adam, a potter by trade, emigrated to these shores. He sailed from Rotterdam on the snow "Molly," commanded by Capt. John Cranch, which vessel arrived at Philadelphia, and the passengers, having taken the oath of allegiance to the English sovereign, were qualified to land Oct. 26, 1741. Anthony Adam's age is entered on the passenger list as twenty-five years, and one account says he was born in the Fatherland, another that he was a French Huguenot. On Feb. 7, 1748, he received from the proprietaries of the Province of Pennsylvania a warrant for a tract of 136 acres, 146 perches of land in Albany township, then a part of Philadelphia county. This land was surveyed for him by the surveyor general of the Province, June 6, 1752. It is probable that he settled in Albany township immediately after his arrival in the New World, as he was a settler there in 1752, and he witnessed and participated in the trying times of the French and Indian wars. His farm is now in the possession of Nathan Weisner, of Round Top, Albany township, Berks county. On Feb. 7, 1748, he also received a warrant for a tract of 135 acres, 47 perches "above Maxatawny," and in 1761 he sold 140 acres of his land in Albany township to John Reinhard. He was administrator of the estate of Albrecht Stimmel, of Albany township, in 1766, being the chief creditor. His administration account was audited and approved in December, 1768. The date of death of Anthony (or Andoni, as he wrote his name) Adam, of Albany township, is not known. Neither do we know the name of his wife, but it is known that he had sons: Abraham, Anthony and Bernhard, who moved to Schuylkill county, Pa.; and Peter.

Bernhard Adam, son of Andoni, was a pioneer in Northumberland county, settling in Washington township on the farm now owned by a descendant, Adam Cornelius Adams, and tenanted by the latter's son, Clements I. Adams. It has been in the family for five generations. Bernhard Adam followed farming. He and his wife clung to the Reformed faith, and they are buried at the Himmel Church. They had eight children: John, who had sons Gabriel and Abraham; Nicholas, who lived at Springville, in Schuylkill county; (his wife's maiden name was Hedder); Catherine; Absalom, who had sons Nicholas and Abraham, the latter of whom lived at Hockland, in Dutch county; Bernhard, the next in the line we are tracing; Charles, who married and had children; and two whose names are not known.



Bernhard Adam, son of Bernhard, was born May 14, 1793, in Berks county, Pa., and coming to what is now Washington township, Northumberland county, married Salome Ferster (or Furster), who was born June 3, 1796, and died Nov. 19, 1846. He died Aug. 25, 1864, and they are buried at the Himmel Church, where they worshipped, being members of the Reformed congregation. Bernhard Adam served that church officially many years, as deacon, elder and trustee. He was a farmer by occupation, owning the homestead of his father, a tract of 139 acres, now owned by Adam Cornelius Adams. On that property he built a barn which was destroyed by lightning in the nineties. He took great delight in hunting, and shot a deer in the district where many of his descendants now live. A bear was also one of his hunting trophies, and he bore an excellent reputation as a marksman.

The following children were born to Bernhard and Salome Adam: Polly married Jonathan Heim and they went West; Isaac never married; a daughter who married Daniel Klock went West, settling in Illinois; Sarah married John Held and moved out to Illinois; Bernhard is mentioned later; Lena married James Troutman; David, born April 1, 1837, died in Washington township July 16, 1882, and is buried at Himmel's Church, as is also his wife, Harriet Byerly, born July 19, 1844, died Oct. 20, 1890; Hannah married Philip Graser and moved West.

Bernhard Adam, son of Bernhard and Salome Adam, was the third of the name to own the homestead farm. He was born Nov. 5, 1827, in Washington (then Jackson) township, and died on his home farm in that township, Oct. 17, 1905. A lifelong farmer, he prospered in his work to the extent that he acquired three farms, the one of 159 acres on which he lived, another of 129 acres and a third of 148 acres. He was an active member of the Reformed congregation at Himmel's Church, attending services regularly and holding all the church offices. His wife, Matilda (Zerfing), daughter of Jacob Zerfing (whose wife was a Klock), was born March 25, 1832, and died Sept. 3, 1899. They were the parents of sixteen children, namely: Sallie married Erisman Adam; Andrew is mentioned below; James Washington, born in 1853, died in 1891, unmarried; Clinton died young; Mary married John Tyson and they live at Shamokin, this county; Lafayette married Catharine Starr; Joseph died small; Adam Cornelius is mentioned below; Turrell died when young; Monroe married Emma Fegley; Cassie, twin of Monroe, married Henry Crissinger, and is deceased; Samuel lives in Dauphin county; Jemima died young; Richard lives at Gratztown, Pa.; Miranda married Francis Schlegel; Jacob died out West.

ANDREW ADAMS, son of Bernhard and Matilda, is a well-to-do farmer of Washington township, where he was born July 28, 1852. He attended subscription school near his home until the establishment of the public schools, in which he was a pupil for about eight winters. Reared to farm life, he worked for his parents until he became of age and about 1877 began farming at his present home, having a ninety-acre tract about two miles south of Rebuck. It was formerly a Schreffler farm, and earlier belonged to the Beissels, and the barn, which is very old, was built by a Beissel. There is a stone house on this farm now considerably over one hundred years old, being in fact the oldest landmark in this section. The wall is very substantial, and it is built over a good spring. The large frame house now used as a dwelling was erected by Mr. Adam about 1885. He has been a thrifty farmer and has done well, and he bears a high reputation among his neighbors and friends. He is an active church worker, he and his family belonging to the Reformed congregation at the Himmel Church, which he is at present serving as elder; he formerly held the office of deacon. Mr. Adams is a Republican in politics.

Mr. Adams was first married to Polly Brosius, who was born Jan. 20, 1851, daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Wenrich) Brosius, and died April 17, 1888; she is buried at Himmel's Church. Of the children born to this union, Jemima died when eight months old; Eva married Daniel Price; and several died in infancy. For his second wife Mr. Adams married Mrs. Mary (Matilda) Hoffman, widow of George Hoffman, and they have had one son, Leon Thomas, of Washington township, who married Sallie Schraeder and has one son, Daniel R.

ADAM CORNELIUS ADAMS, son of Bernhard and Matilda, also a substantial farmer of Washington township, was born Aug. 10, 1863, on the old homestead of the Adams family. He obtained his education in the township schools, was reared to farm life, and assisted his father in horse dealing, butchering and huckstering in his earlier manhood. In the spring of 1888 he began farming on a tract at the place where he now lives, a farm of 108 acres which formerly belonged to the Reitzes, first to Philip Reitz and later to his son Andrew Reitz. It is on the road between Rebuck and Greenbrier. Mr. Adams remodeled the house and enlarged it, and in 1908 he built an addition to the large barn erected by Philip Reitz, who also built the house. Mr. Adams also owns forty acres of woodland, and his father's old homestead of about 138 acres, which adjoins his own home farm, and which is one of the most valuable tracts in the township. His son Clements now cultivates it. Mr. Adams is a Republican in



politics, and he has held the position of supervisor of the township for some time, still serving in that capacity. He and his family are Reformed members of Himmel's Church, which he served as deacon and elder for a number of years.

On July 1, 1887, Mr. Adams married Mary Crissinger, daughter of William and Susanna (Rebuck) Crissinger, of Washington township, and they have had four children: Clements I., George C., Eugene F., and Mamie S. Clements I. Adams, who farms the old Adams homestead, married Annie Adams, of Shamokin, a very distant relative, and they have one son, Sydney.

Nicholas Adam, the ancestor of a large number of this name, was a native of Berks county, born July 5, 1758, and coming to Northumberland settled in the Swabian Creek district, in what is now known as Washington township. He was a farmer, owning the farm which later became the property of Isaac Tryon, a large tract, and he also owned what are now the farms of Nathan Adams, Mrs. James Troutman, Cornelius Adams and Galen Stepp, besides land along the Deep creek. In fact, he was one of the most extensive landowners in his section. He died April 11, 1826, and is buried at Himmel's Church or in a private burial ground. His death was caused by consumption. His sons were: John, who left children Gabriel and Nathaniel; Gideon, mentioned below; Absalom; Nicholas, who left children, Abraham, Nicholas, Adam, and daughters; Adam, who died unmarried; Bernhard, and several daughters.

Gideon Adams, son of Nicholas, was born in the Swabian Creek district, was a plasterer, and followed his trade in addition to farming, having a tract of 120 acres located along the Middle creek in Washington township. He was active in the interests of the locality, was a member of the Republican party, served as supervisor, and belonged to Himmel's Church, in which he held office. His wife was a daughter of Solomon Campbell, and they had the following children: Elizabeth married Henry Welker; Julian married Jacob Welker (brother of Henry); Polly died unmarried; Jeremiah is mentioned below; Molly married Benjamin Daniel.

Jeremiah Adams, son of Gideon, is buried at Himmel's Church, of which he was a Reformed member. He was the owner of the homestead farm, now the property of Helena Troutman. To him and his wife Hannah (Wentzel), daughter of Abraham Wentzel, were born the following children: Timothy married Louisa Kutz; Lucetta married Andrew Paul and (second) Andrew Brosius; Priscilla married Allen Wiest; Louisa married Tobias Strohecker; Elizabeth died young; Erisman married Sallie Adam; Jeremiah married Susan Wolfgang; James E. married Sarah

J. Haag; Emanuel is mentioned below; Andrew M. married Ellen Brosius.

EMANUEL ADAM, a prosperous farmer living along the Mahantango creek in Lower Mahanoy township, was born July 28, 1857, in Washington township. He has followed farming all his life, and in 1877 began his independent career as a tenant in Washington township, continuing thus about two years. The second year at that place he also engaged in the lumber business, which he followed for two years, and then for two years carried on farming in Lower Mahanoy township. At the end of that time he bought a farm of ninety-two acres, the homestead of Christopher Colpha (a native of Berks county). In 1906 he purchased the place in Lower Mahanoy where he at present resides, a tract of 163 acres which formerly belonged to Emanuel and Peggy Heckert. Mr. Adam is an energetic man, and he has made many improvements in the property since he took possession, notably the new house which he built in 1909. He is a good manager and has his land under profitable cultivation, adopting new methods where practicable and showing thrift and good judgment in all his undertakings.

In 1880 Mr. Adam married Catharine E. Clark, of Jordan township, daughter of Ed. Clark, who gave his life to his country during the Civil war; Mrs. Adam never saw her father. Mr. and Mrs. Adam have had a large family, viz.: Clara (married Charles Boyer), Charles (deceased), Oscar (married Dora Deibler), James, John, Elmer, Milton, Roy, Sadie, Harry, Mark, and Raymond. Mr. Adam and his family are members of the Trinity Church of the Evangelical Association, and he has been quite active in its work, having served as exhorter, class-leader and trustee. Politically he is a Republican.

Absalom Adam, grandfather of Tobias and Nathan Adams, farmers of Washington township, was evidently a son of Nicholas, above, and lived to an advanced age, dying about 1849. He was a farmer, owning property which is still in the family name, the farm now owned by his grandson, Nathan Adams. He was a pioneer in Washington township, where he came to live when the land was nearly all covered with timber, settling in the hills because he thought good hay could be grown in the valleys. The house in which he lived, near the mountain, stood for many years, being torn down by Nathan Adams in 1908. Mr. Adam and his family are buried at the Himmel Church. His wife, whose maiden name was Wentzel or Wetzell, died before him, being stricken with paralysis while engaged in sweeping. She was advanced in years at the time. Ten children were born to this couple: Leah married Mr. Williams; Eliza married James Anders, of Miners-

ville; Rebecca married Abraham Bressler; Sallie married Peter Howerter; Jestina married Peter Baer; Hannah married Henry Schroeder; Cohen lived in the Mahantango Valley, but died in Shamokin when over eighty years old; Nicholas is mentioned below; Adam lived for many years in Shamokin, where he died when nearly seventy; John, who had lived in Illinois, died on the field of battle during the Civil war.

Nicholas Adam, son of Absalom, was born in Washington township on the farm now occupied by his son Nathan, owned that property, and was a lifelong farmer, though he learned the trade of stonemason and followed it to some extent in his earlier manhood. He died March 1, 1889, aged sixty-eight years, five months, twenty-six days, and he and his wife are buried at the Himmel Church, of which they were Reformed members. He served his congregation as deacon, elder and trustee. In politics he was a Republican. His wife, Elizabeth (Schreffler) Adams, died Sept. 30, 1900, aged eighty-one years, five months, twenty-nine days. They had children as follows: William, Thomas, Sarah, Elizabeth, George, John, Nathan, and Aaron (deceased).

Thomas Adams, son of Nicholas and Elizabeth (Schreffler) Adams, was born Mar. 20, 1850, on the old homestead. He attended school until he was sixteen years old, sending at the subscription schools then conducted in the neighborhood, and the instructor was entirely in the German language. Working for his parents until about the time he attained his majority, he afterward worked for other farmers in the neighborhood. He owns a thirty-five-acre farm one mile east of Rebeck, in Washington township, which was formerly an Eyster homestead and later the property of Rev. Augustus Bergner, Mr. Adams' father-in-law. On Jan. 20, 1881, Mr. Adams married Miss Bergner, daughter of Rev. Augustus and Augusta (Fischer) Bergner, natives of the vine region of the Fatherland; both of them being natives of the same district in Germany.

The others of this country, both married and single, are: William, Thomas, Henry, August, Leonard and Oliver. Rev. Mr. Bergner was a Lutheran minister, and preached at Mahanoy and in other Lutheran churches in this town. To Mr. and Mrs. Adams were born seven children: Ernest, Fred and Rosa, twins, the latter married Edward Raus; Sarah, who married John Robert Schmeltz; Henry, who died when five years old; Katie and Amelia, twins, the latter married to William Griffith; and Mary. The mother died Dec. 5, 1906, aged fifty-eight years, five months, and she and her husband's father are in the Himmel Church. Mr. Adams and his family worship with the Reformed congregation at Himmel's Church, where he is now serving his

second term as elder. He was a deacon for some years.

NATHAN ADAMS, son of Nicholas and Elizabeth (Schreffler) Adams, was born Feb. 2, 1858. He obtained his education in the local subscription and common schools, and was reared to farm life, working for his parents until he became of age. Since 1890 he has farmed his present property, the old home place, having one hundred acres, sixty under cultivation. This property lies along the Middle creek. Mr. Adams sells his produce at Ashland, running a luckster route to that point, where he makes weekly trips. Politically he is a Republican, and he and his family worship with the Reformed congregation at Himmel's Church. Mr. Adams is a substantial citizen, and a much respected member of his community.

On April 12, 1905, Mr. Adams married Mrs. Lena (Wolfgang) Klinger, daughter of Daniel Wolfgang and Mary of George Klinger. She had six children by her first marriage: Oliver, William, Jennie, Mary (deceased), Annie and Edith. No children have been born to her union with Mr. Adams.

WILLIAM R. IRVIN, furniture dealer and undertaker at Mount Carmel, is one of the leading factors in his line of business in this section of Pennsylvania. He has owned his fine store in the borough since 1906, and previous to that for several years was in partnership with his father in the same establishment, so that even a young man, as he has been, with a father's experience and is well fitted to conduct the business along the most improved lines.

Mr. Irvin's grandfather was born in England and came to America settled at Williamsport, but his son, B. Irvin, his father, moved at Carlisle, Columbia Co., Pa., where he was employed as a cooper for a time. Later he came to Mount Carmel, where he learned cabinet making, and in 1870 he organized in business as a cabinet maker at what is now the corner of Oak and Adams streets. William Irvin started the first furniture establishment, the first a very crude affair, but soon a substantial one, which his son has been making long trips. Mr. Irvin continued in the furniture business until he sold out to his son in 1906 and retired, now making his home at Germantown, Philadelphia. He is married to Ellen Wier.

William R. Irvin was born Aug. 8, 1877, at Mount Carmel, and received his education at that place, graduating from the high school in 1896. He then entered the Pennsylvania College of Engineering, where he remained for a year, finishing his course in 1900 for his life work. Returning to Mount Carmel, he was his father's assistant from



that time, in 1897 becoming a partner in the business, which, as previously stated, he bought from his father in 1906. His fine store, located at Nos. 29-31 North Oak street, has a larger stock of furniture than any other establishment of the kind between Williamsport and Reading, and he does the largest furniture business in his part of the state. His goods are up-to-date and of high quality, and his patrons appreciate the fact that they can obtain as desirable a selection, at reasonable expenditure, as the stores in the larger cities afford. Like his father, Mr. Irvin takes a pride in making his house a synonym for the best of everything in the furniture and undertaking line, and his efforts have been rewarded with a class and volume of trade creditable alike to him and to the community in which his business is carried on.

Mr. Irvin married Gertrude Davis, of Shamokin, this county, and to them have been born three children: William D., Margaret and Richard.

Socially Mr. Irvin belongs to the Elks, the Odd Fellows (and Rebekah degree), the P. O. S. of A. and the Masons, in the latter connection holding membership in Mount Carmel Lodge, No. 378, F. & A. M., Grisecomb Chapter, R. A. M., and Prince of Peace Chapter, of Ashland, Pennsylvania.

**CHARLES A. SENSENBACH**, of Sunbury, has been in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for over thirty years, and since the year 1871 has been in command of the car shop department at Sunbury, being a master blacksmith. He was born April 6, 1841, at McEwensville, Northumberland county, son of Charles Sensesbach.

Godfrey Sensesbach was a native of Wartenberg, Germany, and came to Pennsylvania via New York, accompanied by his cousin Charles Sensesbach. They were redemptioners. At New York they were purchased by a man named Knauss, from Bath, Northampton Co., Pa., to serve on their passage. They afterward decided to remain in the country for some years. Charles Sensesbach then married Godfrey Sensesbach succeeded his employer as butcher, and later Mr. Knauss's son, captured butchering in Bath, Pa., and after the building of the Lehigh canal. He then sold out the business and moved to Reading, Carbon Co., Pa., where he engaged in the mercantile, hotel and boatbuilding business until the panic of 1857, which caused him to fail. After the panic he took his son-in-law, Charles Deterline, into partnership, but the freshet of 1862 wiped out their establishment. Godfrey Sensesbach was tall and well built, and was a man of ability and energy. He was a member of the Reformed Church. His wife died about 1860, and he died during the early sixties,

aged eighty years; he is buried at Trexlertown, Pa. A large family was born to this couple: William; John; Israel; Jacob, who located in Northumberland county; Charles, who located in Northumberland county; Daniel; Stephen; Joseph; James; Sallie, who married George Heil; Polly, who became the second wife of George Heil and lived at Trexlertown; and Rose, who married Charles Deterline. Joseph, of Freeland, Pa., alone survives.

Charles Sensesbach was a native of Northampton county, Pa., born Aug. 8, 1820. He came thence to Northumberland county, and after living in McEwensville moved to Sunbury, remaining in that borough until 1871. He died at Sunbury July 27, 1878, and is buried at McEwensville. In his earlier life Mr. Sensesbach was a cabinet maker, and he subsequently followed the trade of painter. During his residence in Sunbury he became quite well known, serving as member of the council from the old West ward. He was a Republican in politics and a Lutheran in religion. His wife, Rosanna Aralia (Gold), daughter of David Gold, of McEwensville (who followed farming and operated a grist mill), died Sept. 8, 1875, aged forty-eight years, three months. They were the parents of fourteen children: Cloyd; Elizabeth, married to Daniel Paden; Emma, married to D. C. Bland; James; Augusta; Charles A.; Elmer; David; and six who died young. All this family were born at McEwensville.

Charles A. Sensesbach received his education in the public schools near his home. In 1859 he began learning the trade of blacksmith in the shop of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, whose employ he had entered in April, 1859, and after passing his apprenticeship continued as journeyman for eleven years, being promoted to his present responsible position in 1875. As time passed he became a department boss, finally becoming, under his direction, Mr. Sensesbach commands the respect of his associates and the esteem of his superiors, his generous and courteous manner making it difficult to quarrel with his decisions. He has been married three times, and has a family of six children, all of whom are now living. He has lived in Sunbury since 1871.

Mr. Sensesbach married Adalaid Rhoads, daughter of William and Hannah K. Rhoads, and sister of Walton F. Rhoads, cashier of the First National Bank of Sunbury. Four children have been born to this union: William H. died in infancy; Walton F. R. graduated from the Sunbury high school in 1903 and is now employed as a blacksmith by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company (he is a member of the Masonic fraternity); Conrad R. had both legs cut off in an accident on the railroad and died five years later, when fifteen years old; Rachel is the only daughter. Mr. Sensesbach and his family are members of Zion's Lutheran Church



at Sunbury. He is a Republican in political matters, and is interested in the success of the party. He gives his support to all worthy movements, particularly those affecting the advancement of his own community.

GEORGE W. TURNER, JR., proprietor of the Paxinos Hotel, was born in 1870 in Longton, England, son of George W. and Annie (Robinson) Turner. His grandfather died in that country at the age of 106 years.

George W. Turner, the father, was born in England, where he owned a coal wharf and also engaged in horse dealing. In 1876 he came to America with his family, landing at Philadelphia, and he has lived in Northumberland and Schuylkill counties, at present residing on a farm in the latter county, near Mowry postoffice. He followed mining for some time and also dealt in horses. He married Annie Robinson, daughter of Colonel Robinson, who gained considerable fame because of the part he took in the Sack war in England. Mrs. Turner was born on the ocean while the family were en route to India, in which country she remained until fourteen years old, when she went to England. Mr. and Mrs. Turner have had nine children: Mary, Annie, George W., John H., William, Edith, Martha, Lillie and Elmer.

George W. Turner, Jr., came to America with his parents. After beginning work he was employed at the mines for some time and then engaged in the butcher business and the baking business which he followed until 1909. That year he erected the fine apartment building at Nos. 30-32 Market street, Shamokin, known as the Turner building, which contains forty-five fine rooms. Mr. Turner has a theater on the first floor of the building, which has been well patronized ever since it was opened. The location is excellent, and adds considerable to the value of the structure, which has proved a good investment. On April 9, 1910, Mr. Turner became proprietor of the "Paxinos Hotel," a well known establishment, one of the best known hotel stands in the county. He is a member of the Independent Fire Company.

On Feb. 16, 1891, Mr. Turner married Sarah C. Neumeister, daughter of Charles and Elmira (Yoder) Neumeister, and they have two children, Sylvia V. (married to William E. Haines) and George L.

MIKE MILLER, of Sunbury, has been a resident of that borough since 1901 and during the few years of his location there has established a prosperous business. As a wholesale dealer in iron, metal, rags, paper, etc., he is one of the most successful dealers in his line in this section of the state, having a large establishment between Seventh and Eighth streets and the Shamokin

branch of the Pennsylvania and Philadelphia & Reading railroads, and he also conducts a clothing and men's furnishings store.

Mr. Miller was born April 7, 1872, in Riga, Russia, of which place his father, Matthias Miller, was also a native, born in 1848. The father came to America in 1888 and was engaged as a fruit dealer in Reading, Berks Co., Pa., having a store on North Ninth street, until his death, which occurred in 1890. He is buried in the Jewish cemetery at the Green Tree, in Cumru township, Berks county. His wife, Annie (Conn), also from Russia, still resides in Reading, now (1910) sixty-nine years old. She is familiarly and affectionately called "Grandma Miller" by many in that city. Mr. and Mrs. Matthias Miller had children as follows: Benjamin, who lives at Danville, Pa.; Minnie, married to Morris Brody, of Reading; Mike; Jacob, of Danville; and William, who died in Denver, Colo., and is buried in Cumru township, Berks county.

Mike Miller came to America with his parents in 1888, the family arriving in December. He began life in Reading as a peddler of clothing, traveling all over Berks and Montgomery counties, and was thus engaged for twelve years. In 1901 he came to Sunbury and embarked in his present line of business, dealing in all kinds of junk. Mr. Miller has extended his business until it is now one of the largest of the kind in this part of Pennsylvania, twelve men being regularly employed. In 1907 he erected a three-story building, 32x80 feet, at the location above mentioned, the site of his place of business being a tract 150 by 200 feet in dimensions. Mr. Miller opened up a clothing and men's furnishings store at No. 347 Market street, Sunbury, in April, 1911. He has prospered by industry, excellent management and a spirit of enterprise which has well merited the reward it has won. He is a substantial and respected citizen and has the good will of all who know him.

Mr. Miller was naturalized March 21, 1895, before the late Judge James N. Ermentrout of Reading, is a Democrat in political opinion and quite active in the local councils of the party. Externally he belongs to the Owls, the F. O. E., Germania Lodge, I. O. O. F., the Conclave and the Encampment.

On Aug. 1, 1897, Mr. Miller married Rebecca Fink, daughter of Morris and Annie Fink, of Reading, formerly of Russia, and to them has been born a family of eight children, six sons and two daughters, namely: Morris, Matthias, Nathan, Molly, Solomon, Abraham, and Sarah and Saul, twins.

PATRICK KEARNEY, one of the oldest residents of Shamokin, now living retired, has been a citizen of that place since 1850. He is a veteran of the Civil war.

Mr. Kearney was born March 15, 1828, in County Mayo, Ireland, son of Patrick and Bridget (Carey) Kearney, farming people of that county. The father lived and died there. His children were: Mathew, who died in Shamokin, Pa.; Mary, wife of John Devitt; Patrick; John, who died young, in Ireland; Catherine, wife of Patrick Carey; Bridget, who died young, in Ireland; and Belinda.

Patrick Kearney came to America when nineteen years old, landing at Boston May 2, 1847, and during his first fourteen months in this country remained in the State of Massachusetts. He then came to Pennsylvania, first locating at Scranton, where he lived for two years before settling in Shamokin, in June, 1850. For thirty-five years after coming to Shamokin Mr. Kearney was engaged at mining, for several years working in the Enterprise colliery, owned by the late Thomas Baumgardner, of Lancaster. He then engaged in business on his own account, as a bottler, and was also in the hotel business, continuing same until his retirement, in 1903. His home is at Webster and Pearl streets, Shamokin. Mr. Kearney has led an industrious and useful life, and is highly respected.

On Nov. 5, 1861, Mr. Kearney enlisted, at Harrisburg, Pa., in Company D, 52d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served three years in the Civil war, participating in twenty-two battles, among which were: Williamsburg, May 5, 1862; Fair Oaks, May 31, 1862; the Seven Days' Fight, including Mechanicsville (June 26), Savage Station (June 29), White Oak Swamp (June 30), and Malvern Hill (July 1). The command then went to Harrison Landing, July 2, remaining there until Aug. 16, then to Yorktown, where they remained until Dec. 29; and south to Morehead City, N. C., and to Hilton Head, S. C. On July 10, 1863, Mr. Kearney accompanied the command to Morris Island, under General Gilmore, taking part of the island, after which they were engaged in the capture of Fort Sumter, and on Sept. 7, 1863, failed in the attempt to take Forts Wagner and Gregg. They next went to Fort Johnson, July 3, 1864, at James Island, S. C., and Mr. Kearney was one of fifty-four men from his company who went out with a lieutenant one night on a hazardous undertaking, the danger of which may be judged from the fact that only seven returned alive. Leaving Morris Island Nov. 9, 1864, he went to Hilton Head, where he received his discharge Nov. 15, 1864. He had the unusual honor of having his discharge papers signed by Commanding Officer Gen. John George Foster. Mr. Kearney was promoted to corporal in August, 1862, after the Seven Days' Fight. He arrived at his home in Shamokin Nov. 19, 1864, with an honorable record, and without having suffered injury in his long term of service.

On Dec. 14, 1848, Mr. Kearney was married to Miss Catharine McAndrew, daughter of William McAndrew. She passed away July 27, 1892, at the age of sixty-two years, and is buried in St. Edward's cemetery. Ten children were born to this union: Mary, who married James Laughlin and (second) Patrick Hennessy; Bridget, who is the wife of James Phelan; Cecelia, wife of Edward Earley; Catharine, at home; William A., of Shamokin; Annie, at home; Margaret, who died in infancy; Patrick, who married Alice B. Bittenbender, of Shamokin; Eleanora, wife of Dr. John Loftus, living in Denver, Colo.; and Agnes, wife of Henry J. Tanner, of Shamokin.

Mr. Kearney is a member of Lincoln Post, No. 140, G. A. R. He is a Catholic in religious faith, holding membership in St. Edward's Church.

EDWARD HARVEY FALCK, an enterprising young farmer of Upper Mahanoy township, occupies the farm there settled by his great-grandfather, Jacob Falck, in the early days.

The Falck family is a numerous one in eastern Pennsylvania, where the name is variously spelled, Folck, Folk and Falk being variations of the original form. For many years it has been especially well represented in Berks county, where the Federal Census Report for 1790 shows George Folk, Sr., and George Folk, Jr., another George Folk, Jacob, John, two other Johns, Johan William, Joseph, Sr., and Joseph, Jr., Peter and Philip Folk, a total of twelve heads of families there. The same authority records the names of Frederick Folk of Philadelphia; Daniel Folk of Chester county; Stephen Folk, of Cumberland county; and a George Folk of Weisenburg township, Northampton (now Lehigh) county, from which latter descends the Northumberland county branch of the family. This George Folk had (in 1790) five sons and four daughters, one of these sons being Jacob, who is said to have settled in Mahanoy township, Northumberland county.

Jacob Falck was born April 14, 1782, in Lehigh county, Pa., and came to Northumberland county about 1804, locating in what is now Upper Mahanoy (then Mahanoy) township, on the farm now owned by his great-grandson, Edward Harvey Falck. This tract of eighty acres was all woodland at that time, and Mr. Falck built a small log house about three rods north of the site of the present residence. That house served as a dwelling for about fifty years, and the original barn, which stood about two rods east of the present residence, served until 1828, in which year the present barn was built; some of the wood from the first structure was used in the construction of the new one. Jacob Falck died Dec. 25, 1856, and is buried at St. John's Church. On his tombstone the name is spelled "Folk," but his descendants chose to write the name differently, most of



them spelling it Falck; one grandson, Richard, writes it Falk. The maiden name of Jacob's wife was Raulenhold and she was from Snyder county. She is buried at the Himmel Church. Their children were: Solomon; Lydia, Mrs. Snyder; Sallie, Mrs. Abraham Fegley; and John, who died young.

Solomon Falck, son of Jacob, was born in 1808 in Upper Mahanoy township, where his grandson Edward H. Falck now lives, and owned that farm, following agricultural pursuits all his life. He built the present dwelling there, now occupied by his grandson and family. An active and enterprising citizen, he served many years as supervisor of his township and was also a member of the school board. He was prominent in the Reformed congregation of St. John's Church, being one of its working members, served in various official capacities, and as a member of the building committee did his share when the present church edifice was erected, in 1853. His family also worshipped with that congregation. In politics he was a Democrat. His death occurred in 1887. On March 25, 1828, Mr. Falck married Salome Geist, daughter of Andrew Geist, and they were the parents of eighteen children, viz.: Daniel, born in 1830 (now living in California); Andraes, October, 1831; Carolina, 1833; Edward, 1834; Mary, 1835; Sarah Ann, 1838; Salome, 1839; Johannes, 1841; Molly, 1842; Solomon, 1843; Amanda, 1848; Jesse, 1850; Jacob, 1851; Richard, 1855; and Harriet and three others who died young. Of this family,

Richard Folk (as he spells the name), born at Greenbrier, Northumberland county, Jan. 8, 1855, obtained his education in the public schools of the township and when twenty years old commenced to learn organmaking, which trade he followed for thirteen years, in Philadelphia and in Snyder county, Pa. He resides in Upper Mahanoy township at present. He married and has two children, Lloyd and John.

John Falck, son of Solomon, was born Sept. 25, 1841, on the homestead farm in Upper Mahanoy township, and obtained his education in the local subscription schools, the only educational institutions of the day in that section. He was reared to farm work from boyhood, and for many years was engaged hauling lime during the winters. In 1866 he began farming on his own account, on the old homestead, of which he retained the ownership until 1907, on Thanksgiving Day of which year he moved to his present home, on the road between Rebuck and Leck Kill. He is now living retired, having been in poor health since May, 1903. Mr. Falck has always led an industrious life, tending exclusively to his own affairs and refusing offers of public preferment, although he was active in church work. He and his family worship at St. John's Church, where he held office as deacon and elder for twenty years in succession. In 1867 he married

Lovina Schreffler, daughter of John and Salome (Rebuck) Schreffler, and they have had a large family, viz.: Cora married William Derrick, of Shamokin; Oscar is a resident of Shamokin; William S. is mentioned below; Ella is deceased; Jane married Frank Engel, of Sunbury, this county; Emma is deceased; one son died in infancy; Edward Harvey is mentioned below; Addie is the wife of John Reitz; Flora is deceased; Sallie married Francis Oxenreider.

William S. Falck was born on the homestead June 27, 1874, and was reared there, meantime receiving his early education in the public schools of the district. Later he attended the academy at Berrysburg. In 1901 he began farming for himself, in that year purchasing his present farm, a tract of fifty acres in Upper Mahanoy township, on the road between Rebuck and Leck Kill. He has lived there since 1898. In the early days it was a Reformed homestead, later owned by Jacob Kauffman, from whom John Falck purchased it; William S. Falck acquired it from his father. He has made various improvements on the property since it came into his ownership, and it is one of the substantial and profitable agglomerations of his locality. He has served his township six years in the capacity of assessor. On Sept. 16, 1898, he married Kate Seifstaal, daughter of David and Hannah (Snyder) Seifstaal, and they have had six children: Charles H., Gladys E., Florence E., John D., Harry D. and Hannah L. Mr. Falck and his family worship at St. John's Church, of which he is a Reformed member, and Mrs. Falck a Lutheran member. He served seven years as deacon. In politics Mr. Falck is a Democrat.

Edward Harvey Falck was born March 12, 1889, on the farm in Upper Mahanoy township which he now owns and cultivates. He was educated in the public schools of his district and was brought up a farmer, working for his father until he attained his majority. In the spring of 1908 he began farming on the old Falck homestead, which he purchased that year from his father, the property being a valuable and fertile tract of eighty acres. He is an energetic and progressive man, and has done excellent work on this land, which shows the good care it receives.

On Jan. 20, 1906, Mr. Falck married Agnes Brown, daughter of Adam and Sarah (Brown) Brown, of Upper Mahanoy township, and they have one son, Harvey Lester. Mr. and Mrs. Falck are Reformed members of St. John's Church, which he is at present serving as deacon.

**JOSEPH LAMBRIGHT**, a farmer of Rockefeller township who has made his home there since shortly after his arrival in this country from Germany, is a self-made man who has won prosperity and standing by his own industry, and his honorable position in the community shows how well his



fellow residents there think he deserves his reward. He was born July 5, 1865, in Wurtemberg, Germany, of which kingdom his parents, Wendling and Elizabeth (Gans) Lambright, were also natives. They were farming people, and lived and died in Wurtemberg. Of their ten children, six still survive: John is living on the old homestead in Germany; Josephine, Mary and Caroline are married and living in Germany; we have no record of Carl.

Joseph Lambright grew to manhood in his native land. At the age of seventeen he came to America, landing at New York City on August 24, 1882, and thence proceeding to Philadelphia, where he remained two days. He was next at Lock Haven, Pa., for two weeks, thence going to Renovo, Pa., where he found work in the car shops and continued for two years. He has since lived in Rockefeller township, Northumberland county. He entered the employ of John Wirt, a farmer, with whom he remained for fifteen years, ten years before his marriage and five years afterward, his three sons having been born on the Wirt farm. In 1899 he purchased his present place of seventy acres in Rockefeller township, where he follows general farming. Mr. Lambright commenced life in this country with no capital but his honesty and industry, but he has done well, his energy and good management having brought him prosperity and the respect of all who know him. He is at present serving his second term as school director of his township, and has been a valued member of the Reformed congregation at Zion's Union Church, Augustaville, having served many years as a member of the choir, organist. His family are also members of that church. In politics Mr. Lambright is a Republican.

On Dec. 25, 1893, Mr. Lambright married Harriet Raker, daughter of George and Eliza (Yordy) Raker, and to them have been born four children, three sons and one daughter: Ralph, who died when two years old; two sons that died in infancy; and Mary E.

THE RAKER FAMILY, of which Mrs. Lambright is a member, formerly lived in Montgomery county, Pa., and was for some time located at the "Block House" in the Wyoming Valley. After the danger of Indian attacks had passed three brothers, Jacob, George and Dr. John Raker, settled in Augusta (now Rockefeller) township, Northumberland county.

Jacob Raker, born May 1, 1788, died in Rockefeller township Aug. 19, 1854. He married Mrs. Mary (Krissinger) Long, who hailed from Berks county, and was the widow of Daniel Long's father. She was born Aug. 13, 1782, and died Feb. 15, 1848. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Raker had the following children: Jacob, who died suddenly; Solomon; George J., who lived and died near Seven Points, in Rockefeller township; Lovina, Mrs. Dan-

iel Malick; Mrs. Henry Keiser; and Mrs. John Hoover.

Solomon Raker, son of Jacob, died Feb. 6, 1897, aged seventy-five years, eleven months, ten days. His first wife, Elizabeth (Dornise), died Nov. 28, 1878, aged fifty-six years, six months, twenty-one days, and he subsequently married the widow of Paul Hollenbach. Six children were born of the first marriage: Elias (1843-1864), who died at Hampton (Va.) hospital from wounds received in battle while serving in the Civil war; John; Martin (1852-1907), who married Louisa Conrad (1852-1902); Susan, Mrs. Jesiah Dunkelberger; Mary, Mrs. Emanuel Conrad; and Harriet, who died unmarried. One daughter, Gertrude, was born to the second union.

George Raker, the second of the three brothers mentioned, had children as follows: Jonathan, who lived and died at Sunbury; George; Samuel; Daniel; Peter; Catharine, Mrs. William Yordy; and Sarah, who never married.

George Raker, son of George, was born Nov. 16, 1831, and died May 18, 1894, aged sixty-two years, six months, two days. He married Eliza Yordy, who was born July 5, 1839, daughter of Joel and Rebecca (Hummel) Yordy, and though past eighty is well preserved, mentally and physically. She is living with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lambright. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. George Raker; Isaac, who died in his eighth year; Lafayette, who died in his fourth year, these sons passing away within a week; Harriet, Mrs. Joseph Lambright; and Wilson, who married Mary Jane Reitz, and died Oct. 8, 1900, aged thirty-two years, six months, four days.

Dr. John Raker, brother of Jacob and George, was born Nov. 6, 1805, and died April 12, 1875. A large monument marks his resting-place at Zion's Church, Augustaville. His wife Sarah, daughter of William Bartholomew, was born March 12, 1812, and died Oct. 14, 1885. She, too, is buried at the Augustaville Church. They resided at Augustaville, in Rockefeller township, and he had a large practice, having a high reputation as a competent and skillful "old school" practitioner. Their children were: Dr. William, who died in August, 1910, at Uniontown, Pa.; Kate, wife of Azariah Kreeger; Dr. Henry Morris, who died June 19, 1908, aged sixty-eight years, one month, twenty-four days; and Lizzie, who died unmarried in 1909.

JAMES H. SMITH, foreman in the blacksmith shop of the American Car and Foundry Company, and the oldest employee of that company in point of service at Milton, Pa., was born in Turbat township, Northumberland county, Sept. 28, 1848, son of James R. Smith.

James Smith, his grandfather, was a native of Northampton county, Pa., where he followed farming near Bangor, and where he died. He married

Margaret Smith, who also died in Northampton county. They had four children, namely: Mary, who died unmarried; Isabella, who married Samuel Horn; Elizabeth, who married John Pysher; and James R.

James R. Smith, son of James and father of James H., was born in Northampton county, and in his young manhood learned the blacksmith's trade. After his marriage he came to Northumberland county, and settling in Turbut township, there followed farming for several years. He then located in Milton and here resumed work at his trade, continuing at it during the remainder of his active days. He died at Milton and is buried in the Upper Cemetery. He married Margaret Young, who was born in Northampton county, and died in Milton. They became the parents of the following children: Ellen E., who married Samuel Long, and has three children, Frank M. (of Milton, and a Past Master of Milton Lodge No. 256, F. & A. M.), Laura S. and Charles; James H.; Mary E., unmarried; Clara A., who married Frank Hinshelwood, and lives at Seattle, Wash.; Josephine, who married Frank Bond, of Philadelphia; and Luther C., of Selinsgrove, who has a son Frank.

James H. Smith attended the public schools of Turbut township and at Milton, and in his sixteenth year began to learn the trade of blacksmith at the car shops. This was in 1863, and in 1878 he became foreman of that department, a position he has held ever since. It is given to but few men to work for their entire active life for one company, and this speaks in highest terms of both employer and employee. Mr. Smith, it goes without saying, is a skilled workman, faithful in the performance of his work, and loyal to his company.

Mr. Smith is a prominent Mason. He was master of Milton Lodge No. 256, F. & A. M., in 1877; is past high priest of Warrior Run Chapter, No. 246, R. A. M., Watsontown; member of Mt. Hermon Commandery, No. 85, K. T., Sunbury; Adoniram Council, No. 26, Williamsport; and Williamsport Consistory, 32d degree. In 1879 he became treasurer of the Blue Lodge, and that office he has filled without intermission to the present time. On the twenty-fifth anniversary of his election the Lodge presented him with a beautiful gold Masonic ring.

In other ways Mr. Smith has given testimony of his right to be termed a good citizen. He has been a most valuable member of the Board of Health, and has freely given of his time to the furthering of every movement tending toward the moral and material growth of his town. In his religious faith he is a Methodist, and for twenty-seven years served as treasurer of the Church, and for the long period of thirty-three years he has been secretary of the Sunday school. He never married.

JOHN A. CROSS, coal and ice dealer of Sunbury, Northumberland county, has been engaged in that business from early manhood and enjoys a prosperous trade, which he has built up by honorable dealing and satisfactory service. He was born in Sunbury April 7, 1874, and is a son of George W. Cross.

Mr. Cross's great-grandparents lived in the Mohawk Valley, near Troy, N. Y., and died when comparatively young, leaving three children: Dennis, a farmer, who settled in Bradford county, Pa., and there married a Miss Webster (he is buried near his old homestead); Hannah E., Mrs. Connors, who lived in northern New York; and Augustus.

Augustus Cross, grandfather of John A. Cross, was born in 1811 near Troy, N. Y., and was a small boy when his parents died. About 1840 he moved from New York State to Pennsylvania, making the journey with teams, and settled in Bradford county, where he passed the remainder of his life, dying in 1882. He was a farmer, owning a small farm, where he spent all his later years, previous to which he had also followed shoemaking and stone masonry. He held local office, and was a useful citizen. Mr. Cross married Margaret Teller Whitlock, who was born in 1819, and died in 1890, and they are buried in Canton township, Bradford county. They had ten children, as follows: Hannah E., Catharine M., Margaret J., Thomas D., William D., George W., Perkins A., Mary R., Phoebe A. and Imogene. Mrs. Margaret Teller (Whitlock) Cross was one of the descendants of Anneke Jans, heirs to the famous estate including the Trinity Church property, in New York City, which has so long been a matter of dispute.

George W. Cross, son of Augustus, was born Sept. 3, 1847, in Canton township, Bradford Co., Pa., received his education in the public schools there, and worked on the farm until 1863. Then, though only sixteen years old, he enlisted for service in the Civil war, becoming a member of Company C, 30th Regiment, Pennsylvania Emergency Men, with which he served six weeks during the emergency. He was at Carlisle the night the Confederates burned the barracks. Returning home to the farm, he remained there until February, 1864, when he enlisted in Company B, 8th Pennsylvania Cavalry, serving as a private in that command under Grant and Gregg, from the battle of the Wilderness to Appomattox. He received his second honorable discharge Aug. 20, 1865. Mr. Cross went back to the farm, and worked at agricultural pursuits and in the lumber woods until May 1, 1871, when he came to Sunbury and at once entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Company, as brakeman. The following year he became a fireman, and in 1879 was made engineer, serving as such until incapacitated by blindness, brought on by nervous dyspepsia, in 1906. Mr.



Cross was a faithful and efficient employee throughout his active years and is still retained on the payroll of the company. He is a well known resident of Sunbury, particularly in fraternal circles, being a member of the I. O. O. F., which he joined when twenty-two years old; a Mason, having joined Bloss Lodge, No. 350, F. & A. M., at Blossburg, Tioga Co., Pa., in June, 1870; a member of Lodge No. 416, K. of P., of Sunbury, which he served as treasurer for a number of years, until his blindness prevented further service; a charter member of True Cross Commandery, No. 112, Knights of Malta, of Sunbury, of which he was first treasurer, holding that office eight years; a member of Lieut. William A. Bruner Post, No. 335, G. A. R., and a member of the Veteran Railroad Association of the Eastern and Susquehanna Division. Politically he is a Republican.

On Sept. 3, 1870, Mr. Cross married Amelia A. Williams, daughter of John J. and Margaret (Harris) Williams, of Blossburg, Pa. Four children have been born to this union, namely: George M., of Westchester, Pa.; John A.; William, who died in infancy; and Harry P., who married Bertha Seaman, of Snyder county, Pa., and has one son, George Perkins. The family live in the home at Sunbury erected by Mr. Cross in 1884.

John A. Cross attended public school in Sunbury, graduating from the high school in 1891. He and his brother George M. carried on the ice business in partnership until 1897, when John A. Cross purchased the brother's interest, and has since conducted the business alone. Meantime, in 1894, he had enlarged his experience in that line by working for a time for the old Knickerbocker Ice Company, in Philadelphia. Since 1895 he has had a retail coal business, and at present he keeps four teams busy, doing a prosperous business in both lines, and holding his trade by upright methods. He is well thought of in the community, and has served two terms in the borough council. Mr. Cross is a Republican in politics, and fraternally a member of several secret organizations.

On Oct. 26, 1908, Mr. Cross married Cora M. Mertz, of Northumberland borough, a daughter of Benjamin F. Mertz (who died in April, 1910) and a granddaughter of George Mertz, who was born in Berks county, coming to this county along with the Hummels and Hilbishes.

Peter Mertz, great-grandfather of Mrs. Cross, was a pioneer of Union county, Pa. He settled near Freeburg, and went to farming, his farm consisting of 112 acres. He is buried at Freeburg, Pa. He and his wife had children as follows: a Mrs. Straub; Catharine, who married (first) a Mr. Brown and (second) a Mr. Heimbach; Peggy, Mrs. Snell; Philip, who lived near Lewistown, Pa.; John, who lived at Freeburg; Peter, who lived at Freeburg; and George.

George Mertz was born in April, 1821, near Freeburg, Pa., and he died Sept. 17, 1887, aged sixty-six years. He is buried at Northumberland, Pa. He was a wheelwright, after his marriage going into the mercantile and hotel business at Freeburg. He then came to Northumberland, Pa., and lived in Point township, following farming there until three years before his death, when he retired to the borough. He had a farm of 110 acres, part of which is still in the family name. He was a Republican and was school director many years, being also auditor. A man of intelligence and integrity, he was influential in his community and took an important part in all local matters. He and his family were members of the Lutheran Church. He married Amelia, born in 1823, daughter of Benjamin Hummel (1788-1869) and his wife Catharine (Hilbush) (1795-1868). She died in 1880. The children of George Mertz were: Mary E., who married Hammond Rhodenbaugh; Catharine A., twin to Mary E., who married Cyrus Walter; Benjamin Franklin, father of Mrs. Cross; Emma J., who married George Long; William H.; George Albert and John Peter, the latter dying aged seven months; John Philip; A. Amelia, who married Peter Mertz, her cousin, both dying a few years after marriage; Sarah I., who is unmarried; Lillie V., who married Charles Biehl; Amos A. and Flora E., Mrs. Benner; and Adda C., who married Harry Jacoby.

William H. Mertz, born June 6, 1853, became a florist of note. He married Jan. 8, 1878, Emeline Moyer, daughter of George Moyer, and they had nine children: Adelia A., Mabel I., Mary E., George P., Ruth E., Blanche E., William H., Jr., Boyd F. and Harold R.

FRED F. KUMER, of Shamokin, has built up a fine business as a contractor in the line of cement and concrete work since he established himself in the borough in 1899. He is a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, born July 5, 1869, son of Joseph Kumer, who was superintendent of a cement plant in the Fatherland. Joseph Kumer came to America in 1888, settling in Philadelphia, where he remained until his death, in 1896. He married Maria Bauer, also of Germany, who died in Philadelphia in 1904. They had children as follows: Theresa, Mary, Franciscos, Anna, Fred F. and Louisa.

Fred F. Kumer received a good education in the schools of his native land and there also learned the making of cement and concrete. Coming to this country when little more than a boy, he landed at New York City in March, 1885, and for some time after his arrival followed his trade at Philadelphia, removing thence to Bloomsburg, Pa., where he did considerable work in that line. In 1899 he came to Shamokin, where he has since made his home. He has had a number of im-



portant contracts, and employs from ten to fifteen men, his work including the laying of cement curbing, coping, steps, cellar and stable floors, and improved artificial stone pavements. He built his own fine residence, at No. 913 West Arch street, in 1908, and there he also has his business headquarters. His high-grade work is bringing him a steady and lucrative patronage.

On Feb. 21, 1895, Mr. Kumer married Margarina Malacchia, who is of French and Italian descent, and they have five children: Joseph John, Frank F., Mary Elizabeth, Christian William and Vincent Paul. Mr. Kumer is a member of St. Edward's Catholic Church and of the Knights of Columbus.

ROBERT J. ROUSH, of Milton, Northumberland county, is engaged as an engineer on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, his run being on the Shamokin division. He is a native of Lower Augusta township, this county, born July 14, 1870, and comes of a family long settled in the State of Pennsylvania.

David Roush, great-grandfather of Robert J. Roush, lived and died at Freeburg, Snyder county. His children were Nathan and Isaac.

Nathan Roush, son of David, was a well known truck farmer in Juniata county, where he died. He and his wife had a family of eight children: Wilson was the father of Robert J. Roush; Elmer lives at Shamokin, Northumberland county; Daniel lives in Snyder county; Edward lives in Shamokin; Fred, of Sunbury, married Jan. Dewrey and they have children, Frances, Harry, Clarence, Roy and Daniel; Caroline is deceased; Annie married John Walter; Agnes married James Reinert.

Wilson Roush was born in Snyder county, and now lives at Winfield, Union Co., Pa. He has been in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company for a period of twenty-two years. He married Malinda Seers, and they are the parents of four sons, namely: Robert J., Joseph, Boyd and Stillwell.

Robert J. Roush attended public school at Winfield and followed farm work during his early manhood, continuing thus until he was nineteen years old. At the age of twenty he came to Milton, and entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, beginning as a repairman. Later he was on the gravel train, and then worked as brickman for a time, becoming an engineer when only twenty-five years old. He has been on the Shamokin division throughout his service as engineer. Mr. Roush is a reliable and trustworthy man, a respected citizen of his home place, and well known among his fellow engineers. He holds membership in the P. O. S. of A., the F. O. E. and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and I. O. O. F. In religion, he is a member of the Baptist Church.

Mr. Roush's first wife, R. Minda (Leightner), of Snyder county, Pa., died in 1904. The two children born to this union died in infancy. On Sept. 19, 1906, Mr. Roush married (second) Christena J. Kern, of Erie, Pa., and they reside at No. 114 Maining street, in the borough of Milton.

JOSHUA F. HILL, of Montandon, until recently road foreman for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, now retired, was in the employ of that company over thirty years and was a trusted and reliable worker. Mr. Hill was born Oct. 13, 1844, at Montgomery Station, Lycoming Co., Pa., son of John Hill and grandson of John Hill.

The grandfather lived and died in Lycoming county, and is buried at the Baptist Church near Montgomery station. He was a carpenter by trade, and followed that calling many years. To him and his wife were born the following children: George, John, Joseph, Daniel, Henry, Sarah and Hannah.

John Hill, father of Joshua F. Hill, was born in 1806 in Lycoming county, and did day's work among the farmers of his district, where he was much liked and respected, having many friends. He died in 1892 and is buried in the same churchyard where his father rests. His wife, Sarah (Farley), was a daughter of John Farley, and they had five children: Joshua F.; John; Franklin; James; Benjamin; Elizabeth, unmarried; Sarah, unmarried; Mary, deceased; and Harriet, deceased.

Joshua F. Hill attended public school in his home state, and in his young manhood worked among the farmers about Montgomery. In 1889 he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, as section hand, and was engaged in that capacity for five years, at the end of which period he was made foreman, of the Northumberland division. He built six and a half miles of track, from Northumberland to Montandon, and had charge of the road at Montandon, 278 to 281 east, having ten men in his gang, until placed on the retired list, May 1, 1911. He is an able man, discharging his responsibilities with the utmost fidelity.

On July 3, 1870, Mr. Hill married Elvina Diehl, daughter of William and Hattie (Fry) Diehl. Mr. and Mrs. Hill are members of the Methodist Church at Montandon.

JACOB F. BERLEW, who conducts a thriving business at No. 850 Susquehanna avenue, in the Fifth ward of Sunbury, is a rising young merchant of that borough. He has had considerable experience in the line in which he is engaged, and has shown his ability to gain and hold trade by the most upright methods, being honest as well as enterprising. He was born in Sunbury Jan. 16, 1875, and is a member of the fourth generation

of the Berlew family in Northumberland county. We give a brief account of the earlier generations, as far as recorded.

Peter Berlew, great-grandfather of Jacob F. Berlew, was born in 1768 in New Jersey, and was one of the emigrants from that State who located in Lower Augusta township, this county, some time after the Revolutionary war. He owned a tract of land in that township on the north side of the Mahanoy mountains. He was a wood chopper and trapper, and so successful a hunter that he had a fence around his house made of the horns of deer he had killed. One day (about 1800) he shot eight deer in two hours on the spot where Trevorton is now located. He moved thither from Lower Augusta township when Indians were still roving over the region, and lived at Trevorton until his death in the winter of 1855, at the ripe age of eighty-seven years. He is buried at the Methodist Church in Irish valley. According to tradition his wife was a Shipman and also from New Jersey. She died long before her husband, and is buried at the Mountain Presbyterian Church. They had a family of four children, namely: Ruth married Samuel Randall; Gilbert is mentioned below; David settled in Luzerne county, Pa., above Pittston; Polly married William Feaster, a brother of Phoebe Feaster, her brother Gilbert's wife.

Gilbert Berlew, son of Peter, was born Feb. 29, 1818, in Lower Augusta township, and was seven years old when taken into the family of Squire Weiser, with whom he lived in Sunbury until he reached the age of twenty-one years. He had learned the trade of plasterer, which he followed at Trevorton, Shamokin and Ashland after he attained his majority until 1864, when he settled at Sunbury. He continued to live there until his death, in February, 1883, and is buried in the old cemetery on South Fourth street, Sunbury. He was quite a prosperous plastering contractor, employing as many as ten men and doing a large business for that day. His wife, Phoebe (Feaster), was a daughter of Samuel Feaster, of Lower Augusta township, and they were the parents of children, namely: Addison, Mary J., John, Angeline, Thomas, Norton, Elizabeth, Emanuel and Maria. Mr. Berlew and his family were Baptists.

Thomas Berlew, son of Gilbert, was born Feb. 16, 1848, at Boyles Run, Northumberland county, and received a public school education at Trevorton, to which place his parents had removed when he was three years old. At the age of seventeen he commenced to learn plastering from his father, and he has followed that trade all his life, being now the leading contractor in that line in Sunbury. He moved with his parents from Trevorton to Sunbury in 1864, and his work has been principally in and around the borough, though he has done considerable business in Shamokin. For

a number of years he has had the most important contracts in his home place, having plastered the jail, the courthouse, the leading hotels, all the churches but two, and many other buildings. At times he has had as many as twenty men in his employ, but for a few years past he has been relinquishing heavy responsibilities.

In 1869 Mr. Berlew married Catharine Felsing-er, daughter of Michael and Charlotte (Knobel) Felsing-er, of Sunbury, who came from Wurms, Germany, in 1851. Mr. and Mrs. Berlew have had four children: Lottie, now the wife of Charles Felton, of Sunbury; Jacob F.; John, of Philadelphia; and William, a merchant of Sunbury. Mr. Berlew and his family are members of the Baptist Church, in the work of which he has long been prominent, having served as trustee and librarian and, for thirty-five years, as member of the choir, having an excellent bass voice. Politically he is a Republican.

Jacob F. Berlew received his education in the public schools of Sunbury, graduating from the high school in 1895. At an early age he began clerking for his father, and in 1892 became interested in the mercantile business on Market street, where he was engaged for nine years. In 1903 he took a responsible position at Greensburg, Westmoreland Co., Pa., with the large mercantile house of A. E. Troutman & Co., having charge of the dress goods and silks, and he remained with that concern until he entered the business on his own account in 1906, establishing himself at his present location in Sunbury. His store on Susquehanna avenue has a frontage of 40 feet, and is 90 feet long. His stock is large and well assorted, and he gives employment to five clerks. Mr. Berlew's enterprise and obliging traits have brought him an extensive custom, which he is striving to increase by the most commendable methods, and he has every prospect of a prosperous future. In addition to his mercantile business, he has the district agency for the Pullman motor car, 1911 models. He is a member of the Order of Moose, at Sunbury, and belongs to the Presbyterian Church.

On Nov. 25, 1903, Mr. Berlew married Nellie Fox, daughter of Jacob Fox, of Greensburg, Pa., and they have had one daughter, Catharine.

LEVI B. BATDORF, who for the last twenty years has been engaged in the grocery business at Shamokin, Pa., is a native of Northumberland county, born in Jackson township Sept. 12, 1843, son of Joseph Batdorf and grandson of John Batdorf.

John Batdorf came to Northumberland county from Berks county, Pa., where his home had been near the Lebanon county line. He made the journey by wagon, and located in Jackson township, where he was among the very early settlers.



The Batdorfs had been located in Berks county for many years, in the tax list of 1759 there appearing the name of Christian Battorf (name is variously spelled by different members of the family), who paid two pounds tax, showing him to be a man of some property in Bethel township. John Batdorf owned a small farm, and devoted himself to farm work. He was a member of the United Evangelical Church at Mahanoy, where he is buried. He married Mary Grow, who died aged ninety years. They became the parents of two sons and eight daughters, namely: Joseph, John, Polly, Catharine, Sarah, Rebecca, Eliza, Harriet, Tillie and Lucy Ann, the last named, who is still living (1911), marrying Peter Kniss and having children, Rebecca Jane, Franklin, Hattie, Samuel and William.

Joseph Batdorf, son of John, was born in Reading, Pa., and accompanied his father to Northumberland county. He learned the blacksmith's trade, and followed it for some time, but later engaged in farming in Lower Mahanoy township, and died at Hickory Corners. He married Sarah Bahner, and their children were: Isaac, of Lower Mahanoy township; Jeremiah and William, deceased; Levi B.; Lovina, who married Elias Zartman; Hannah, who married Isaac Clemens; and Henrietta, who married John A. Long.

Levi B. Batdorf attended the schools of Jackson township, and at the age of seventeen began to learn the shoemaker's trade, which he followed for several years. For sixteen years he was engaged in farming in Little Mahanoy township, and in 1886 came to Shamokin. In 1890 he opened his present grocery store, in the operation of which he has met with deserved success. He carries a full line of groceries which he markets at reasonable prices, giving his customers the benefit of the best goods at the lowest possible cost.

In 1864 Mr. Batdorf married Harriett Zartman, daughter of Adam and Susan (Forney) Zartman, and they have two children: Irvin J., who is engaged in the insurance business at Harrisburg, married Ellen Enterline, and has two children, Claude W. and Ethel M.; Emma P. married N. I. Raker, of Shamokin. Mr. Batdorf is a member of the United Evangelical Church, which he has served as class leader, steward and trustee for some time, and for ten years was superintendent of the Sunday school in Little Mahanoy township.

**HARRY A. LEBO**, of Sunbury, has followed the baker's trade there since he attained his majority, and he has been in business for himself since 1895. His place of business at No. 600 East Market street is equipped with the most modern appliances known to the trade, and he employs four bakers, keeping two teams constantly busy supplying his trade. He sells more bread than any other

baker in the city. Mr. Lebo was born Jan. 4, 1869, in Upper Paxton township, Dauphin Co., Pa., where the family has long been located, his father and grandfather having been also natives of the same township.

Henry Lebo, the grandfather, was a shoemaker, following his trade in the days when shoes were made entirely by hand, and his services were in much demand in his locality. He died in middle life, of rheumatism, and is buried at St. David's Church, at Killinger, in Dauphin county. His wife, Annie (Billifelt), was from Berks county, Pa., and lived to be over seventy. Their children were: John died when a young man; Caroline married George Neagley and they lived at Millersburg; Nathaniel was the father of Harry A. Lebo; Mary M. married John Grove, of Harrisburg; Louisa married Jared Specht and both died at Millersburg; Rebecca, who is unmarried, lives at Millersburg; Henry lived in Upper Paxton township, Dauphin county. Only two survive, Mrs. Grove and Miss Rebecca Lebo.

Nathaniel Lebo, son of Henry, was born in February, 1830, in Upper Paxton township, was a farmer by occupation, and died in 1885. He is buried at St. David's Church, Killinger, and was a member of the Reformed congregation of that church. Mr. Lebo married Mary S. James, daughter of Isaac and Agnes (Albright) James, who lived in Armstrong Valley, and she survived him many years, dying April 5, 1907, when sixty-seven years old. Nine children were born to them, namely: Oliver lives in Upper Paxton township; Agnes, widow of J. P. Harrison, resides at Sunbury; Harry A. is mentioned below; Ira A. died in childhood; J. Edward makes his home in Illinois; J. Wilson is a resident of Upper Paxton township; Anna Dora and Anna Cora, the former the wife of George Seitz, the latter the wife of William DeLancy, are twins; Charles N. is a resident of Millersburg, Pennsylvania.

Harry A. Lebo received his education in the schools of the home locality, which he attended until thirteen years old. Subsequently he worked on the farm and learned coachsmithing, which he followed for a few years, but when twenty-one years old he came to Sunbury and commenced to learn the baker's trade, at which he has since been engaged. He was in the employ of others until 1895, when he started business on his own account, in a humble way, doing most of the work himself. Gradually he built up a thriving trade, which has grown to such proportions that he employs four bakers and runs two wagons, and he does the largest bread business in the city. Mr. Lebo is a general baker, turning out all the ordinary products of a bakery, and he also sells groceries and confectionery, in which line he has likewise established a good trade. He now owns all the ground from No. 600 Market street back to Wood-



lawn avenue, along Sixth street, and has gained this valuable holding by thrifty management and application to his business.

On July 3, 1893, Mr. Lebo married Katie M. Miller, daughter of Charles S. Miller, a prominent citizen of Sunbury, and six children have been born to this union: Myrtle S., Donald E., Russell A., Harry A., Cora C. and Helen A. The family are members of the Reformed Church. Mr. Lebo is a Democrat in political opinion, and socially he belongs to the Modern Woodmen, being a charter member of his lodge; he is a member of the American Sick and Accident Company.

**DARLINGTON R. KULP**, late of Shamokin, was for a quarter of a century one of the foremost business men of Northumberland county, where his extensive and varied interests made him an important figure in its industrial life from the time of his settlement in that borough until his death. His activities were not, however, confined to this region, his lumber business extending over a wide territory.

Mr. Kulp came of a family of Holland Dutch origin whose first members in America were among the early settlers of Pennsylvania. Matteas or Mattheis Kolb (as the name was originally spelled) came to America, arriving in the ship "Phoenix" Oct. 20, 1744, and lived in Pottstown and Goshenhoppen, Pa. He had one son Peter, whose son Joseph Kolb was born about 1749 and married Ann Maria Stettler. Joseph Kolb was overseer of the poor in New Hanover March 25, 1770. He had nineteen children, the sixth of whom, Christian, was the father of Darlington R. Kulp.

Christian Kulp was born Aug. 6, 1800, in Montgomery county, this State, and died March 9, 1874. He and his wife Catherine (Reminger), a native of Berks county, both spent their lives in eastern Pennsylvania. She lived to the age of eighty-three, and they are buried at Niantic, a small town in Montgomery county, near Pottstown. They had eleven children, as follows: Darlington R. is mentioned below; Sarah married Jacob Hummelricht, and died in Chester county; Elizabeth married George W. Drumbolter, and died at Gilbertsville, Pa.; Henry is living in East Coventry township, Chester county; Catharine married Jesse Longabach, and died at Pottstown, Pa.; Mary married William Fink and is living at Pottstown; Jacob married Amelia Wagner and lives at Houtzdale, Clearfield Co., Pa.; Christian lives at the old homestead at Niantic, Montgomery county; Elmina married Jacob Endy and resides at Pottstown; Frederick R. died in Tamaqua, Pa.; Diana married William Gilbert and lives at Pottstown.

Darlington R. Kulp was born in Philadelphia Nov. 29, 1826, and was reared in Montgomery county, near Pottstown. He attended the district schools, but not regularly, his advantages for edu-

cation being very limited. But he was intelligent and enterprising, and this handicap did not seriously affect his success. He learned the carpenter's trade and early engaged in the lumber business, becoming one of the most successful lumber dealers of his day in Northumberland county, whither he removed in 1867. In October of that year he settled in Shamokin, where he entered into partnership, in the lumber business, with D. S. Shultz and William H. Bechtel, the name of the firm being Shultz, Bechtel & Co. In 1869-70 he was a member of the firm of Kulp, Bechtel & Co., who operated the Ben Franklin colliery. In July, 1871, he became associated with Matthias Emes, under the name of Kulp & Emes, which lasted about six years, when Mr. Emes was succeeded by Isaac F. Stetler. The latter's interest was purchased May 1, 1878, by C. Q. McWilliams, the new firm being known as Kulp & McWilliams, who in 1879 extended their interests, adding ice and brick to the original line. They continued to deal in all three commodities until Jan. 1, 1882, when W. C. McConnell joined the firm, which under the name of Kulp, McWilliams & Co. did business until Aug. 15, 1886. The partnership was then dissolved, Mr. Kulp taking the lumber interests, and he continued to follow that line the rest of his life. His work branched out far beyond the original lines, for he not only bought large tracts of land and cut the timber, but he carried the work further, converting the cleared land into productive farms; at the time of his death he owned ten farms in Northumberland and adjoining counties.

In company with his eldest son, Monroe H. Kulp, Mr. Kulp opened a store in Shamokin, which they conducted as D. R. Kulp & Son for three years. Mr. Kulp was also a director of the Roaring Creek Water Company and its first president, and he was a director of the Shamokin Water Company. Though not particularly active in public affairs he served in the borough council and as supervisor of the poor in Coal township. He was originally a Whig, later a Republican, in politics. During Lee's invasion he was one of the "emergency men" who answered the call to defend the State.

Mr. Kulp was a Mason, uniting with Elysburg Lodge, No. 414, F. & A. M., and with Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M. He was reared in the faith of the German Reformed Church, but joined the Lutheran Church after locating in Shamokin.

On Oct. 5, 1851, Mr. Kulp married Elizabeth Gilbert, a native of New Hanover, Montgomery county, daughter of George and Sallie (Houck) Gilbert, of Montgomery county. She died Feb. 23, 1902, aged sixty-nine years, surviving Mr. Kulp, who passed away Dec. 29, 1893, at the age of sixty-seven years. They are buried in the Shamokin cemetery. To this union were born twelve children, eight of whom survive, namely: Zep-

orah E.; Joanna Catherine, widow of Edwin Shuman, residing in Shamokin (she has two children, Harry W. and Mary); Monroe H.; Clayton A., a resident of Shamokin, who married Alice Schlegel, and they have had three children, Darlington, Clarence and Monroe; Ella J.; Chester G., who married Elizabeth Dintinger, and they have had five children, Kathleen A., Darlington W., Elizabeth H., Chester G. and Elizabeth L. (the family live at Shamokin); Howard C., a member of the Kulp Planing Mill Company, manufacturers of lumber and mill work, at Lewistown, Pa., who married Clara Eisenhuth, and their children are Eleanora E., Darlington R., Leon E., Sarah, Marguerite and Florence G.; and George Gilbert.

**HON. MONROE H. KULP** was one of the most widely known citizens of Shamokin, and there was probably no one resident of the place more thoroughly identified with the local welfare. As representative of his district in Congress for two terms, and as a man of extensive business interests, in the development of which he showed himself to be possessed of the ability which, years ago, in his father's career, made the name of Kulp famous in lumber circles, he had a reputation which extended far beyond the limits of his home city. He encouraged and started projects for the opening up of this section, and showed his faith in its future by investing in new public utilities and in localities affected by them. His high personal qualities made him a popular figure for many years, and few men have retained so important a position in any community for so long a period.

Mr. Kulp lived in Shamokin from the age of seven years. He was born in Barto, Berks Co., Pa., Oct. 23, 1858, son of Darlington R. and Elizabeth (Gilbert) Kulp. Attending the public schools of Shamokin during the winter months in his early childhood, between times he did such work as the families as this sort of work were employed at, and by the time he was seventeen he had worked at nearly every branch of the coal industry. Then he entered the store of his father, continuing with him after the formation, in 1878, of the firm of Kulp & McWilliams, in whose employ he gained his early knowledge of the business in which he was so successful. However, he began to feel the need of more schooling, and in 1879 he entered the normal school at Lebanon, Ohio, where for two years he studied the branches he thought would be most helpful to him; he then went to the Eastman Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., from which he was graduated in 1881 with so creditable a record that his work was highly complimented by the faculty.

After this period of study Mr. Kulp returned to Shamokin and took charge of the books of Kulp, McWilliams & Co., of which firm his father was

senior member, acting as bookkeeper and cashier until the dissolution of the company, in 1886, when Darlington R. Kulp took all the lumber interests of the firm. Monroe H. Kulp was made general manager and acted as such until the spring of 1892. Meantime he had been junior member of the firm of D. R. Kulp & Son, who had a mercantile business for three years from the spring of 1886.

In 1892, when Darlington R. Kulp was stricken with the illness which caused his death the following year, the entire management of the extensive interests fell upon Monroe H. Kulp. It was no small responsibility, for the Kulp family were operating in nine counties in Pennsylvania and West Virginia, having twenty thousand acres in timber tracts and employing three hundred men. After his father's death, in 1893, having been appointed an executor of the will, he took entire charge of the estate. Upon the settlement of the estate the Monroe H. Kulp & Co. firm was organized, and this concern purchased the landed interests which they afterward continued to conduct. Mr. Kulp was president of the Kulp Lumber Company of Pennsylvania, of the Kulp Lumber Company of Allegany county, Md., and of the Kulp Planing Mill Company, Incorporated, of Lewistown, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Kulp's real estate holdings and investments in Shamokin enterprises were very considerable. Edgewood, Fairview and Kulpmont, three delightful suburbs of Shamokin, owe their development to his activity, and his own home at Edgewood is one of the handsomest residences in or around Shamokin. Edgewood Park, the finest pleasure resort in the coal region, is another of his projects brought to the completion. The excellent trolley service which Shamokin and the immediate vicinity enjoy is due to his efforts in the improvement of local transportation. He was a director of the Shamokin Street Railway Co. and at the time of his death president of the Shamokin & Edgewood Electric Railway Co. He was president of the Mount Equity Coal Co., and of the Leader Publishing Co. of Shamokin; a director of the Guarantee Trust & Safe Deposit Company of Shamokin; and of the Pennsylvania Lighting Company. He was a prominent member of the Board of Trade, and was serving as chairman of the executive committee of that organization. Hardly a single project of importance in recent years has been promoted without his aid and influence, and no one could labor more disinterestedly for the common good. He died Oct. 19, 1911.

Mr. Kulp represented his district, the Seventeenth, in Congress for two terms. In 1894 he was nominated without the least solicitation, and his popularity, to say nothing of the confidence he inspired, may be judged from the fact that although a Republican he was successful at the election, being the first member of his party so

honored in the district. He was nominated and elected for a second term, but refused the nomination for a third, his business interests demanding his undivided attention. He went into Congress for the second term by an increased majority, and his services throughout his membership in that body were eminently satisfactory. His knowledge of land conditions was recognized in his appointment to the committee on Public Lands, of which he was sub-chairman, and he was also a member of the Manufacturers committee.

Mr. Kulp had many fraternal and social connections, uniting with the Elks, the Eagles, the Red Men and the Masons, in the latter associating with Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M.; Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M.; Shamokin Commandery, No. 77, K. T.; Philadelphia Consistory, thirty-second degree; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He was one of the organizers of the Cresco Club of Shamokin, was a member of the Ross Club of Williamsport, of the Manufacturers' Club of Philadelphia, and Union League of Philadelphia.

On June 7, 1897, Mr. Kulp was united in marriage with Sarah DeWeese.

**GEORGE GILBERT KULP**, of Shamokin, is undoubtedly one of the most progressive residents of that city, well known not only in Northumberland county, but also in other sections of Pennsylvania and even outside of the State. His business interests are numerous and varied, and he has utilized them with such judgment and care as to make the most of all their possibilities. He has been a member of the important lumber firm of Monroe H. Kulp & Co. from early in its life, and is connected with many other enterprising concerns, in the management of which he has been entrusted with a considerable factor, or even a worthy partner, in some of the most successful whose name he bears.

Mr. Kulp was born in Shamokin June 15, 1873, son of Dr. George W. Kulp and grandson of Christian Kulp.

George Gilbert Kulp received an excellent education, attending the public schools of his native borough, the State College at Collegeville, Pa., and the Eastman National Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., from which he graduated in 1895, upon the organization of the firm of Monroe H. Kulp & Co., he became a member, and the lumber business has always been his principal interest. He is one of the best known men in that line in his section of Pennsylvania, his connections therein, besides those just mentioned, being with the Kulp Lumber Company of Maryland and the Kulp Planing Mill Company, of Lewistown, Mifflin Co., Pa., he being vice-president of both these concerns. The plant of the latter firm, for the manufacture of lumber and mill work, is one of the

largest and most complete along the line of the Pennsylvania railroad between Pittsburg and Philadelphia. He is also a director of the Columbia Co., manufacturers of cane seats, with headquarters at Jersey City, New Jersey.

Mr. Kulp's progressive instincts, however, have led him to aid with his capital and influence other undertakings which not only promised profit but benefit to the community, and thus he was one of the organizers of the Shamokin & Edgewood Electric Railway Company, and Edgewood Park, of which he is vice-president; he is vice-president, treasurer and executive manager of the Leader Publishing Company; a director of the Mount Equity Coal and Coke Company, of Riddlesburg, Bedford Co., Pa., and a member of the firm of Kulp & Savidge, which developed the suburbs of Edgewood and Fairview. His interest in local institutions has aided them materially, his ideas being thoroughly up-to-date and for the good of the people generally. He has a genial, unselfish nature, which has made him many friends, and he has a personal reputation above reproach.

Mr. Kulp is a member of the Elks, of which he is a past exalted ruler, and of the Masonic fraternity, in the latter connection having been one of the organizers and belonging to Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M., Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M., Shamokin Commandery, No. 77, K. T., Williamsport Consistory, thirty-second degree, and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading, Pa. In 1905 he represented the Shrine at the imperial council held at Niagara Falls and in 1906 he represented it at Los Angeles. He is a prominent member of the Larry's Creek Fish and Game Club, of Lycoming county, Pennsylvania. He is also a member of Cresco Club.

On Oct. 26, 1899, Mr. Kulp married Florence Billmeyer, daughter of ex-Congressman Billmeyer, of Washington Co., Montour county, and they have had two sons, both of whom died in infancy.

**THOMPSON BOWER**, late of Watertown, Northumberland county, was a resident of that borough for a quarter of a century before his death, and for twenty years was the efficient president of the Watertown National Bank, which was the first bank in the borough and for several years the only financial institution there. He was a native of Lycoming county, Pa., born in Washington township March 9, 1826, son of John Bower and grandson of George Bower.

George Bower, the grandfather, served seven years as a soldier in the Revolutionary war. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Thompson, are buried in the Stone Church in Brady township, Lycoming county. They were the parents of the following children: George, who married; Martha, Mrs. Smith, who moved to New York; Elizabeth, Mrs. Farley; Eve, Mrs. Henting; Mrs. Syph-



er, who died May 10, 1883; Ellen, Mrs. William Autis, who died May 11, 1883; and John.

John Bower, son of George, was born in 1799 in New Jersey, and died in 1872. He married Sarah Quinn, who was born in Ireland in 1793, and they spent the greater part of their lives in Lycoming county, Pa. Their children were as follows: (1) James Q. married Elizabeth Sedan and moved to Illinois, where she died and he remarried; there were six children by the first union, Robert, William, Ann E., Jennie, Ella and James, and five by the second; James Q. Bower died April 27, 1900. (2) Thompson, twin of James Q., is mentioned below. (3) Lewis married Tisha Lemon and died Oct. 6, 1907. (4) Mary Ellen married Daniel Foresman and has daughters Sallie (wife of James Piatt and mother of two children) and Maggie (a trained nurse).

Thompson Bower was reared on a farm and continued to follow agricultural pursuits for a number of years after beginning life on his own account, living in Lycoming county and later in Union county prior to his removal to Watsonstown, in 1884. In 1883 he had purchased the large brick house which he and his family occupied from the time of their settlement at that place, and which is the oldest house in the borough. He retained valuable interests in Union county, owning several large and fertile farms there. After taking up his residence in Watsonstown he was prominently connected with its most important business interests, and for twenty years was the executive head of the Watsonstown National Bank, which owes much of its high standing to his wise policy and shrewd direction of affairs. While living in the country Mr. Bower served his community as member of the school board, but he took no part in public life during his residence in Watsonstown. He was a Democrat in politics and a Lutheran in religion, holding membership in the First Lutheran Church in Watsonstown, which he served as elder for many years.

On Nov. 15, 1848, Mr. Bower married Catharine A. Gosh, who was born in Black Hole Valley, in Lycoming county, Pa., daughter of Christian and Margaret (Dietrich) Gosh, later of Northumberland county. Her grandparents, Christian and Catharine (Wiest) Gosh, were natives of Holland, and coming to America settled in Lycoming county. Their children were Christian, Daniel and John (who married a Miss Coats, of Philadelphia). Christian Gosh, father of Mrs. Bower, was born in 1807, and died in 1871. He married Margaret Dietrich, who was born in 1809, daughter of Frederick Dietrich and his wife (whose maiden name was Knauer), natives of Columbia county, Pa., and among the early settlers in Black Hole Valley. Mrs. Margaret (Dietrich) Gosh was the mother of five children: Levi, who died in 1854; Dr. John, who married a Hancock, and

died July 27, 1877; Frederick, who married a Miss Armstrong; Ellen M., who married Dr. J. P. Harley and had children, Margaret, Bertha, Lulu, and Dr. John (of Williamsport, Pa.); and Catharine A., Mrs. Thompson Bower.

Mr. and Mrs. Bower reared three children: Laure E. married R. M. Griffiee and had a daughter Catharine; John G., now a resident of Hagerstown, Md., married Ada Follmer and has children John and Rolland (John G. Bower went to Europe in 1907 and spent some time in travel); Maggie G. married George W. Crane, who died Feb. 3, 1900, and she and her children, Thompson B., Margarette B. and Catharine B., went to reside with her parents. They have an ideal household. Though long past man's allotted span at the time of his death, Mr. Bower continued hale and energetic to the end, pursuing life's work with unabated interest, and he enjoyed a most honorable position in the community, commanding the esteem of all who knew him.

FERDINAND KERLIN HILL was born at Selinsgrove, Snyder Co., Pa., Oct. 5, 1850. In 1858 he, with his father, George Hill, who was a practicing lawyer, moved to Sunbury, Pa., where he has since resided with the exception of several years when he spent in Illinois. He was educated in the public schools of his home town, studying also for some time at the Wiley Academy in Milton, Pa., and at the Kremer Academy in Sunbury. He studied law with his father and was admitted to the Northumberland county bar in 1871. In January, 1872, he went West and settled at Freeport, Ill. He was admitted by the Illinois Supreme court to practice law anywhere in the State. While in Freeport he was elected to the office of justice of the peace, and after serving a year and a half resigned his commission and returned to Sunbury, Pa., where he entered into partnership with his father in the practice of law. After being ten years in the law business he retired to engage in other pursuits. On April 1, 1892, he assumed the management of the *Sunbury American*, one of the pioneer Republican newspapers of the State, founded by the late Henry B. Masser, in 1840. On Dec. 16, 1893, Mr. Hill established the daily *Evening Item*, and made it a successful and important publication. In July, 1904, he retired from the newspaper business to give his whole time to the business of the post office, as postmaster, which office he held from April 27, 1901, to March 31, 1911.

On Dec. 6, 1877, Mr. Hill was married to Rachel Jane Packer, eldest daughter of the late Hon. John B. Packer, of Sunbury, Pa. Three children were born to them: William Cameron, Mary Martha, and Nelle Packer, wife of Mr. Frank L. Rabe, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Hill has always taken a deep interest in

the affairs of his town. He was appointed as a member of the first board of health established in the place, and served three years. He also served a term as school director, and largely through his exertions the cause of modern school buildings was brought to the attention of his fellow members of the board and the people of the town. The result was the large and handsome high school building, the pride of the town, which stands on Fifth street, which was planned and built during his term and was the forerunner of several other fine buildings, erected since.

Mr. Hill has always devoted a great portion of his time to the science and study of music, and has for many years been closely identified with the musical development of his town. He has always advised and encouraged the cultivation of the higher order of music, especially the classics of the old masters. He served over thirty-five years as organist of the First Reformed Church of Sunbury, and has written considerable music, principally for church service. Among his compositions is the music of the comic opera "Rhoda," the libretto of which was written by the late Gilbert T. Israel. The opera has never been given on the professional stage, but has had many renditions, at different times, by amateur companies for charitable benefits, and never failed to receive enthusiastic applause by large audiences.

J. SIMPSON KLINE, attorney, of Sunbury, local counsel for the Pennsylvania and Northern Central Railway Companies in Northumberland county, is a native of Upper Augusta township and a member of an old Pennsylvania family which long ago settled in this county. The family came from England to New Jersey, and thence to Pennsylvania.

Isaac Kline, his grandfather, was a native of Northumberland county, and followed farming near Sunbury, in the village of Kline's Grove. He married Elizabeth DeWitt, and reared a good-sized family.

Harmon G. Kline, son of Isaac, was born in Northumberland county in 1818, and became a lifelong farmer, as was his father before him. He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was liberal with both his time and means in endeavoring to advance its interests. He married Mary Bassett, who was born in 1821, daughter of Luther Bassett, a native of New Jersey, who removed to Northumberland county, and followed farming there, living to the advanced age of eighty-seven years. Mr. and Mrs. Kline enjoyed more than half a century of wedded happiness. Mr. Kline has been deceased several years. Mrs. Kline is living and in good health, in her ninety-first year. They were the parents of nine children, who all grew to maturity, the survivors being men and women of real value to their several

communities: (1) Dr. Luther B. was educated in the Sunbury public schools, and professionally in Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. Since his graduation he has been practicing at Catawissa, Columbia county. He was vice president of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society in 1910-11. (2) Elisha B. graduated at Williamsport Dickinson Seminary, read law with Hon. S. P. Wolverton, and was just ready for admission to the bar when he died. (3) Elizabeth Cecelia was also sent to Williamsport Seminary, and after finishing her course married H. C. Wallize. (4) George M. was educated at Williamsport, and is now a merchant in Union county, Pa. (5) Margaret Eleanor was educated at Dickinson Seminary, and is the widow of I. Lewis Bender. She resides with her son, Prof. Harold H. Bender, of Princeton University. (6) Dr. David C. attended Bloomsburg normal school, Dickinson Seminary, and Hahnemann Medical College, from which institution he was graduated in 1883. The same year he settled at Reading, Pa., where he has since been engaged in practice. He is ex-president of the Homeopathic State Medical Society of Pennsylvania. (7) I. Clinton was educated at Bloomsburg normal school, Union Seminary, Bucknell Academy, and Lafayette College, receiving the A. B. and A. M. degrees from the latter institution. He read law with Hon. John B. Packer and has practiced in Sunbury since 1894. (8) J. Simpson was the next in order of birth. (9) Rachel Estelle is the wife of Prof. William S. Hall, who is head of the Department of Mining Engineering of Lafayette College. He is author of several college text-books on mathematics.

J. Simpson Kline was born in Upper Augusta township, Northumberland county, and during his boyhood worked on the farm and attended country school. He was also a student of Union Seminary, at New Berlin, and of Lafayette College, at Easton, and taught school for a time at Bloomsburg. There he read law with Charles G. Barkley, Esq., was admitted to the bar of Northumberland county in February, 1891, and has since been engaged in practice at Sunbury. At the close of that year he entered the office of James C. Packer, Esq., with whom he was associated professionally in the settlement of the Packer estate. He has attained prominence in his profession, served several years as borough solicitor for Sunbury and Northumberland, and is now local counsel for the Pennsylvania and Northern Central Railway Companies. He is also attorney for the First National Bank of Sunbury, and a director of that bank.

Mr. Kline has been active in the Masonic fraternity, being past master of Knapp Lodge, No. 462, F. & A. M., of Berwick, Pa.; past master of Maclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M., at Sunbury, and secretary of the latter; past high priest of Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M.;



records of Mount Hermon Cemetery, No. 87, K. T., of Sunbury; and of Irem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Williams Barre, Pennsylvania.

BROSIOUS or BROSIUS, two of the commonest forms of which this name is found, is the patronymic of a family now numerously represented in Northumberland county, where several distinct branches reside. It is said that the family was settled in Lancaster county, before coming to this region, and that Sebastian Brosius, from whom many of the name trace their descent, came from that county. About 1780 he obtained from William Debar a tract of land in the lower end of this county upon which Dalmatia township is now located, and this land he left to his son, John George Brosius, who erected a saw-mill and a grist-mill. This mill as originally built by George Brosius was a log structure, situated on the Stone Valley creek, at the lower end of Dalmatia, and is said to have been the first in the southern part of Northumberland county. It subsequently became known as the Witmer mill. Sebastian Brosius must have died in this section before the land transaction mentioned, as in 1775, when Mahanoy township was organized, he became its first constable. Unfortunately he left no will, and there seem to be no records to show if either of his sons or three were, but the following were undoubtedly his sons: Peter, Abraham, John (one of the Lower Mahanoy branch) and another son who, under the Jordan township branch.

Members of the family were also in Berks county, Pa. The last will and testament of one Nicholas Brosius, of the village of Reading, on record in Will Book B, page 134, at the Berks county courthouse, was proved June 28, 1790. He was married Feb. 12, 1789, and his wife Frances was appointed executrix. They had no children. His only brother, Henry Brosius, "shall have all my wearing apparel of every kind whatsoever, together with the sum of ten pounds in gold and silver money, all to be settled by my executors three months after my decease; rest shall belong to my beloved wife Frances, who shall be my sole heir and executor." This Nicholas Brosius died at Reading in June, 1790.

In 1806, when Mahanoy township, which originally embraced all that area now divided into Jackson, Washington, Upper Mahanoy, Jordan and Lower Mahanoy townships, was divided, one Nicholas Brosius was one of the supervisors of that section now called Upper Mahanoy, and Abraham Brosius was one of the two overseers of the poor of said township. In 1845 George Brosius was one of the organizers of the Georgetown Church, Lutheran and Reformed.

Among the records at the Himmel Church we find: Nicolaus Brosius, born Dec. 23, 1754, died

Dec. 13, 1833. But we also find that one Nicholas Brosius died Dec. 6, 1832, and his wife Anna or Ann died Oct. 30, 1836. Their sons were Nicholas, George, Peter (all lived in New York), Michael (?) and John, and there was evidently a daughter Elizabeth, born Aug. 19, 1780, who died March 29, 1821. Of these, George, born March 27, 1788, died Oct. 1, 1870; his wife, Eva Catharine, daughter of Michael and Rosana Schater, born May 30, 1792, died April 11, 1868.

John Brosius, evidently son of Nicholas and Anna, born Jan. 2, 1790, and was a farmer by occupation. He was at one time located near Harrisburg, where Joseph Phillips now resides, and is settling on the place now owned by David H. Witmer, and there he died Sept. 30, 1861, at the residence of his daughter. He married Catharine Spotts, who was born Jan. 15, 1795, and died Jan. Spotts, died Dec. 27, 1878, and they had eight children named. They had the following children: Charles; Sarah, who never married; Mary Ann, born in 1819, who died in 1875; and Napoleon, who lived near Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania.

Charles Brosius, son of John, was born in Lower Mahanoy township, and lived on the Brosius homestead, the farm now occupied by David H. Witmer. He followed farming throughout his active years, retiring some years before his death, which occurred Feb. 4, 1883, at the age of seventy-four years, ten months, twenty-nine days. He is buried at Zion's Stone Valley Church, of which he was a Lutheran member, all his family also being members there. He was active in the life of his congregation, holding several church offices. His wife was Rebecca Emerick, daughter of Michael Emerick, and their children were the following: George; Henry; Isaac E.; Charles, born in 1862, who died in 1865; Catharine, who never married; Sarah, married to William Scheib (they live near Gratz, Pa.); Susanna, wife of Henry Fetterolf; Elizabeth, who married Foster Spotts, of Valley View, Pa.; and Louisa, who married Alexander Deppen.

George Brosius, son of Charles, was born at Dalmatia, and like his immediate ancestors became a farmer, living in the Mahantango Valley, where he owned the farm now belonging to Alexander Deppen. He also followed the butcher business for some years. He took some part in local affairs, serving as school director, was a Republican in politics, and was an active member of the Stone Valley Church, in which he held the office of deacon. He died Dec. 10, 1883, aged forty-two years, eleven months, sixteen days, and is buried at the Stone Valley Church. His wife Sophia (Trego), daughter of Samuel Trego, was born Oct. 8, 1837, and died Dec. 27, 1877, and is also buried at the Stone Valley Church. They had the following



children: John F., Mary (Mrs. Jerre Heckert), Sarah (Mrs. Joseph E. Kestress), Charles H. and Samuel (deceased children).

John F. Brosious, son of George and Mary (H) of Dalmatia (Green township), was born Aug. 11, 1853, where he still lives, and received his education in the public schools. He has done his farm work, the farm, assisting with the agricultural work, and also helping his father in the butcher business for several years. He then became clerk and hotel at Herndon, Pa., for some twenty years, and at the age of twenty was married to Olga (Mrs. H.), widow of the late John H. Herndon, a German. After his marriage he began clerking in a hotel in his native township, continuing in that position for six years, when he engaged in the grocery business, in December, 1891, on his own account. After conducting same about one and a half years, he took out and entered the livery business, which he carried on until then about fifteen years, during which time, however, he was also engaged as owner and proprietor of the "National Hotel" at Dalmatia, the leading hotel of the town. He was interested in the hotel business for six and a half years, selling his property and going west in 1908 to Jacob Bingham, the present proprietor. Since the spring of 1910 Mr. Brosious has had a general mercantile and drug business at Dalmatia, carrying a full stock of necessities, and he is agent and distributor for various kinds of farm implements and vehicles of every description. In this connection he handles the famous Mifflinburg (Pa.) and Michigan buggies and other vehicles, in which line he has a large trade; has the district agency of the DeLaval cream separators, of which he has sold many in his section of the county; is agent for a number of different harvesting machines, many makes of plows and harrows and farm supplies of various kinds, doing the largest business of the kind in the territory south of Line Mountain. Stoves, heating apparatus and bathroom supplies constitute another line in which he has built up a profitable trade. Mr. Brosious is vice-president and a director of the Mahanoy & Mahantango Telephone Company, director and manager of the Aluminum Paint & Tile Company, of Dalmatia (where he employs six men), is the owner of considerable real estate in Dalmatia, and an all-around man of affairs in his community, where he is regarded as a leading business man, and a citizen whose public spirit and progressive influence have done much for the general welfare. He has gained his substantial position through his own efforts, and the high standing he enjoys is the result of a consistent career of honorable dealings and the pursuit of honorable ambitions. His financial acumen and trustworthy character were recognized by his selection to the office of treasurer of Lower Mahanoy township, a position he filled

for many years. He is a Republican in politics, socially is identified with the Jr. O. U. A. M., John B. Parker Chapter, No. 854, of Dalmatia (of which he was elected treasurer in 1896), two months after joining, and has filled the office ever since, and with the I. O. O. F., Lodge No. 864 at Herndon, and in religion is a Lutheran. He belongs to the Lutheran congregation at Dalmatia Lutheran Church, of which he is a Rensomed member, and served four years as deacon, declining another two years' term.

On Sept. 3, 1887, Mr. Brosious married Mary G. Emerick, daughter of Isaac and Sarah (Spotts) Emerick, and granddaughter of John and Anna (Charles) Emerick. They have four children: Albert, Eugene, Harry E. (born Jan. 17, 1893), Lillian and Anna S.

CHARLES H. BROSIUS, who conducts a livery business at Dalmatia, was born April 22, 1870, in Lower Mahanoy township, son of George and Sophia (Trego) Brosius. He was reared upon the farm, and did farm work from the time he commenced regular employment, at the age of thirteen, until he reached the age of seventeen. The next year he clerked in a hotel, and then became traveling salesman for D. F. Witmer, jobber and manufacturer of confectionery, of Herndon, following this line of work for three years. For the next two years he was engaged as bar clerk at Tower City and Lykens, after which he married and returned to Dalmatia, his early home. For several years he followed different kinds of work, until he entered the livery business in 1900, for Dr. M. L. Emerick of Hickory Corners. Three years later he began the livery business which he has since continued, and in which he has now an extensive custom, having an up-to-date stable, ten horses and excellent equipment. He has the reputation of always keeping reliable teams, and frequently has calls to take out parties. Mr. Brosious has built up a good business by faithful attention to the wants of his patrons, and he has been thrifty of his earnings, having bought his own residence, owns several lots in the borough, and has real estate in Washington, D. C. He is a thoroughly respected citizen, enjoying the esteem of all who know him.

In 1896 Mr. Brosious married Katie Seachrist, daughter of John Henry and Elizabeth (Zerbe) Seachrist, and they have a family of eight children: Laura M., John E., Ella M., Charles E., Catharine M., George E., Ralph E. and William E. Mr. Brosious and his family worship with the Lutheran congregation at Dalmatia. Politically he is a Republican.

ISAAC E. BROSIUS, son of Charles and Rebecca (Emerick) Brosious, was born Nov. 19, 1852, in Lower Mahanoy township, where he was reared, and where he continued to live until 1890. From

boyhood he was trained to agricultural life, which he has always followed, and in 1890 he moved to the farm near Selins Grove Junction, in the lower end of Upper Augusta township, this county, which he has since occupied, cultivating the land on shares. There are 140 acres of cleared land in this property, and Mr. Brosious has acquired a valuable farm stock during the twenty years he has been on this place, which he has placed in excellent condition by his intelligent and thrifty methods. Mr. Brosious is a Republican, and is serving his second term as school director of Upper Augusta township, having been last elected in the spring of 1910. He and his family worship in the old Lutheran Church, St. Elias Church in Hollowing Run, where he is serving his second term as elder.

On Nov. 17, 1877, Mr. Brosious married Lizzie Weaver, daughter of Henry and Annie (Bonawitz) Weaver, of Mahantango, the former a native of Lower Mahanoy township, where he died and is buried, his grave being at the Bingaman Evangelical Church at the county line. Mrs. Brosious's grandfather was Henry Weaver, who also lived in Lower Mahanoy township, later moving to Juniata county, where he died and is buried. Fifteen children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Brosious, as follows: Charles H.; Jonathan A., deceased in infancy; Arthur F., of Upper Augusta township, who married Mary Drumm; William I.; Forrest E., of Lower Augusta township, who married Virgie Brosius; Stella M., who married Charles Brosious, a contractor of Sunbury; Cartie M., unmarried, who lives at home; Lizzie A., wife of William D. Wolf; a son that died in infancy; Beulah D. and Anna C., both of whom are unmarried and at home; and Eben T., Flossie H., Leroy and E. G., all of whom are attending school.

CHARLES H. BROSIUS, son of Isaac E., was born March 4, 1880, in Lower Mahanoy township, and there attended the common schools. He was reared to farming, which he followed as assistant to his father in his youth, continuing to live with his parents until 1904. That year he moved to Sunbury, where he continued to reside for a year and a half, following which he was located at Limestone, in Upper Augusta township, for four years, in the spring of 1910 settling at his present home in the central part of Rockefeller township, at the Center (Shipman) schoolhouse. It was at one time the Daniel Conrad homestead, later owned by William Horning, and consists of seventy-one acres of fertile land, with good buildings and various modern improvements. Everything about the property is in excellent condition, and Mr. Brosious has up-to-date machinery and the necessary equipment for carrying on his work profitably and expeditiously. He has a silo, and is wide-awake in adopting any approved apparatus or methods

for facilitating good work, being regarded as one of the enterprising young farmers of his section. The farm is sure to improve materially under his energetic management. For nine years Mr. Brosious was engaged in the dairy business, conducting a daily milk route to Sunbury.

On July 9, 1904, Mr. Brosious married Katie May Foy, daughter of Daniel B. and Sallie M. (Rebuck) Foy, of Rockefeller township, and they have one daughter, Ellen May. Mr. Brosious and his family worship at the Hollowing Run Lutheran Church. Socially he holds membership in Lodge No. 203, I. O. O. F., of Sunbury.

WILLIAM I. BROSIUS, son of Isaac E., was born June 2, 1883, in Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, and there began his education in the public schools. When he was in his seventh year his parents moved to their present home in Upper Augusta township, and he continued to work for them on the farm until he reached his majority, at which time he took up the carpenter's trade. He followed that business about four years altogether. In the spring of 1893 he had begun farming on shares, being thus engaged for two years, one in Lower Augusta township and one in Rockefeller township. After that he was employed at his trade until the spring of 1910, when he purchased and settled upon the farm of seventy-two acres in Lower Augusta township, near Mount Zion U. B. Church, which he now occupies. This farm was owned in the earlier days by John Bartholomew, and later by F. B. Delbough. Mr. Brosious raises general crops and attends the Sunbury markets. He is prospering by strict attention to his work, and is one of the industrious and respected citizens of his locality.

On July 1, 1902, Mr. Brosious married Bertha Daisy Delbough, daughter of F. P. and Carrie Delbough, of Lower Augusta township, and they have three children, namely: Eugene A., B. Violet and W. Leroy. Mr. Brosious and his family are Lutherans in religious faith. He is a Republican on political questions.

Peter Brosius, born July 23, 1782, was one of the early residents in the lower end of the county, and followed farming, owning a large acreage, now divided into two farms. The one went to his son Peter and is now owned and occupied by Wesley Snyder; the other went to his son Andrew, and is now owned by the Milton Drumbheller estate. Peter Brosius died Nov. 19, 1849, and he and his two wives are buried at the Himmel Church. All his children were born to his first marriage, with Anna Margaretha Hepler, who was born July 19, 1786, and died April 27, 1838. His second wife, Anna Maria (Hepler), was a sister to the first, and was herself first married to Jacob Reitz; she was born April 4, 1784, and died Sept. 23, 1857. Two sons and three daughters



were born to Peter and Anna Margaretha Brosius: Maricha, who married Godfried Rebuck; Godfried; Peter; Eve, who married a son of Rev. Mr. Hempling; and Anna, who married Benneville Holshue (storekeeper, hotelkeeper and postmaster at Greenbrier, in Upper Mahanoy township) and (second) a German named Lawrence, with whom she moved West.

Godfried Brosius, son of Peter, was a farmer all his life. He settled in Washington township, where Milton Drumheller now lives, and was a Lutheran member of the Himmel Church there, where he is buried. He was born Jan. 27, 1808, and died November 29, 1851; his wife Catharine Klock, born Nov. 24, 1805, died Dec. 1, 1876, and is also buried at the Himmel Church. We have the following record of their children: (1) Judith married David Ferster, and they lived near Urban, Pa. (2) Samuel obtained the homestead of his father when he was sold out, and later moved north of the mountain into one of the Augusta townships. He married Kate Rebuck, and they had children, Wilhelmina, Emma, James, Washington, Zetic and Sivilla. (3) Lydia married Joseph Rebuck and they lived near the Himmel Church in Washington township. (4) Sarah, born in 1837, died in 1854, unmarried. (5) Peter married a Miss Christ and they lived in Ashland, Pa. They had a family. (6) Joseph had a small tract of land in the neighborhood of the Himmel Church, and besides cultivating it followed his trade of carpenter. He married Henrietta Clark and they had Jane (Mrs. Morris Rothermel) and Laura (Mrs. Roland Hilbush).

Peter Brosius, the other son of Peter and Anna Margaretha (Hepler) Brosius, passed all his life in the Swabian creek district, near Greenbrier, in what is now Washington township, Washington and Upper Mahanoy townships forming the Swabian Creek Valley. He owned over two hundred acres of land (the farm now owned by Wesley Snyder), and was an enterprising and successful man, in addition to farming being engaged in milling, in which he prospered as in his other work. He operated an oil mill, sawmill and gristmill. He was succeeded by his son Andrew. Peter Brosius died Feb. 2, 1854, aged forty-three years, five months, nineteen days, and was buried at the Himmel Church, of which he was a Lutheran member. His wife, Catharine Gonsor, daughter of Daniel Gonsor, of Washington township, died Oct. 6, 1895, aged eighty-five years, eleven months, twenty-nine days. They had a large family, viz.: Andrew G. is mentioned below; Eve married John Hetrich; Maria (deceased) married a Mr. Beissel; Catharine (deceased) married William Hetrich; Daniel (deceased) lived on part of the homestead, where Charles Brosius now lives; Mary married John Houten (or Hout-

den); Emanuel G. is mentioned below; James died when about eleven years old.

Andrew G. Brosius was born in Upper Mahanoy township, Sept. 23, 1832, and died April 16, 1900, aged sixty-seven years. He owned and operated the Brosius mill and farm, his land consisting of 120 acres, now owned by his son-in-law, Wesley Snyder, and the mill is now owned and operated by his son William S. During his ownership of the mill Andrew G. Brosius remodeled it, and he had a linseed oil mill and sawmill, as well as a gristmill. A man of initiative and energy, he long held his place as the leading business man of the district, where he did considerable building and lent his influence and aid to many projects which benefited the whole community. He was an active member of the Lutheran congregation at the Himmel Church, where he held various offices, and was also a public officeholder, serving as school director and supervisor of his township. In politics he was a staunch Democrat. Mr. Brosius was twice married. His first wife, Mary A. Schankweiler, daughter of Solomon Schankweiler, of Upper Mahanoy township, was born Sept. 9, 1834, and died March 12, 1867. They were the parents of five children: Sarah married John Keim; Samuel lives at Shamokin, Pa.; Cassie married Wesley Snyder; William S. is mentioned below; Mary married Lewis Rothermel. By his second marriage, to Luzetta Adam, daughter of Jeremiah Adam, there were three children: Galen, of Rough and Ready, Pa.; Frances, who married William Snyder; and Andrew Jackson.

WILLIAM S. BROSIUS, son of Andrew G., operates the old gristmill and sawmill run by his father and grandfather before him, at Greenbrier, in Washington township, where he was born March 10, 1865. He was reared to work on the farm and in the mill, assisting his father until he reached his majority, after which he was employed in the coal mines at Locust Dale for a period of eight years. For the following ten years he was engaged in railroading, on the Philadelphia & Reading road. On April 2, 1900, he came to his present home and has since devoted himself to the operation of the mill; it is located on a two-acre piece of land. Mr. Brosius has a thriving business, which has continued to grow under his management, and he is a reliable miller and honorable in all his transactions, having the respect of all who have had dealings with him.

In 1888 Mr. Brosius married Elizabeth Umlauf, daughter of Henry and Dinah (Racebeck) Umlauf, of Ashland, Pa., the former of German descent, the latter of English ancestry. Mr. and Mrs. Brosius have had a large family, namely: Francis, Myrtle, Guy, Gertrude, Adda, William, Ethel, a son that died in infancy, Clarence, Emory, Henry, and Roy (who died when five







he had the advantages of Uniontown Seminary for several terms. At the youthful age of seventeen he began teaching, receiving his license from Prof. William E. Bloom, and for eight successive terms he followed that profession in Jordan township. Meantime, in the spring of 1900, he bought his present farm, a tract of sixty-seven acres in Jordan township formerly belonging to John T. Wiest, who purchased it from Simon Bohner, whose predecessor was Samuel Bush. Mr. Brosius devotes the principal part of his time to farming, and he has also had considerable success as an insurance agent, being one of the three agents of the Stone Valley Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Mahanoy. He has also been a faithful public servant, having held the office of auditor of his township for seven years in succession. He is a Democrat in politics. Mr. Brosius is well and favorably known in his locality, where his successful business life and excellent public service have gained him high standing among his fellow citizens.

On Feb. 3, 1894, Mr. Brosius married Kate E. Wiest, daughter of John T. Wiest, and they have a family of five children: Mabel, Carlos, Fred, Harold and John. Mr. Brosius and his family are members of the Hebe Church, of which he has been a deacon since 1905. Socially he belongs to Washington Camp, No. 232, P. O. S. of A., at Hebe.

Abraham Broseus (Brosius), Sr., yeoman, of Upper Mahanoy township, died there, near the Schuylkill county line, in 1844. He made his last will and testament Jan. 22, 1839, and it was probated Jan. 11, 1844, soon after his death, which likely occurred early that month. He signed this document Abraham "Broseus," and his descendants generally have adhered to that spelling of the name. He provided liberally for his wife Catharine, who was to have all movable property, and after her death her clothes were to be divided between her daughters Euline and Anna Mary. Mr. Broseus left a large estate, being considered a wealthy man in his day. The following children were mentioned in the will: Peter, three hundred pounds; Abraham (Abram), three hundred pounds; Euline, who married John Beachel; George, deceased, whose heirs were to have \$169.49 each; Elizabeth, who married Peter Zegenfus (they were to have sixty dollars more); Nicholas, "yet 100 pounds"; John, "yet 100 pounds"; Anna Mary, who married John Delb, and they obtained the homestead (containing 160 acres) on which they lived in 1839 (they were to pay out 1,100 pounds).

ABRAM BROCEUS (as he wrote the name), son of Abraham, Sr., was born in Washington township April 24, 1817, and lived there until he was seventeen years old. He then went out to Ohio, stopping first at Massillon, but during the great

part of his residence in that state he was located at Akron, where he learned the carpenter's trade, working for Henry Howe, brother of Captain Howe. He followed that trade for a number of years. He was married at Greensburg, near Akron, and there lived until after the birth of his oldest child, Raymond, soon after which he moved to Berrien county, Mich., settling in Buchanan township. Mr. Broceus took up land, and continued to follow his trade besides clearing and cultivating his land until he had his property paid for. Selling that property he bought a 200-acre farm within one mile of the village of Buchanan and there spent the last thirty years of his life. The success he met with was due entirely to his own industry and good management, for he was a self-made man in the best sense of the term. He was the pioneer of his family in Michigan, and in 1909 his descendants organized a family association, holding their first reunion at his old homestead; the second was held in August, 1910. A man of unassuming life and retiring disposition, he was a useful, respected member of society, and his death, which occurred June 2, 1894, was widely mourned. He is buried in the Broceus family plot in Oakridge cemetery, at Buchanan, Mich. Mr. Broceus was a member of the Evangelical Association, and active in church life. In politics he was a Republican.

Mr. Broceus married Abigail Smith, who died July 24, 1880, aged fifty-six years. Ten children were born to this union: Raymond, who lives at Buchanan, Mich.; Eliza, wife of Justice H. Steiner; Mary Ann, wife of Solomon Quint, of Carroll, Iowa; William, who died at Buchanan, Mich.; Henry, of Buchanan, Mich.; Malinda, deceased, who was the wife of George W. Rough; Matilda, wife of George Hanley; John W., of Buchanan, Mich.; Emma, wife of Anselom Wray; and H. Francelia, widow of Jefferson Fowler, of Buchanan, Mich. There were forty-four grandchildren, and twenty-nine great-grandchildren.

On Oct. 9, 1883, Mr. Broceus married (second) Lucy A. Kauffman, daughter of Daniel and Mary (Ressler) Kauffman, of Lower Augusta township, Northumberland Co., Pa., where Mrs. Broceus was born. No children were born to this union. Mrs. Broceus continues to make her home in Buchanan, Berrien Co., Mich., visiting her kindred in Northumberland county, Pa., every two or three years.

According to the records at the Northumberland county courthouse one Abraham Brosius must have died shortly before Nov. 24, 1852, in Lower Augusta township. After the widow had renounced the privilege of administration, papers were given to Elias Brosius, probably a son.

THOMAS J. LUCKENBILL, who has a large farm in the Tuckahoe Valley, in Point township,



Northumberland county, one of the finest farms in that section, was born Sept. 12, 1861, in Windsor township, Berks Co., Pa., and belongs to one of the early settled families of that county.

Mr. Luckenbill's first ancestor in this country was Johan Tost (Ekel ?) Luckenbill, who came from Germany on the ship "Thistle," landing at Philadelphia Sept. 20, 1730. (Another account says Johan Ekel and his brother Hendrick landed from the "Thistle" Aug. 29, 1730.) He and his brother Hendrick, who emigrated with him, are the progenitors of the family in this country. It is believed that Johan and his wife are buried at Bowers Church, in Perry township, Berks county, and it is traditional that he was married when he came to America, that his wife was a Swiss, and that he came from that part of Germany that bounds Switzerland. He had eight children: (1) Maria married Michael Deibert (or Divert) and settled in Schuylkill county. (2) Heinrich married Catharine Weber, who, tradition says, was of Swiss extraction. In 1759 he was a taxable resident of Maxatawny township, Berks county, owning land in the vicinity of Bowers. He later removed to Wayne township, Schuylkill county, and shortly before his death became totally blind. His children were: Adam, Henry, Solomon, George, Susanna, Sophia, Rebecca and Beckie. (3) Abraham married Eva Lenzel, and had these children: John, Abraham, Jonas, Emanuel, Kate, Rebecca, Sallie and Eva. Abraham Luckenbill is said to have settled in Schuylkill county. In 1759 he was a taxpayer in Rockland township, and he later moved across the line into Maxatawny township. (4) John married Polly West and had two children, Isaac and Mary. (5) Andraes married Miss Lenzel and their children were George, Joel, Sallie, Judith, Diana and Maria. (6) Christian is mentioned below. (7) George, of whose history no records are in evidence. (8) Another son whose name is unknown.

Christian Luckenbill, son of the emigrant Johan, was born in 1761 and died about 1852. He was early a settler in Perry township, Berks county, where he was a farmer and owned land, and it is known that he lived in that county for some years, but in 1790 he and his brother George were taxable residents of Manheim township, Schuylkill county. It is traditional that after 1800 he returned to Berks county, and was buried at Bowers Church in Maxatawny township, where he had a farm. He married Catharine Kline, of Maxatawny township, and they had children: Thomas; David, who settled in Jefferson county, Pa.; Benjamin, who settled in Iowa; Elizabeth, who married Jacob Rebermick; and another daughter, Mrs. Heckman.

Thomas Luckenbill, born in Perry township in 1800, died there in 1863. He was a farmer and owner of the Luckenbill homestead, owning the

200-acre tract later the property of his son Thomas, and was a school director and useful citizen. He married Annie Wink, daughter of John Wink, of Maxatawny township, and ten children were born to this union: Augustus; Edwin; Lucy, who died in infancy; James; Thomas; Sarah Ann, wife of Simon Adam, deceased; Jacob, who died aged forty-five; Simon; Alfred, and Cyrus.

James Luckenbill, son of Thomas, was born in 1831 in Perry township, Berks county, and died in 1903 near Virginville, that county; he is buried at Dunkel's Church. By occupation a farmer, he had a farm of 157 acres above Virginville, and he was active in the life of his locality, serving as school director and supervisor of his township. Politically he was a Democrat. His widow, Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob and Polly (Folk) Heinly, lives at Kutztown, Pa., making her home with her daughter, Mrs. George Ramer. She is now (1910) over seventy-five years old. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. James Luckenbill: Elenora, Mrs. Rolandus Dreibelbies, of Virginville, Pa.; James W., who died in 1907; Thomas J.; Jorlah, who married William Sunday; Alice, wife of James Yeager; Oscar, of Maxatawny township; Angelina, Mrs. George Seidel; and Laura, Mrs. George Ramer.

Thomas J. Luckenbill attended the schools in his home district and from his youth was familiar with farm work. After working on the railroad for five years he commenced farming in Tilden township, Berks county, farming there for seven years, on a place along the Schuylkill river, south of Hamburg. Selling out, he moved to Montour county, where he conducted a creamery at Washingtonville for one year, after which he farmed in that region for eleven years. For another year he was employed in the staple works at Williamsport, Pa., during which time he met with an accident which caused the loss of two of his fingers. In 1907 he settled at his present home in Point township, Northumberland county, where he owns an extensive tract of 339 acres, limestone soil, regarded as one of the most valuable properties in that section. Mr. Luckenbill rents his land, but he gives his personal attention to the improvement of the place, and in 1909 he built a fine residence there which adds materially to the value of the farm. By good management he has become successful and his prosperity is well deserved.

In 1880 Mr. Luckenbill married Ida Mengel, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Zettlemoyer) Mengel, of Windsor township, Berks county, and granddaughter of Jacob Mengel. Two children have been born to this union: (1) Elwood, born in Windsor township, Berks county, married Eva Gresh, daughter of George Gresh, of Washingtonville, Pa., but of a family formerly from Berks county. They have two children, Lesley and Elwood. (2) Mary married George Wallace but has





David Unger); George, who removed to Ohio, had two sons and two daughters; Margaret married Jonas Wolfe and had children, Donald, Gearhart, Wellington and three daughters; Jacob died unmarried; Daniel is mentioned more fully below; William died unmarried; Hannah was born in 1821; Elizabeth, Ellen, Susan and Kate died unmarried; Peter owned the Cattle Corp. and had children, George, Gertrude (married Charles Chaffin, moved to the county of De N. M. See this

Daniel Goodrich, son of H. Goodrich, married Sarah Koons, daughter of Philip and Hannah (Haas) Koons, both of whom were members of old families of Northumberland county. Mr. and Mrs. Goodrich have four sons and four children, viz.: Daniel M., who lives in Alabama, married Margaret, daughter of Joseph Rust; Sarah and Maggie; Margaret married J. W. Phillips, of Danville, Penn.; Harry married C. Gable; Sarah married William Sanders; Cadwallader W. is married to Mary.

roads for some twelve years. In political connection he is a Democrat.

Wife in New York State Mr. Gearhart married Martha Deegan. They have no children. Mr. Gearhart is a member of the Methodist Church, while Mrs. Gearhart is a member of the Episcopal Church. Fraternally he is a member of Talladega Lodge, F. & A. M.

George Goodhart, son of Capt. Jacob, and Catherine (Kline) Goodhart, was born in what is now Hunterdon county, N. J., and he became a prosperous farmer and landowner. He had a beautiful farm called "Bona Rectitude" along the bank of the Susquehanna river one mile south of the bridge, now forming part of South Danville. It was a present to him from his father at his majority and he lived on it his life. He erected many buildings there, and as he prospered purchased more land. At his death, coming between 1800 and 1810, he owned a considerable tract along the Susquehanna. He was twice married, first to Elizabeth A. and second to a French Canadian woman, the mother of four children: Benjamin P., Benjamin (who moved out West), Eliza and Robert (married Wilson Mettler). His second wife was a Protestant, a woman, believed to be a descendant of the French and Indian war and Harmon.

Dr. George M. D. Gearhart, of Danville, was born March 18, 1811, on his father's farm, in Blue Springs, and there received his early education, later attending academy at Danville. He read medicine with Dr. Harmon Green of Washington, and graduated at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1836. He then came to Danville, and settled in 1837, settling at Danville, where he was in successful practice for twenty years. He was a member of the American Medical Association, and was elected President of the Association in 1871. He died of pneumonia. Dr. Gearhart married Elizabeth Bond, daughter of William Bond, of Danville, and mother of Dr. William Bond, the founder of the Danville National Bank. Mr. Gearhart survived the Doctor many years, living to advanced age. They were the parents of a large family, viz.: William Boyd married Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Butler, and they have had children, Elizabeth Boyd and Mary Ann, the former the wife of R. Scott Anderson, and the mother of children, Robert Boyd, William Edgar, Elizabeth Catherine, and Dorothy Ada; Achene's deceased; George M., who was for many years cashier of the Danville National Bank, was born March 18, 1844, on his father's birthday, in the same room where his father was born, and married Cordelia Clark, daughter of David and Eleanor (Gearhart) Clark.



their union being blessed by three children, David Clark (who died when three years, six months old), Charles Willitts (a graduate of Lehigh University) and Eleanor Clark (married Frederick C. Kirkendall and had one son, Charles F.); a daughter, twin of George M., died in infancy; Bonham R., born May 20, 1843, long connected as cashier and later as president with the First National Bank of Danville, married Mary Louise Yorks, daughter of Samuel and Mary Ann (West) Yorks, and they had two children, Anna M. (who married M. Grier Youngman, cashier of the Danville National Bank and has children Mary Louise and John Bonham) and Robert Y.; Jasper married (first) Florence Yorks and after her death Margaret Thompson, and has one daughter, Emma; James B. died unmarried; Alexander Montgomery, born at Danville July 26, 1846, for many years station agent at Danville for the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railway Company, married Martha McCoy, daughter of Robert and Eleanor (Voris) McCoy, and they had one daughter, Nell Bonham, who married William L. McClure and had three children, Harold Russel, Donald C. and Jasper; M. Grier completed the family.

William Gearhart, son of Capt. Jacob and Catharine (Kline) Gearhart, married Sarah, and they had a son John. John Gearhart married Martha Martin, and they were the parents of one son, Wilson M., and one daughter, Sarah, who married Alfred Sober.

Wilson M. Gearhart, son of John and Martha (Martin) Gearhart, was born Jan. 23, 1846, in Northumberland county, and spent his early life on a farm. He received his preliminary education in the country schools, later attending the Danville Institute and Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport, Pa., from which latter he was graduated in 1865, having completed the classical course. From that time until 1868 he was engaged in teaching, was next a bookkeeper until 1872, and then embarked in business on his own account, continuing thus until 1875. That year he was elected prothonotary of Montour county, on the Republican ticket, although the county was strongly Democratic, and his popularity was further shown in his subsequent reelection, several times. Receiving the appointment of chief clerk in the State department at Harrisburg, he retained that position up to the time of his death, in 1898. He married Jane Beaver, daughter of Jesse Beaver, of Danville, and to them were born three children: Emeline, who is deceased; J. Beaver, mentioned below; and Lois, who married John R. Sharpless, of Hacketon, Pa., and has two children, Jane and John R., Jr.

J. BEAVER GEARHART, D. D. S., only son of Wilson M. and Jane (Beaver) Gearhart, was born in Danville, and spent his boyhood days in his native

city. He was a public school pupil until his graduation from the high school, after which he entered the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1892. This was followed by a course in dentistry, and in 1895 he opened an office in Danville, where he has since engaged in practice. He commands a wide patronage in his professional work, and personally enjoys unusual popularity. On April 2, 1895, he enlisted at Danville in Company F, 12th Regiment, of the Pennsylvania National Guard, and served as a private until July 25, 1897, when he was appointed sergeant major of the battalion. On April 26, 1898, he was appointed battalion adjutant, with the rank of second lieutenant, and was recommissioned April 28, 1899, with the rank of first lieutenant. On July 31, 1899, he accepted election as first lieutenant of Company F, 12th Regiment, and on Nov. 1, 1899, he was elected captain of that company, which he commanded continuously for about nine years, having been unanimously reelected upon the expiration of his first commission, in 1904. He served nearly four years thereafter, when he resigned and was placed on the retired list of the National Guard of Pennsylvania. During the Spanish-American war Dr. Gearhart served as battalion adjutant and regular A. C. S. of the 12th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, from May 12, 1898, to Oct. 29, 1898.

Charles Gearhart, son of Capt. Jacob and Catharine (Kline) Gearhart, married Sarah Ephland, and their family consisted of two sons and one daughter, as follows: (1) Charles Perry, born Jan. 18, 1818, died in December, 18—. He married Agnes Blue, daughter of Isaiah and Agnes (Childs) Blue and granddaughter of Michael Blue, a soldier of the Revolution. To them were born six children: Arthur Clarence, who died unmarried; Amanda, who married S. M. Oberdorf; Edith, who married Philip Mettler and had children, Charles G. (a captain in the United States army), Agnes (who married John Smith), Edith, Alice, John and Catharine; Mary Alice, wife of E. M. Eckman; Gertrude G., wife of G. H. Sonneborn, deceased; and Charles P., mentioned later. (2) Samantha married Thomas Jamison and they had children: Helen is unmarried; Charles married (first) a Miss Lyon, by whom he had three children, Nellie (Mrs. Harry Billmeyer, who has one daughter, Martha), Thomas (married Elsie Kardisky) and Loue (married V. V. Hidaker), and his second marriage was to Elizabeth Laubach; Arthur is deceased; Frank married Alice Richardson and had children Mary and Catharine. (3) Arthur and his wife Lucy are the parents of four children: Arthur, unmarried; Anna, unmarried; William, who married Lena Herman; and Sarah, who married Samuel Detwiller and has children Lucy and Clara.

Charles P. Gearhart, son of Charles P. and Agnes (Blue) Gearhart, was born in Gearhart township and there received his early education in the local schools. Later he attended Danville Academy under Prof. James Kelso, read law with Judge Hinckley, and was admitted to the bar in 1890, since when he has been engaged in legal practice. In 1905 he was elected district attorney of Montour county, Pa., and was reelected to that position in 1908. Politically he is a Democrat. In 1881 Mr. Gearhart enlisted in the National Guard of Pennsylvania; in 1887 he was elected captain of Company F, 12th Regiment; and in 1897 became major of that regiment. He retired from the service in October, 1909, after a service of nearly twenty-nine years.

John Gearhart, son of Capt. Jacob and Catharine (Kline) Gearhart, married Anna Cool, of New Jersey. Their children were: Ann E., Tunis, William Cool, Jacob and John. Of these, Ann E. became the wife of Wilson Mettler, who was born in 1813, son of Philip and Susan (Carter) Mettler, and died Oct. 8, 1900. To Mr. and Mrs. Mettler were born four children: Sarah Elizabeth, Susan M., Spencer and Anna. Sarah Elizabeth Mettler married a Hoffman, and had one daughter, Anna, who married William G. Williams; Susan M. Mettler married Hugh Vastine and had children, Wilson M., Elizabeth B. and H. Spencer (who married Sarah P. Mettler and has had children Pauline and Rachel); Spencer Mettler married Anna Brandon and had children, Flora Augusta (who married C. V. Ammerman and had a daughter Ruth) and Spencer Wilson (who died young).

Maclay Cool Gearhart was born Sept. 14, 1828, in Rush township (what is now Riverside), Northumberland county, son of William Cool and Mary Harris (Aul) Gearhart, and a grandson of John Gearhart. He was of Scotch-Irish descent, for besides being a scion of the Gearhart family was a lineal descendant of John Harris, the founder of Harrisburg, Pa., and of William Maclay, one of the first two United States senators from Pennsylvania. He was about two years old when his parents moved to a farm near Sunbury (close to what is now Seven Points), and his father dying Sept. 15, 1834, a few years afterward he moved with his mother to Sunbury. He received his education in the public schools of that place, attending at the time the public school building was located on Third street, on the present site of the old Masonic hall. At Danville, Pa., he served the greater part of his apprenticeship to the tailor's trade, which he finished learning with George C. Welker, of Sunbury, serving from 1848 to 1851. Afterward he served an apprenticeship and learned the confectioner's trade, in Philadelphia, whence he returned to Sunbury, in 1854, and started the

manufacture and sale of confectionery. His first location was in the old Painter building, on Market street, between Second and Third streets, and later he moved to a location on the same street between Third and Fourth streets, where he had his place of business and residence as well. He continued his establishment until 1901, when he closed out the business, thereafter living in retirement until his death, which occurred Nov. 3, 1903.

Mr. Gearhart was a prominent citizen of Sunbury for a number of years. For many years he was an influential member of the school board of that borough, serving one year as treasurer of the board; was a member of the Sunbury town council one term; and served two terms as treasurer of the borough. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church from boyhood, transferring his membership to the Lutheran Church in order to have his family together in one church. He served a number of years as member of the church council, in both churches.

At the time of his death Mr. Gearhart was the oldest resident Freemason in Sunbury. He served two terms as worshipful master of Sunbury Lodge, No. 22, F. & A. M.; having served so faithfully during his first term, he was elected the second time from the floor of the lodge. During his second term the lodge was in straitened circumstances financially, and he ordered the secretary to prepare for him a list of the members showing all delinquents, after which he made a personal canvass among the members, collecting the back dues and thus placing the finances of the lodge on a firm basis. During his service as worshipful master, in 1870, occurred the big fire which destroyed the corner where the Oppenheimer & Jonas clothing store now stands, burning to Court street. As there was great danger of the Masonic Hall building burning he removed all the lodge paraphernalia to his residence, packing the same in chests and personally caring for the property.

On June 28, 1854, Mr. Gearhart married Rosanna Gossler, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Petty) Gossler, and they had a family.

ROBERT HARRIS GEARHART, son of Maclay Cool and Rosanna (Gossler) Gearhart, was born Aug. 28, 1855, in Sunbury, where he grew to manhood, receiving his education in the public schools and academy of the borough. For a short time he was in the employ of the Adams Express Company, subsequently assisting his father for a number of years, and then returning to his former employers, with whom he continued for six years. He had been familiar with the confectionery business from boyhood, and he again became his father's assistant in that line, continuing until his father closed out business. Mr. Gearhart has been prominently identified with politics from early manhood, actively associated with the best interests of the Republican party in city and county affairs for



number of years. In 1890 and 1900 he was census taker of the Second ward of Sunbury, where he resides; in 1898 he was appointed, by the board of county commissioners, as mercantile appraiser; and since the Sunbury standing committee as secretary and treasurer for a period of seven years. On May 13, 1902, he was appointed assistant postmaster of Sunbury, and has since been responsible for U. S. Mail, the present post office. He is a capable official and a highly respected citizen.

In 1879 Mr. Gearhart married Mary Cornman, daughter of Ephraim and Barbara (Schramm) Cornman, of Carlisle, Cumberland Co., Pa., the former of whom was the first public printer of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Gearhart is a descendant of Pocahontas through her connection with the Randolph family of Virginia. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Gearhart: (1) Rev. Ephraim Machay Gearhart, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church at Sunbury, married Minnie Kline, of Williamsport, Pa., who died in 1907, leaving a son, Ephraim Machay, Jr. (2) Rosanna G. married Prof. Lewis H. Mackiney, one of the best school teachers at Sunbury, where they reside, and they have one son, Arland H. (3) Robert H. is a theological student at Gettysburg Seminary. (4) Marion R. married Bessie Miller and they reside at Carlisle, Pa. (he is a printer). (5) Mary C. graduated from Sunbury high school with the class of 1911, taking first honors.

Mr. Gearhart and his family reside at No. 47 South Fifth street. They are members of Zion's Lutheran Church at Sunbury, to which he has belonged since 1872. He was made a Mason in 1876, being entered in October, crafted in November and raised in December, and he was one of the youngest men ever initiated into the fraternity at Sunbury, where he is associated with Lodge No. 22.

SAMUEL GOSSLER GEARHART, son of Machay Cool and Rosanna (Gossler) Gearhart, was born July 13, 1857, in Sunbury, and obtained his early education in the public schools of that borough. He later had a term at what was then Missionary Institute, now Susquehanna University, at Selinsgrove, Pa. Assisting his father from boyhood, he learned the candy business, both the work in the factory and the work in the store. When about eighteen years old he was employed one year in a planing mill at Lock Haven, Pa., as an apprentice, to learn bench carpentering. On June 26, 1876, he began to learn telegraphy, entering the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as telegraph operator Aug. 1, 1877, since which time he has been engaged continuously on the Sunbury and Shamokin divisions of that company. On March 14, 1883, he was promoted to train dispatcher, and to Division operator and assistant trainmaster May 1, 1891. He holds this position at the present time, having now over two hundred

men under his supervision. Mr. Gearhart is one of the oldest men, in point of service, in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

On Jan. 18, 1879, Mr. Gearhart married Emma Lucia Schoch, daughter of Benjamin and Margaret (Beck) Schoch, of Selinsgrove, Pa., and they have a family of two sons and two daughters: Bessie S. married Prof. George L. Swank, a graduate of Harvard University and now superintendent of public schools at Elysburg, Pa.; Heber Gossler, a graduate of State College, Pennsylvania, is a civil engineer, and at present engaged as assistant superintendent of construction with the McClintic-Marshall Construction Company, of Pittsburg, Pa.; Margaret A. is living at home; Samuel G., Jr., a graduate of Pennsylvania State College, is an electrical engineer in the employ of the General Electric Company, of Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel G. Gearhart are members of Zion's Lutheran Church, Sunbury, and Mr. Gearhart has long been active in church work. He has served a number of years as a member of the church council, and as secretary of the council; has for a number of years financial secretary of the church, and was secretary and librarian of the Sunbury school. He has been a member of the Lutheran Church from boyhood, and Mrs. Gearhart's family have all been connected with that church. Mr. Gearhart has taken special interest in the welfare of the Y. M. C. A., and is now serving as fourth year as president of the Railroad Y. M. C. A. at Sunbury; for the past three years he has filled the position of chairman of the district committee Y. M. C. A. work of the State of Pennsylvania.

In 1887 Mr. Gearhart was made a Mason in Lodge No. 22, Sunbury—entered March 9, passed April 8, raised July 5. On account of his aptness in learning the work he was elected to fill the high offices of his lodge, serving as junior warden in 1889, as senior warden in 1890 and as worshipful master in 1891. On Nov. 26, 1889, he exemplified the first degree in Freemasonry in Lodge No. 22 at a visitation of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, over three hundred brothers and visiting brothers being present. At the time Mr. Gearhart was serving in the chairs the work of conferring the degrees had been done for a number of years by Past Master Jacob R. Cressinger, and Mr. Gearhart decided to do his own work. Accordingly he learned the work from Mr. Cressinger, and the first night he sat as worshipful master, Jan. 24, 1891, he raised two candidates. During his term of office he entered eight, passed two and raised seven candidates.

William Gearhart, brother of Capt. Jacob Gearhart, was born in Strasburg, Germany, and came to America in 1754. He settled in Hunterdon coun-



W. N. J. W. on the Revolutionary war broke out he enlisted in the Hunterdon county militia and was promoted to ensign. After the war, about 1790, he came to Northumberland county, Pa., and purchased a large tract of land to the southeast of Capt. Jacob Conrad's tract, settling in Rush township. In New Jersey he married Eleanor DeKnight, and they were the parents of four sons and three daughters, as follows: William, Aaron, Tobias, Jacob, Elizabeth (Mrs. Amens), Ann (Mrs. Amers), and Mary (Mrs. Landerson).

William Conrad, son of William, was born in New Jersey, married Sarah Boone, and had children as follows: Maybury, born in 1813; Harriet, 1815 (married Lewis Yetter); Juliann, 1818 (married Samuel Denner); Eleanor, 1819 (married David Clark); Amelia, 1821 (married G. M. Shoop).

JOHN D. HILBUSH, one of the active and energetic business men of Shamokin, comes of the sturdy German stock that has given Pennsylvania so many of its most useful citizens.

The name, originally Hallobush (or Hallowbush), is spelled in many ways: Hilbush, Hillbush, Hillbish, Hilbish and Hallerbush. Christian Hallowbush (Hallebush), the emigrant ancestor of John D. Hilbush, was born in 1718 in the German Palatinate, and came to America in 1724 with his brother Peter and widowed mother. They landed at Philadelphia, locating shortly after in Salford township, Montgomery county. Peter Hallowbush was born in 1709, and died in 1768, leaving five children, Catharine, Johst, Magdalena, Margaret and Ann Maria. Christian Hallowbush died in Montgomery county in 1778, the father of four children, Magdalena, Henry, Adam and Peter.

Daniel Hilbush, Sr., evidently a grandson of Christian, was the great-grandfather of John D. Hilbush. He was born Sept. 27, 1779, in Longswamp township, Berks Co., Pa., and moved from his native county in about 1800. In 1820 he purchased a farm of 300 acres in Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, upon which he settled that same year, passing the remainder of his life on that property, where he died March 11, 1862. He was a stonemason by trade, and followed that calling in connection with farming, and he was a man who bore an active part in the affairs of his community. In 1823 he was commissioned justice of the peace, and served as such continuously until 1860; the office was out of the family only five years, however, his grandson, Jacob R., having been elected in 1865. In 1833, when the bridge across Greenbrier creek was constructed, Daniel Hilbush, Sr., was served as commissioner of Northumberland county. He was one of the military officers of the county, being a captain, and his company was second on the list to be called out in the war of 1812 if needed. He mar-

ried Elizabeth Folk, of Berks county, born March 3, 1781, died Nov. 20, 1869, and to them were born ten children: Polly, Jacob, Henry, Daniel, Jr., Betzy, Joshua and Jesse (twins), Rachel, Joseph de Y. and Hettie.

Daniel Hilbush, Jr., son of Daniel, Sr., was born Dec. 20, 1807, in Berks county, Pa., and came to Washington township in his young manhood. He was a plasterer by trade, and followed that occupation in connection with farming. He lived in Washington township until 1865, when he came to Jackson township, farming there until his retirement. He died in Jackson township March 17, 1897, in his ninetieth year. Mr. Hilbush married Nancy Romberger, daughter of Adam, of Lykens township, Dauphin county. She died in 1891, in her eightieth year. They are buried at Mahanoy Church in Jackson township. Mr. and Mrs. Hilbush had children as follows: Jacob R., of Mahanoy, Jackson township; Henry Adam; and Elias R., of Mahanoy, Pa., who owns the homestead in Jackson township. Daniel Hilbush, Jr., was an active member of the Reformed Church at Mahanoy, serving as deacon, elder and trustee, and he was also interested in the affairs of his township, serving two terms as overseer of the poor.

Henry Adam Hilbush, son of Daniel and Nancy, died in 1908. He learned the plasterer's trade, and this he followed in Little Mahanoy township, together with farming. He spent about five years at farming in old Virginia, and then came to Shamokin, where he lived retired until his death. He married Elizabeth Dillfield, of Dauphin county, Pa., born April 25, 1843, died May 10, 1907, and their children were: James, Clara, John D., Amanda, Abbie, Isaac, Daniel (deceased), Thama and Herbert.

John D. Hilbush attended the public schools of Little Mahanoy township, and worked on the farm until he attained his majority. He then came to Shamokin and learned the carpenter's trade. In 1903 he formed a partnership with A. P. Rutz, and in 1905 became treasurer of the East End Lumber Company, also holding the position of outside foreman for the company. He has other business interests, being a director of the Shamokin and Mount Carmel Department Store Company, and of the Shamokin Department Store Company, the latter being located at No. 5 Market street, Shamokin. He is an active member of the Merchants Association.

Mr. Hilbush was united in marriage to Ida Raper, daughter of Conrad C. and Susan (Dornseiff) Raper, and to this union were born three children, Edward O., Susan E. and Reuben H., the last named dying when four years old. Mr. Hilbush has long been an active member of the Evangelical Church, in which he has served as class leader and trustee. In every position in which he has been placed, he has been conscien-

tious and painstaking, and he has the respect of all who know him.

JACOB R. HILBUSH, son of Daniel and Nancy, was born March 14, 1835, in Lykens township, Dauphin county, and was but an infant when his parents settled in what is now Washington township, Northumberland county. Here he was reared on the farm, and commenced to learn his father's trade, that of plasterer, when eight days less than fourteen years old. He continued to follow it, off and on, until he reached the age of twenty-five. His educational advantages in his boyhood were only such as the old subscription schools afforded, and he gained most of his scholastic training after he was twenty-one years old, in the Freeburg Academy. But he improved his time there so well that he became competent to teach, and was thus engaged from 1858 to 1861, in Freeburg. His salary the first term was but eighteen dollars, and his compensation was increased two dollars a month each term; he taught in all nine terms. Since twenty-eight years old he has followed surveying, being the only surveyor in his section of the county. In 1865 Mr. Hilbush came to his present home, the lot adjoining his father's old farm of 130 acres, which his brother Elias R. now owns. His home is pleasant and comfortable.

In 1865, as previously stated, Mr. Hilbush was elected a justice of the peace, and with the exception of two terms has served in that office ever since, holding a commission from Governor Curtin down to the present date. In this connection he has been a very busy man, having made over sixteen hundred deeds and mortgages since entering upon his duties, and he is a well known and popular citizen. Mr. Hilbush has been active in promoting the interests of the Democratic party for many years, having served as delegate to several county conventions.

In 1867 Mr. Hilbush married Amanda Zartman, daughter of John and Mary (Seiler) Zartman, and they have had three children, all daughters: Annie, who died in her seventeenth year; Mary and Lydia, both of whom are unmarried and live at home. All the family are members of the Reformed Church.

EDWIN S. HILBUSH, a farmer of Jackson township, near Otto Station, was born Aug. 15, 1866, son of Elias R. and Harriet (Seiler) Hilbush, of Jackson township, and grandson of Daniel Hilbush, Jr. He was educated in the common schools of the township and reared to farm life, working for his parents until he reached the age of twenty-nine years. He was in the employ of the National Transit Company for fifteen years as fireman, being at the Latsha station fourteen years and at State Line, Bradford county. In the spring of 1892 he commenced farming on the place where

he still lives, a farm of 196 acres which he purchased in 1890, and which was formerly the Daniel Zartman place, having been in the Zartman name for one hundred years. It was the old homestead of Daniel Zartman, who built the brick house now standing on the property in 1833. Zartman's U. E. Church, which stands on this farm, was built in 1854. Mr. Hilbush is a most progressive farmer, and he has not only been an intelligent business man but a wide-awake citizen, one who has served the community well. He was school director of the township for six years and township treasurer for two years. He has long been an active worker in the ranks of the Democratic party, and served two years as county committeeman. He has likewise been diligent in church work, having been deacon four years and at present a trustee of St. Peter's Church at Mahanoy, where he and his family unite with the Reformed congregation. Socially he is a member of Mahanoy Lodge, No. 551, I. O. O. F.

On Oct. 6, 1894, Mr. Hilbush married Mary A. Otto, daughter of Washington Otto, and they have had three children: Robert W., Harry A. and Harriet L.

DRUMHELLER. The branch of the Drumheller family here under consideration has representatives in various parts of Northumberland county. Oliver R. Drumheller, proprietor of the "Aldine Hotel," at Sunbury, being a well known business man of that borough; Emanuel C. Drumheller is a prosperous farmer in Lower Augusta township; Albert Z. Drumheller, late of Mahanoy, was a lifelong resident of Jackson township and for many years the leading undertaker in his district.

Members of the Drumheller family came to America in the early days of this Commonwealth, the *Pennsylvania Archives* (Vol. XVII, page 447) showing that J. Leonhart Drumheller arrived Oct. 26, 1754, on the brigantine "Mary and Sarah." That they were for a number of years settled in Berks county is shown by the Federal Census report of 1790, which records the names of John and Nicholas Drumheller, of Earl township, that county; John had one son above sixteen, three sons under sixteen and one daughter; Nicholas had one son above sixteen, three sons under sixteen and three daughters. Rev. C. R. Drumheller, of this stock, served as Lutheran pastor of the Stone Valley Union Church in Northumberland county, 1883-84; and of the Vera Cruz Union Church, in Dauphin county, 1883-84.

The name was well represented among the Colonial sympathizers during the Revolutionary war. In the *Pennsylvania Archives* (5th Series, Vol. IV) we find (page 318) that George Drumheller belonged to the Continental Line, serving as a private in the Northampton county militia during

that war, and that George Drumbheller later was a Revolutionary soldier from Northampton county (page 649); that Jacob Drumbheller was a soldier in the Continental Line from Berks county (page 212); and that Jacob Drumbheller was a private in Capt. John Reese's company (which formed a part of the 2d Pennsylvania Battalion), commissioned from Jan. 5, 1776, to Nov. 25, 1776.

Johann Nicholas Drumbheller, great-grandfather of Albert Z., Emanuel C. and Oliver R. Drumbheller, was born March 14, 1759, in Odenwald, Germany, came to America with his brother, and settled in Berks county, Pa. He married (first) Margaret Fischer, of that county, by whom he had two children, John and Nicholas, and after her death he married her sister, Catharine, in 1776. They had a family of eleven children: David, Margaret, Catharine, Abraham, Susanna (married a Hoffman), Philip, Anna Elizabeth, Daniel, Martin, Elizabeth and Nicholas (born Dec. 19, 1801, died Aug. 13, 1854, whose first wife was Elizabeth Hetrich, born March 29, 1808, died Nov. 24, 1873).<sup>o</sup> Johann Nicholas Drumbheller died in Upper Mahanoy in March, 1825, aged seventy-five years; his wife Catharine, born June 14, 1759, died Dec. 18, 1832, and both are buried at Himmel's Church.

Abraham Drumbheller, son of Johann Nicholas, was born Sept. 25, 1789, and died in 1850, at the age of sixty-one. He was a native of Washington township, this county, but lived for a number of years in Little Mahanoy township, where he was among the taxables in 1814, and after the death of his wife he returned to Washington township to make his home with his brother Martin, dying there. He is buried at Himmel's Church. His wife, whose maiden name was Seitz, died a few years before Mr. Drumbheller. They had five children: Elizabeth married John Sweinhard; Isaac is mentioned below; Nicholas S. is mentioned below; Sarah married Abraham Dreibelbis, and they moved out to Brookville, Ill., where they died (their children were Adam, Eve and another daughter, the daughters being married to brothers by the name of Grob); Jesse, of Pottsville, Pa., married Amelia Martz, and they have two sons and one daughter.

Isaac Drumbheller, son of Abraham, was born in the vicinity of Mahanoy, and lived in the vicinity of St. Peter's Church in Lower Augusta township until his declining years, when he bought the property at Augustaville which he occupied until his death. He owned the tract of fifty-seven acres now the property of his son Emanuel and besides farming followed his trade of blacksmith. During the Civil war Mr. Drumbheller served as a member of Company F, 172d Regiment, Pennsylvania Drafted Militia. His death occurred at Augustaville, in Lower Augusta township, Jan. 23,

1895, when he was aged seventy-five years, eleven months, one day, and he is buried at the new Lutheran (St. Peter's) Church at Asherton, in Lower Augusta township, of which he was a member. He was a Democrat in politics and served his township as supervisor. Mr. Drumbheller married Mary Conrad, daughter of John D. and Lydia Conrad, and she preceded him to the grave, dying Sept. 3, 1888, aged sixty-three years, ten months, three days. Six children were born to them, namely: Malinda married J. H. Inkrote, of Selinsgrove Junction, Pa.; Emanuel C. is mentioned below; Samuel, who lives in Lower Augusta township, served as a Union soldier during the Civil war; Hiram C. is mentioned below; Jemima married George Zimmerman, of Shamokin, Pa.; Mary L. married Oliver Hawk, of Millersburg, Pennsylvania.

EMANUEL C. DRUMBHELLER, son of Isaac, was born March 19, 1846, in Lower Augusta township, where he is now engaged in farming. He was trained to agricultural work from early boyhood, working for his parents until he reached his majority, after which he was engaged at work on the Northern Central railroad for ten years. On Sept. 13, 1864, he enlisted in Company F, 210th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for one year, but served only nine months, when he was discharged by reason of the close of the war. After leaving the railroad work Mr. Drumbheller began burning lime, a business which he continued for three years, burning between four thousand and five thousand bushels annually. In 1896 he purchased his father's homestead, a tract of over fifty acres which he has since cultivated. He lives upon the Samuel Conrad homestead, a tract of four acres which Mrs. Drumbheller inherited, and has erected all the buildings on that property, including the residence, which he put up in 1870.

Mr. Drumbheller has taken considerable part in the administration of local public affairs, having served as constable of the township for twelve successive years, supervisor one year, justice of the peace for five years, and tax collector. He is a Democrat in political affiliation and stands favorably with his party.

In 1870 Mr. Drumbheller married Sydney N. Conrad, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Kauffman) Conrad, of Lower Augusta township, and they have a family of five children, namely: Palmer F., who conducts his father's farm; George A., of Ashland, Pa.; Anson B., of Sunbury, Pa.; Mamie E. and Emma V., both of whom are at home.

HIRAM C. DRUMBHELLER was born May 28, 1853, in Lower Augusta township, and received his education in the common schools. During his young manhood he filled teachers' places a number of times, but never cared to teach regularly. When



seventeen years old he began to learn the plasterer's trade with Milton Drumbheller, a distant kinsman, and has continued to follow that vocation ever since, not only in his own district but also in Sunbury, Shamokin, Trevorton and other cities and towns of this section; for two years he worked in West Virginia. He owns a farm of forty acres in Lower Augusta township formerly the property of the Gross, and which was once part of the old Daniel Kauffman tract. Mr. Drumbheller is at present serving as school director of the township. He is a Democrat in political sentiment, but votes independently.

Mr. Drumbheller married Susan Hollenbach, daughter of Daniel Hollenbach and granddaughter of Michael Hollenbach, the pioneer. They have had a family of nine children: Lena Marie married Ralph Snyder and they live at Limestone, Pa.; Hiram Herman married Abia Reitz and they live near Selinsgrove Junction; a son died in infancy; Elmer L. married Della Heimer and they live near Selinsgrove Junction; Frederick married Jennie Wirt and they live at Sunbury; Bertha died of typhoid fever in Virginia, where she was employed as an exchange girl; Olive E. married James Riland and they live at Limestone, Pa.; Frank and Eva live with their parents. Mr. Drumbheller and his family are members of the new Lutheran (St. Peter's) Church in Lower Augusta township, where he has served in various official positions.

Nicholas S. Drumbheller, son of Abraham, was born in Northumberland county May 25, 1821, and died Sept. 24, 1896, aged seventy-five years, three months, twenty-nine days. He is buried at Zartman's U. E. Church. He led an active and useful life. In his earlier years he followed shoemaking, making many shoes by hand, and later became a farmer, owning sixty-nine acres of land which he cultivated with characteristic thrift. His home was in Jackson township, on the south side of Mahanoy mountain, and he was active in local affairs, serving as overseer of the poor and for many years as supervisor of the township. In political connection he was a Republican, and during the Civil war he was an ardent Union man, serving as a soldier in that struggle.

Mr. Drumbheller was twice married, his first wife, Rebecca Zartman, daughter of Jacob Zartman, dying June 15, 1853, at the age of thirty years, three months, one day, the mother of six children, viz.: William Z., born in 1812, who died Nov. 17, 1876, and is buried at Zartman's U. E. Church; Harriet, who married (first) Samuel Kulp and (second) Anthony Culton; Henry Z., born in 1817, who died Jan. 10, 1882, aged thirty-four years, six months, twelve days, and is buried at Zartman's Church; Sarah, who died aged three years; Albert Z.; and Isaac Jacob, a teamster,

of Green Ridge, Northumberland county. Mr. Drumbheller's second marriage was to Abigail Kembel, by whom he also had six children: Mary married Samuel Werntz, of Shamokin; Lydia married Frank W. Shipe, of Herndon; Ellen married W. P. Boyer, of Lower Mahanoy; Wilson K., born Oct. 13, 1860, died April 8, 1879, aged eighteen years, five months, twenty-five days, and is buried at Zartman's U. E. Church; Alice married William E. Zartman, of Jackson township; John Packer, born in 1872, died Oct. 23, 1875, aged three years, fifteen days, and is buried at Zartman's Church.

Abraham Z. Drumbheller was born Dec. 24, 1850, in Jackson township, and received his education in the subscription schools here, which were in vogue before the advent of the free schools. He was trained to farm life, working upon the farm until he reached the age of eighteen years, after which he learned cabinetmaking at Pilloo, Dauphin county. After following that trade several years as a journeyman he established himself in business at Mahanoy in 1875, following cabinetmaking and undertaking at that location until his recent death—for a period of thirty-five years. For years after beginning the business he made coffins by hand, and continued to make a specialty of undertaking, in which line he became the leader in this section, having handled nearly five hundred funerals. In his earlier years at Mahanoy he made considerable furniture by hand, and in the course of his long business career gave employment to a number of men. His death, which occurred April 15, 1910, was quite unexpected, and was caused by a carbuncle. It took away one of the most substantial and respected citizens of the town. He was serving as miller at the time of his decease, and had been previously elected assessor of Jackson township, though he was a Republican in a Democratic district.

In December, 1873, Mr. Drumbheller married Mary Jane Gellinger, daughter of Daniel Gellinger, who died Nov. 17, 1909. Three children were born to this union: Charles H., who lives in Council Bluffs, Iowa; John, who died when six and a half years old; and Edward A., who died Dec. 1, 1910. The family home is on the street between Herndon and Mahanoy, a quarter of a mile from the latter place. Mr. Drumbheller belonged to the Reformed Church at Mahanoy, as did his family.

Martin Drumbheller, son of Johann Nicholas, was born Nov. 6, 1795, and died Dec. 5, 1852. He lived in Washington township, where he engaged in farming, and in his day was also a popular auctioneer, crying most of the sales held in that section in his time. His wife, Elizabeth Frey, born Aug. 11, 1797, died Oct. 29, 1852. They had children as follows: Levi, Adam, Sen-

etus (who settled at West), Mrs. Hetrich, Mrs. Heim (whose husband was a cabinetmaker) and Edward T.

Edward T. Drumbheller, son of Martin, was born Oct. 22, 1830, in the Susquehanna creek valley in Washington township, and lived in that township until 1861, when he moved to Sunbury. There he was engaged as a solo barber during the remainder of his active years, though he was a tailor by trade. His first venture was as proprietor of the "Susquehanna Hotel," at the corner of Fourth and Penn streets. In 1874 he built the "City Hotel," which he completed and opened in January, 1872, conducting it until his retirement, when he was succeeded by his son Oliver R. Drumbheller and son-in-law T. H. Hutchinson. He continued to reside at the hotel, however, until his death, which occurred in the March 4, 1893. He married Mary Elizabeth Hoffman, who was born Aug. 26, 1833, daughter of William Hoffman, of Washington township, and died Feb. 10, 1905. They are buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery, where their resting place is marked by a large granite monument. Five children were born to their union: Oliver R.; Ella M., wife of T. H. Hutchinson; Susan C., who died unmarried March 29, 1892, aged thirty-four years, three months, eight days; Dr. Francis E., of Sunbury; and Harve M., who died unmarried June 27, 1901, aged thirty-three years, eight months, four days. Mr. Drumbheller was one of the most able, all-around hotel men Sunbury has ever known and prospered so well in the business that he enjoyed a substantial position at the time of his death. The "City Hotel," which he built, is to this day one of the most up-to-date hostleries in Sunbury.

OLIVER R. DRUMBHELLER, present proprietor of the "Aldine Hotel" in Sunbury, was born Jan. 21, 1855, in Jordan township, this county. He lived there until his parents settled in Sunbury in 1861, and this has been his home for the most part ever since. He received his education in the common schools and literally grew up in the hotel business, the details of which have been familiar to him from early boyhood. In 1882 he engaged in that business on his own account at the "City Hotel," which he and his brother-in-law, Mr. Hutchinson, conducted in partnership for five years, at the end of which time the latter retired. Mr. Drumbheller and his brother Susan C. then conducted it for five years, after which a younger brother, Harvey M. Drumbheller, carried it on for a few years. It has since been operated by Dr. Francis E. Drumbheller, of Sunbury. For eight years, from 1893 to 1902, Oliver R. Drumbheller conducted the well known "Windsor Hotel" at Shamokin, this county, and he was subsequently in Danville for four years, there operating what was then known as the "Oliver House" (now the "City Hotel"). In May, 1906, he came from

Danville to Sunbury to assume charge of the "Aldine Hotel," which he had purchased. It is a modern, up-to-date house, with forty guest rooms, located near the Pennsylvania railroad station, and under the present management is considered one of the leading hotels of central Pennsylvania. Guests are accommodated upon either the European or the American plan, Mr. Drumbheller having a first-class restaurant in connection with the hotel. His wide experience, his natural adaptability for the business and his courteous treatment of his patrons, merit the success which has been his portion. His son, Dr. W. E. Drumbheller, has been associated with him, under the firm name of O. R. Drumbheller & Son, since he took charge of the "Aldine Hotel." Mr. Drumbheller is naturally well known in his business relations, but he has a wide acquaintance outside of such associations, and is esteemed as a reliable and valuable citizen in his community. His substantial worth is attested by all who know him. Mr. Drumbheller has traveled considerably, and he has attended many conventions of the B. P. O. Elks, to which fraternity he belongs.

On Christmas Day, 1878, Mr. Drumbheller married Elizabeth I. Shultz, daughter of Dr. B. F. Shultz, of Danville, Pa. They have had one son and one daughter, Walter E. and Mary E. The daughter lives with her parents. Walter E. Drumbheller graduated from the dental department of the University of Pennsylvania and practiced at Berwick, Pa., and Philadelphia. He is active in the fraternities as a Mason, a member of the Elks and of the Knights of Malta. He married Grace McAnall.

D. ROSSWELL ROTHROCK, M. D., has been a resident of the borough of Milton, Northumberland county, for twelve years and more, but though not one of its older citizens is well known, having during his long residence in the town of New Berlin, Union county, not many miles distant from his present home, made a reputation which preceded him hither. He owns a fine farm in Montour and Union counties, also the cottage home he lives in, located at No. 40 Centre street.

Dr. Rothrock was born Dec. 28, 1861, at New Bethlehem, Clarion Co., Pa., and is the third generation of his line to follow the medical profession, being a son of Dr. Rosswell Rothrock and a grandson of Dr. Isaac Rothrock. Joseph Rothrock, his great-grandfather, was born in what is now Lebanon county, Pa., of German parentage. In early manhood he removed to Mifflin county and settled near Lewistown, where he followed farming. He was well known among the early pioneers and was a bishop in the German Baptist Church. In politics he was a Whig. His first wife, Nancy, was the mother of all his children, and for his second wife he married a Miss Sell.



The children, eight in number, were: John, Abraham, Isaac, Lizzie, who married Jonathan Amich, Nancy (Mrs. Price), Mary (Mrs. Hannavalt), Mrs. Jacob Mohler and Mrs. Daniel Bashore.

Dr. Isaac Rothrock, son of Joseph, was born Nov. 22, 1798, at the old homestead near Lewistown. He was a student from early youth, mathematics and grammar being his favorite studies, and he retained his fondness for such pursuits to his old age, enjoying the solution of a difficult problem to the end of his days. He began his medical studies with Dr. Ezra Doty, of Mifflin, Juniata county, and continued them with Dr. Thomas Van Valzah, of Lewisburg, later attending three regular courses of lectures at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and although he did not graduate he was afterward given a complimentary diploma by the Eclectic Medical College, Philadelphia. He began practice in Middleburg with Dr. Henry Lechner, but afterward moved to Mifflintown and then to Adamsburg, where he purchased property, making his home there until 1864. His medical practice took him over a large territory, and he continued in it for fifty-one years, spending his last years, however, in retirement at Adamsburg, in the enjoyment of his books, living there after 1864 until he died. Though so busy with his professional duties, he was not too busy to be a useful man in local public affairs, and he served his community in a number of offices, including that of school director, also representing his district, composed of Lycoming, Union and Snyder counties, in the State Legislature, to which he was elected in 1866. In politics he was originally a Whig, later a Republican. Like his father he was a devout member of the German Baptist Church. He died June 8, 1872.

Dr. Rothrock was married four times. His first wife, whose maiden name was Snyder, was a niece of Governor Snyder. She died soon after marriage, and the only child of this union died in infancy. His second marriage was to Susan Swenk, a native of Middleburg, daughter of David Swenk, a well known justice of the peace. She died in June, 1852, the mother of children as follows: Roswell is mentioned below; Mary A., born Dec. 28, 1832, married David Heckendorn, the first superintendent of public schools of Union and Snyder counties, and (second) Philip Derr, of Philadelphia, who is also deceased; Isaac S., born May 22, 1835, graduated in dentistry in Chicago and Philadelphia, and now resides in Bannerville, Pa. (he has been an invalid for over forty years from spinal trouble, which also affected his eyes); Harriet C., born May 11, 1837, is the widow of James Herlacher, of Haven, Kans.; David C., born May 3, 1842, is a dentist in McClure, Pa.; Allen E., born Feb. 13, 1851, is a tanner in Lewistown. For his third wife Dr. Roth-

rock married Mrs. Lydia (Bowersox) Leonard, who died in February, 1857, leaving one daughter, Adda L., who was born Sept. 20, 1854, and married R. R. Long, of Gettysburg, Pa. To his fourth marriage, with Angelina Wallace, a native of Mifflintown, no children were born. She died March 29, 1879, and is interred at Adamsburg. She was an earnest Christian and a devoted Sabbath school worker.

Roswell Rothrock, M. D., son of Dr. Isaac, was born Oct. 14, 1831, at Adamsburg, where he was reared and received the advantages afforded by the common schools. He taught a few terms in a public school in the vicinity of Adamsburg, meantime also reading medicine, until ready to enter Jefferson Medical College, from which institution he was graduated in 1851, when barely twenty years old. He was in active practice from that time until his death, which occurred March 1, 1897, at which time he was the oldest practitioner in Snyder county. His first location was at Adamsburg, where he remained until 1853, that year moving to Millville, Clarion county, where he was located until 1855. He was then at Beavertown, Snyder county, for a time, in 1860 moving to New Bethlehem, Clarion county. He served over three years during the Civil war. On Aug. 29, 1861, he became surgeon of Company C, 78th P. V. I., was sent to the front, was taken prisoner at Chickamauga, and with eleven others of his regiment marched across Lookout Mountain to Ringgold, where they boarded a train for Richmond. After a month in Libby prison the Doctor and 125 others were marched away in the night and placed on Belle Isle or "Devil's Den," where he was held until Feb. 22, 1862. Again at night they were taken to the Pemberton buildings, where they were placed aboard a train for Andersonville, where they found thirty-five thousand other prisoners with whom they endured all the horrors of that place until Sept. 5th. That date the Doctor was sent with a body of two thousand prisoners to Savannah. Six weeks later he had orders from the Confederate authorities to gather up all the men who could stand transportation and board a train, for an unknown destination, which proved to be Millen, Ga., where a new stockade had been built. Shortly afterward came the welcome news that ten thousand prisoners would be exchanged, and the Doctor was one of the first six hundred to be sent north, the journey being made via Annapolis, Md. He rejoined his family, who were then residing at Clarion, Pa., and on Nov. 27, 1864, received an honorable discharge from the service.

In 1866 Dr. Rothrock located at Bannerville, Snyder county, and in the spring of 1879 established himself in practice at Middleburg, as the place afforded better educational advantages for his children. In 1884 he made a permanent home



at McClure, Pa., where he lived to the end of his life, practicing until his last sickness interrupted his work. As a physician, as a citizen, as a man, there were few who equalled Dr. Rothrock. He was the ideal general practitioner, not merely a prescriber of medicines, but a friend, adviser and comforter in every sense of the word, treating all his patients with exactly the same care, which was the best he could give. When necessary he was nurse as well as physician, never considering his own health in his devotion to the welfare of others, but he had his reward in the affectionate esteem manifested wherever he went. Though a busy man he had been active in the work of the G. A. R., and devoted to the interests of Capt. M. Smith Post, No. 355, which he served one year as commander and ten years as surgeon. At his request the Post took charge of his funeral (which took place at McClure) with the assistance of the I. O. O. F., to which he belonged as a member of McClure Lodge, No. 550, in which he was right supporter to the vice grand in 1896. Though not active in politics he was an ardent Republican in sentiment, but he was prominent in religious work as a member of Christ Evangelical Church at McClure, for a number of years before his death.

On Aug. 4, 1853, Dr. Rothrock married at New Bethlehem, Pa., Catherine Mohny, who still continues to make her home at McClure. She was born at New Bethlehem April 23, 1835, and there spent her early life, and is in the best of health though seventy-six years old. Her parents, Frederick and Mary (Caster) Mohny, were born in Northampton county, Pa., of Dutch ancestry. He died at the age of fifty-seven, of appendicitis, and she died aged eighty-four years. They are buried in Oak Ridge cemetery, in Clarion county. They were members of the German Reformed Church. Mr. Mohny was a farmer. Dr. and Mrs. Rothrock had five children, namely: Marand, a practicing physician at Fremont, Pa.; James B., a plasterer and extensive contractor of Lewistown, Pa.; Clara, married to Edward Knapp, who has been a carpenter on the Lewisburg & Sunbury railroad for years, living at Lewistown; Mary E., wife of Charles Becker, a farmer of McClure, Pa.; and D. Rosswell.

D. Rosswell Rothrock was four years old when his parents moved to Bannerville, Pa., where he spent his youth. He attended public school five months in the year, and being an independent boy earned enough to clothe himself from the time he was thirteen years old. On April 3, 1879, the family moved to Middleburg, and on April 8th he and his brother James B. moved to the vicinity of Elkhart, Ind., where he was employed during the summer on a dairy farm, receiving from twelve to fifteen dollars a month. In October, 1879, in accordance with his father's wishes,

he returned home to attend school during the winter, and in the fall of 1880 he was licensed to teach. Meantime, during the summer of 1880, he had attended the Selinsgrove Normal Institute, conducted by Prof. William Noetling, county superintendent, and the following winter had a school in Franklin township, Snyder county, receiving twenty dollars a month. In 1881 he took a course in the academy at Freeburg, and the following winter taught the Winfield school in Hartley township, Union county, receiving thirty-five dollars a month. In 1882 he again studied in the academy at Freeburg, where he taught a primary school the same year, meantime working during the summer season at any work that would bring him funds to continue his studies. In the spring of 1882 he passed the examination before the Snyder county board of medical examiners, securing a certificate of competency to read medicine, and he then gave all his leisure to the reading of medicine under his father's guidance, continuing to teach school in order to pay his way. The winter of 1882-83 he taught the first term of school held at the new brick schoolhouse in Franklin township, north of Middleburg, and in the fall of 1883 he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, Md. Returning home in March, 1884, he spent that summer in the harvest field and at other work, continuing also his medical studies, and as his father removed to McClure that year he also practiced for a short time with him, under his preceptorship. In the fall of 1884 he entered the Baltimore University School of Medicine, from which he was graduated the following year with highest honors, winning a gold medal for proficiency. By that time his supply of money was so low that he had to sell some textbooks to pay his fare to Selinsgrove Junction, and he was rowed across the Susquehanna to Selinsgrove early one morning before daylight, arriving penniless at five o'clock. With his diploma and his gold medal, but nothing with which to buy breakfast, he set out over the snow for Fremont, ten miles distant, and there his brother, Dr. Marand Rothrock, gave him money enough to take him home; but he decided not to spend it, and continued his journey, another twenty-two miles, on foot.

When he located for practice at Three Springs, Huntingdon county, on April 2, 1885, he had but thirty-one cents in cash. But he purchased a stock of drugs, a horse and some needful things for a doctor's office on a year's time, from Dr. John B. Ollig, and started on a career which has since been one of steady success. Within a short time he had established a paying practice. His brother Marand having met with an accident, he went to Fremont Oct. 10, 1886, to take charge of his large practice, remaining there until Feb. 14th following, when he established an office at

New Berlin, at which place he practiced for over twelve years. In 1888 he opened a large drug store there, conducting same in connection with his practice. According to an Act of the State Legislature relating to pharmacists, he had to take an examination before the State Pharmaceutical Board in the Senate Chamber at Harrisburg, which he did April 11, 1888, passing and receiving his diploma as registered pharmacist. He owned a home and business block in New Berlin, and five acres of land near the town, which he improved materially after it came into his possession.

The Doctor's enterprise and energetic nature have led him into various fields which have proved as much of a benefit to others as to himself. In September, 1897, with a view to providing congenial employment to the young people of the town, he and Prof. A. M. Wonder rented a building, bought and installed knitting machinery and equipped the plant completely for the manufacture of men's hose. The idea was so novel to the community that people came for miles to see a stocking knit by machinery. In six weeks from the time the factory started the output had reached sixty dozen pairs per day and employment was afforded to thirty-two people, a condition which meant much to the prosperity of the town.

On Oct. 30, 1899, Dr. Rothrock moved to Northumberland county, where he has since made his home in the borough of Milton. He purchased a fine farm in Montour county, upon which he has made numerous improvements during his ownership, and he has proved as desirable a citizen in this community as in the other localities with which he has been identified.

On June 16, 1885, Dr. Rothrock married at Centerville, Snyder county, Ella Walter, a native of Limestone township, Union county, born Feb. 3, 1863, second in the family of four daughters born to Valentine and Susannah (Shaffer) Walter, the former a well-to-do retired merchant. Mrs. Rothrock was reared in Centerville, her parents moving to Snyder county when she was a child. She taught school seven terms before her marriage. Dr. and Mrs. Rothrock have had two children: Walter R., born Jan. 8, 1887; and Helen Katherine, born Aug. 4, 1894.

Dr. and Mrs. Rothrock are Lutherans, and while at New Berlin were active members of the church there, the Doctor serving as deacon and treasurer. He has always been interested in the fortunes of the Republican party, and he took quite an active part in public affairs at New Berlin. He was elected chief burgess of that place before he had resided there a year and also served as school director and as treasurer of the school board. Socially he was a prominent member of the I. O. O. F. lodge at New Berlin, in which he filled all the important chairs, and in 1895 he was elected dis-

trict deputy of Union county, in May, 1897, going as representative to the Grand Lodge, which convened at Altoona, Pa. Since coming to Milton he has become a member of the Northumberland County Medical Society. In June, 1892, the faculty of Freeburg Academy (which had just been chartered) presented him a diploma such as that institution has always given to those among its students who enter the learned professions.

EDWARD B. ZIMMERMAN, of Shamokin, manager of the Shamokin Wagon Works, was born in that borough Sept. 18, 1876, son of John B. Zimmerman, and a descendant of a family which has long been identified with the place and for several generations with the same or similar business interests. Some account of the earlier Zimmermans will be of interest in this connection.

The first of this family to settle in Northumberland county was John Zimmerman, a native of Berks county, Pa., who was the great-great-grandfather of Edward B. Zimmerman. He purchased two hundred acres of land in Augusta township, where he lived and died. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Mahrberger, were married in Berks county, and they had a family of five sons and two daughters.

George H. Zimmerman, son of John, was born in Berks county. He served as a soldier during the war of 1812. He learned the trade of blacksmith, at which he was engaged for many years in Sunbury, Northumberland county, becoming well known in that line. He married Mary Hall, and they had six children: Jeremiah H., Rachel (deceased, who was the wife of Isaac Seiler), Lucy (deceased), Mary (who married Solomon Stroh), Elizabeth (who married Jesse McCloy, of Shamokin) and Emily (deceased, who married Thomas M. Purcell).

Jeremiah H. Zimmerman, son of George H. and Mary (Hall) Zimmerman, was born Jan. 5, 1820, in Berks county, Pa., and was brought to Northumberland county by his parents when seven years old. The public schools, or schools of any kind, in his day, did not offer the advantages enjoyed by the youth of the present generation, and his opportunities were limited to three months' attendance. But if he had little training of that kind he had ample experience of the practical kind from his earliest boyhood. He learned the blacksmith's trade with his father, with whom he was engaged in the business for many years, at Sunbury. He continued at that work until elected justice of the peace, for Sunbury, which office he filled two years. Moving thence to the borough of Northumberland, he filled the position of collector for the Pennsylvania canal (management of which was then under State control), having been appointed to that incumbency, in which he served



three years, until 1856. Meantime, in 1855, he had engaged in business with J. P. Purcell, under the firm name of Zimmerman & Purcell, miners and shippers of coal, at Shamokin, but after a brief career of success the company met with reverses, failing in 1856. That year Mr. Zimmerman was elected to the State Legislature, in which he served two terms, and on his return to private life he entered the employ of Stroh & Elliott, as superintendent of their coal business. He was also engaged by various firms as bookkeeper, filling positions of trust with Haas & Fagely and John Dewees & Brother, in 1864 locating permanently at Shamokin, where in 1869 he established the business later conducted by his son, John B. Zimmerman, manufacturing wagons and carriages and dealing in harness. In 1877 he established the livery business which he carried on until his death, in 1893. He was president of a Shamokin banking concern.

Mr. Zimmerman's career was a forceful example of what a man may accomplish by application and well directed energy. Though he had no advantages of means or education to aid him in his early struggles his intelligence and ambition carried him over many hard places and won him a substantial position, not only as one who succeeded well in his private undertakings but who received unusual marks of confidence at the hands of his fellow citizens in the way of public honors. In 1870 he was elected chief burgess, and twice afterward was called to that office, in 1876 and again in 1884, serving from 1884 to 1886. He was a lifelong Democrat and ever active in promoting the interests of his party, in which he was a leader in his section. At the time of Lee's raid into Pennsylvania he joined Captain Bruner's Company at Sunbury. He was a Mason for over fifty years, belonging to Sunbury Lodge and Northumberland Chapter.

In 1843 Mr. Zimmerman married Harriet M. Bright, daughter of Jacob Bright, a jeweler by trade, who died at Sunbury; Mr. Bright served in the war of 1812. Nine children were born to this marriage, two of whom died in infancy, the others being: Ella Lucy, who married J. B. Phillips, and died in Virginia; Harriet, wife of Paul Roth, of Shamokin; John B.; George H., a painter of Shamokin, who married Sarah J. Drumheller and has three children, William, Ralph (former chief of the Shamokin fire department and now serving in the borough council) and Howard; Rosa, wife of Samuel Haas, of Shamokin; Milton E., born Aug. 22, 1857, an attorney; and William Cameron, a painter, who lives in Philadelphia.

John B. Zimmerman, son of Jeremiah H., was born May 22, 1851, in Sunbury, Northumberland county, and received his education in the public schools of Shamokin. He followed the business

of his father and grandfather, learning the trade of blacksmith, in which he met with unusual success. The carriage works established by his father in 1869, on Market street, in a building 20 x 30 feet, grew steadily in size and importance until they occupied a commodious site at Independence and Market streets, the establishment including blacksmith and carriage shops and a large repository. Twenty-five employees were steadily engaged, in the manufacture of wagons, carriages and all kinds of vehicles, and the patronage was drawn from a wide territory. The equipment and facilities for handling all branches of the business were added to as the demands of the trade required, being always up to standard, and his business was the foremost of the kind in the borough. In the spring of 1899 the business was moved to West Sixth street, in the vicinity of the high bridge, and Mr. Zimmerman died shortly after, on July 6, 1899. He was a very well known citizen of Shamokin, though he mingled little in public affairs, devoting himself almost entirely to the large business he had established. He did, however, at the solicitation of his fellow citizens, serve as assistant burgess of the borough. He was a staunch Democrat in political faith.

On April 5, 1874, Mr. Zimmerman married Jane Newberry, of the borough of Northumberland, who survives him, making her home in Shamokin. Six children were born to this union: Ida May, Edward B., Harriet M., John, Clara and Grover Cleveland.

Edward B. Zimmerman received his education in the public schools. After leaving school he at once joined his father at the factory, learning the business, and upon his father's death he became manager of the plant, to which he devotes all of his time. It is in a flourishing condition, fifteen skilled workmen being regularly employed, principally on custom work, turning out farm and spring wagons. The trade is large, and includes general repair work as well as manufacturing. The building occupied is a fine, substantial structure, 44 x 100 feet in dimensions, and conveniently arranged. Mr. Zimmerman has shown himself to be possessed of both the executive ability and mechanical skill which have characterized the members of this family for generations, and he is also maintaining the family reputation for high standards of citizenship and personal worth. He is well known in the ranks of the Democratic party, in whose interest he has been active. Fraternally he belongs to the local lodge of Elks and to the Odd Fellows.

Mr. Zimmerman married Sarah Pursley, of Union county, Pa., and they have had one daughter, Kathleen.

**FOLLMER.** The Follmer family in Northumberland county is descended from Jacob Follmer,



who with his wife and one son, Michael, then a child, left Germany for America (Jacob's older brother, Michael, may have come with them). Finding the early home for the Germans in the Schoharie Valley, in New York, closed to them, he came in 1737 to Berks county, where he purchased land in the Tulpehocken settlement and built for himself a home. There he reared his family and spent the remainder of his days. Two of his sons, Michael and George Jacob, came to Northumberland county in 1778 and settled in Turbut township.

Michael Follmer, who was born in Germany Sept. 26, 1723, died near the Follmer Church Sept. 29, 1793, and he was interred in the old burying ground adjoining that church; his wife was also buried there. A man of intelligence and strong religious convictions, he labored earnestly for two things in his new home, religion and education. He and his sons donated the site for the Follmer Lutheran church and a farm of eight acres to the congregation, and in his will he left £15 to the church then in process of construction and £10 toward building a schoolhouse, as well as £10 toward the teaching of poor children belonging to the church above mentioned. His wife Regina, whom he married in Berks county, was born June 18, 1730, and died Aug. 18, 1813. Nine children were born to their union: John (born Jan. 16, 1750), George (born Aug. 16, 1751), Adam, Frederick, Henry, Michael, Elizabeth, Magdaline and Catharine. Their records and that of their posterity are given below in the order just named.

John Follmer, eldest son of Michael, born Jan. 16, 1750, married Maria Elizabeth Geiger, who was born June 29, 1749, and died Oct. 3, 1836. They were the parents of two children, John and Henry.

John Follmer, son of John, born Oct. 12, 1775, died April 25, 1845. He married Elizabeth Bower, born Feb. 8, 1784, died May 13, 1853, and they had two children; Regina and Samuel. The latter, born March 6, 1812, died Feb. 20, 1834. Regina Follmer, born June 23, 1804, died Aug. 26, 1867. She married Jacob Hoffa, born May 20, 1800, died May 15, 1882, and they had a family of seven children: (1) John, born May 3, 1826, died Dec. 20, 1894, married (first) Sarah Ann Schaeffer (born March 31, 1829, died Dec. 7, 1864), (second) Mary G. Litchard (born Sept. 2, 1844, died Sept. 24, 1878) and (third) Margaret Follmer. His children were Catharine, Dr. Jacob P., Daniel J. Follmer, W. Francis, Cora M. and Cyrus. (2) Samuel. (3) Cyrus married Margaret Anten. (4) Reuben. (5) Sarah Ann. (6) Daniel H., born in 1830, died in 1832. (7) A son died in infancy Dec. 22, 1834.

Henry Follmer, younger son of John and Maria Elizabeth (Geiger) Follmer, born in 1777, died

March 14, 1857. He was the first of the family to settle on Limestone run, in Turbut township. He married Mary Elizabeth Geiger, who died Jan. 2, 1820, and for his second wife he married Eva Barbara Follmer, who died Feb. 23, 1857. His six children, four by the first union and two by the second, were as follows: (1) Susan, born April 3, 1804, died Oct. 15, 1826. (2) Daniel, born April 13, 1806, is mentioned below. (3) Salome, born Nov. 10, 1807, died Sept. 12, 1881. She married William Tobias, born Aug. 2, 1799, died Jan. 7, 1886, and they were the parents of six children: Caroline, who married Franklin Grier and had children, Oliver, Daniel and Jeremiah; Henry, whose children were George, Harry and Mary (married Samuel Berkhimer); Mary, who married Jacob Stineman and had one son, William; William; Sarah, who married Samuel Hoy and had Calvin, Eva and Harry; and John. (4) William, born July 24, 1818, died Aug. 10, 1888. He was an extensive farmer in Turbut, his native township, owning some three hundred acres, and a prominent citizen of his time, serving for many years as justice of the peace, and one term in the State Legislature, and he was well known in local business circles as president of the Danville Mutual Fire Insurance Company and as a stockholder and one of the incorporators of the Buffalo Milling Company of Lewisburg. He was a Democrat in politics, a Mason in fraternal connection (member of Milton Lodge, F. & A. M.) and a member of the Follmer Church. He married Eleanor McWilliams (daughter of John), who died Dec. 27, 1876, and they had a family of twelve children: Mary E., born Dec. 20, 1839, died Feb. 18, 1842; John H., born in 1841, married Jennie McLaughlin; Sarah E., born July 14, 1843, died Sept. 1, 1859; Margaret J., born July 14, 1843, married David Utt and had four children, William, Harry, Jessie and Mary M. (who married Rolland S. Follmer, mentioned below); Susanna A., born Jan. 12, 1847, married Thomas Rissel and had two children, Ella H. and John H.; Clara K., born Feb. 14, 1849, died Feb. 1, 1852; William L., born May 20, 1855, died June 5, 1855; Hannah R. was born May 3, 1857; Daniel G., born May 3, 1857, died Sept. 27, 1859; Mary E., born April 17, 1859, died July 18, 1859; Martha H., born Sept. 6, 1860, died Oct. 10, 1862; Francis M., born Feb. 16, 1867, educated in the public schools and at Bloomsburg Normal, married Elizabeth Huntz, and had two children. Mr. Follmer married (second) Mrs. Susanna M. (Follmer) Marsh. (5) Anna, born March 28, 1824, died Jan. 30, 1892. (6) Mary Magdaline, the youngest, was born April 22, 1826.

DANIEL FOLLMER, son of Henry, was born April 13, 1806, on the old homestead in Turbut township, and there passed his entire life, buying about two hundred acres of the original farm taken up

by his ancestor, upon which was erected a fine stone house. He was a farmer throughout his active years, living retired for twenty years before his death, which occurred Aug. 19, 1887. His farm, which was near the Follmer Church, is now owned by his son John S., of Milton. A prominent man in his district, he served in various township offices and for many years was a trustee of the Follmer Lutheran Church. In politics he was a Democrat up to the time of the Civil war.

On Oct. 15, 1829, Mr. Follmer was married, by Rev. Henry Myers, to Sarah Lantz, born March 18, 1811, died Feb. 24, 1882. Mr. and Mrs. Follmer are buried at Follmer's Church. They were the parents of the following children: (1) Mary E., born Nov. 2, 1830, married Charles J. Engle and has three children: Emma, born May 14, 1853; David Franklin, born June 29, 1857, now of Philadelphia; and Sarah Elizabeth, born May 28, 1860, who married Wallace Weidenhamer, son of Willington Weidenhamer. (2) William G., born July 24, 1833, died in 1909, married Esther Hoy, who was born Sept. 4, 1837, and who survives him, residing in Milton. They had seven children: Newton, born June 11, 1860, a Lutheran minister, now located in Pittsburg, married Anna Maude Schoch and has three children, Ethel L., Frank S. and William H.; Daniel, born Sept. 30, 1861, is deceased; Sarah K., born March 21, 1863, married George M. Bucher and has three children, Harold, Esther R. and Robert L.; Ella P., born Nov. 4, 1865, married David C. Ditzler and has a family of six, Mabel E., Mary B., Nellie F., Marjory L., Leila C. and Frederick W.; Minnie A., born March 4, 1868, married John W. Berkheimer; Mary E., born Dec. 25, 1876, married David Corsett; Margaret I., born April 7, 1879, married Adam Yerg, and has one son, Adam Follmer. (3) Margaret Ann, born July 15, 1836, unmarried, is living at the homestead in Turbut township. (4) Charles Franklin is mentioned below. (5) Sarah Elmira, born Oct. 8, 1840, married William Raup and they live in Chillisquaque township. (6) Daniel Henry is mentioned below. (7) Susanna L., born Feb. 3, 1846, unmarried, is living with her sister on the homestead. (8) John S., born July 18, 1851, received his early education in the public schools of Milton and at Lime-stone Academy, read medicine with Dr. C. H. Dougal and graduated from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, 1876. He had previously served an apprenticeship to the drug business, in which he engaged after practicing medicine one year, establishing himself in business at Milton, where he has a wide patronage and high reputation. In 1879 he married Elizabeth B. Voris, daughter of Peter Voris, of Chillisquaque township, and they have two children, Frederick Voris and Malcolm Murray. In politics Dr. Follmer is

a Democrat, and he and his wife are members of the M. E. Church.

CHARLES FRANKLIN FOLLMER, son of Daniel, was born Aug. 15, 1838, in Turbut township, on the old farm near the Follmer Church, and began his education in the local schools. Later he attended McEwensville Academy. He was reared to farming, and engaged in that calling until 1864, when he removed to Milton and entered the insurance business, in which he continued the remainder of his life, becoming very well known in his section in that connection. Representing the most reliable companies of America and England, he gained a large circle of patrons and made a notable success of the business. Other enterprises of the borough received his encouragement and substantial support, he having been a member of the Milton Gas Company (which he served some years as secretary and treasurer) and a director of the First National Bank of Milton. He was also a member of the Buffalo Milling Company, of Lewisburg. Upon the death of his father he purchased the old homestead where he was born, and he was the owner of that property at the time of his death, which occurred May 1, 1897. Mr. Follmer is buried in the Upper cemetery at Milton. He was one of the most progressive citizens of his time in this region, and his death was regarded as a general loss, for he was active in many phases of the life of the community and a useful man in every relation of life. In early life he was a Lutheran, having been confirmed at the Follmer Church, but upon his removal to Milton he united with the Presbyterian Church. In politics he was a Democrat.

In 1872 Mr. Follmer married Abbie A. Thomas, daughter of William F. Thomas, of Moorestown, N. J., who, like his father, was a coal operator; the grandfather was located at Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Follmer had two daughters: Henrietta, who married Lord Hartman Burr, a banker of Moorestown, N. J.; and Annie G., who lives with her mother. Mrs. Follmer now makes her home at Moorestown, New Jersey.

DANIEL HENRY FOLLMER, son of Daniel, born Aug. 19, 1843, died in January, 1909, and is buried at the Paradise Church. He received his education in the public schools and Milton Academy. He was a lifelong farmer, and in 1889 purchased the well known place in Turbut township known as the Abe Engle farm, which contains eighty-two acres of the most valuable land in the district. In politics Mr. Follmer was a Democrat and he served two years as auditor of his township. With his family he belonged to the Follmer Lutheran Church, which he served as deacon. In 1869 he married Rebecca C. Schaeffer, who now resides in Turbut township with her children, Rolland Sydney and Bertha Gertrude, the latter the wife of J.



Wesley Wolfe, of Turbut township, and the mother of one son, Glenn.

Georg Schaeffer, Mrs. Follmer's emigrant ancestor, was a native of the Rhine Valley, in southern Germany, born north of the Rhine, and landed at Philadelphia Aug. 13, 1759, making the voyage in the ship "Edinburgh." Soon after coming to this country he settled in Richmond township, Berks county, where he obtained a warrant for a tract of land, and it is known he was a land owner in 1759. His tract in that township is still in the possession of the family. The Schaeffer farms are among the best in the county. When the Revolution broke out he became captain of a company in the Colonial service. He died at an advanced age in 1791-92. His wife's maiden name was Reib, and they had a family of five children, Elizabeth (married John Bieber), Margaret (married Dewalt Bieber), Maria (married Michael Christman), Peter and Philip (the last named remaining on the homestead).

Philip Schaeffer, born in 1770 on the old homestead in Richmond township, became a successful agriculturist and was also an inventor of ability, manufacturing the first reaping machine in Berks county. It was so successful that he continued to manufacture the machines the remainder of his life. His wife, Elizabeth (Fetherolf), was a granddaughter of Peter and Anna Maria (Rothemich Fetherolf, of Wiedrich, Germany, and died in 1849. Mr. Schaeffer surviving until January, 1853. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, a Democrat in politics, and a soldier as attached to a member of the Reformed Church. His family of twelve children, all of whom were of unusually fine physique, tall and strong, and well proportioned, were as follows: George, Peter, Isaac, Jonathan, Daniel, Philip, William, David, Sarah (married Jacob DeLong), Elizabeth (married Solomon Yoder), Anna Maria (married Isaac Merkel) and Esther (married Francis De Long). Each of his family secured a farm from the father.

Peter Schaeffer, grandfather of Mrs. Follmer, was born in 1799 in Maxatawny township, Berks county, and about 1824 came with his family to Northumberland county, making the journey by team. He settled in Turbut township upon the farm now owned by Levi Stamm, a tract containing about 175 acres, and there lived until his removal to Watsonstown, where his death occurred in 1889 and where he is buried. He was twice married, the children born to his first union being: Sarah (married John Hoffa), Catharine (married Benneville Leinbach), Elias, Peter, and Benneville (who is still living in Kansas). By the second marriage there were two children, William and Emma (married Frank Specht).

Elias Schaeffer, father of Mrs. Follmer, was born in 1821 in Maxatawny township, Berks county, and came with the family to Northumberland

county when a child. He was engaged in farming in Turbut township and was a well known citizen of his community. He retired a few years before his death, which occurred Aug. 19, 1886. Mr. Follmer married Elizabeth Glaze, daughter of Stephen Glaze, and she died Nov. 2, 1887; she was born in 1825. Mr. and Mrs. Follmer are buried at the Paradise Church in Turbut township. They were the parents of seven children: Sarah married Levi Stamm and they live on the old Schaeffer homestead in Turbut township; Rebecca C. married Daniel H. Follmer; Elizabeth married William Balliet; Emma married Harvey Stoddt, of Milton, Pa.; Stephen, Mary and Daniel all died young.

ROLFEND SYDNEY FOLLMER, son of Daniel Henry and Rebecca C. (Schaeffer) Follmer, was born in Turbut township July 27, 1871, and there began his education in the local schools. Later he was a pupil at McEwensville Academy and at Susquehanna University, at Selinsgrove, Pa. He remained at home, working with his father, until he commenced farming on his own responsibility, and he now has the home place of eighty-two acres, which under his care is in a most excellent state of cultivation. He is an intelligent and enterprising agriculturist, and his good judgment in the management of the place is everywhere in evidence. So far he has devoted all his time to his own affairs, which are in a prosperous condition. He is a Democrat in politics, and in religion a member of the Follmer Lutheran Church.

In March, 1891, Mr. Follmer married Mary M. Uri, daughter of David and Margaret J. (Follmer) Uri, and they have had three children, Ruth M., Bertha M. and Schaeffer U.

David Uri, Mrs. Follmer's father, was born Oct. 27, 1839, in Northampton county, Pa., son of David Uri and grandson of Adam Uri, of that county. The latter followed farming and hunting, and died in Northampton county. David Uri, son of Adam, a native of Northampton county, moved to Columbia county in 1840 and there followed farming the remainder of his life, dying in that county; he is buried there, in Greenwood township. He married Mary Adams, and their children were: Jacob, Adam, William, George, David, Elias, Anna (married Long) and Harriet (married Martin Mowery).

David Uri, son of David, was a year old when his father settled in Columbia county, and remained with his father until he reached the age of eighteen. In Greenwood township, Columbia county, he learned the trade of miller, which he followed for twenty-two years in Columbia and Northumberland counties, coming to the latter county in 1862 and settling in Turbut township, where he remained for six years. At the end of that time he settled on the William Follmer farm, in the eastern part of Chillisquaque township, in



1878, purchasing the place, which contains 102½ acres, in 1883. He has lived there ever since, devoting all his time to farming, in which he has prospered, and his property has been greatly improved during these years.

Mr. Utt married Margaret J. Follmer, daughter of William and Eleanor (McWilliams) Follmer, and these children were born to them: William married Elizabeth Wnemer, and has two children, Margaret and J. Clair; Jesse married Mamie Black, and their two children are David and Eleanor; Mary M. married Rolland S. Follmer. This family attends the Lutheran Church. Mr. Utt is a Democrat in politics and fraternally a member of Pottsgrove Lodge, No. 623, I. O. O. F.

George Follmer, son of Michael and grandson of Jacob, born Aug. 16, 1751, died Nov. 9, 1830. He married Eva Barber Moyer, and they were the parents of ten children, namely: John, George, Abraham, Joseph, Eve, Catharine, Elizabeth, Mary, Ann and Alice Maria. Of these,

Abraham Follmer married Margaret Lantz and had children: Sarah; George John, born Aug. 5, 1817, who died Nov. 2, 1841; Charles, born Dec. 29, 1815; Henry, born Aug. 18, 1822, who died Sept. 27, 1852; and Margaret Elizabeth.

Charles Follmer, son of Abraham, followed farming, living on a farm near the Paradise Church. He died May 19, 1883, and is buried at that church. His wife, Theresie (Eshbach), born Aug. 15, 1815, died Nov. 16, 1864. They had a family of five children: Levi H., born Jan. 5, 1841, married Ellen Watts and lives at McEwensville, Pa.; Margaret C., born Nov. 11, 1842, married Samuel P. Lerch, who was born Oct. 23, 1839, and they have six children, Rev. Charles D. (born Nov. 17, 1868), Simon E. (born Aug. 24, 1874), Mary T. (born Aug. 15, 1874), Amy F. (born Feb. 23, 1878), Maggie L., and Sallie E. (born May 14, 1883); Sarah E., born Jan. 8, 1846, married William H. Miller (1840-1909), and had three children, Maggie L., Rosie T. and Carrie E.; Susan B., born Nov. 14, 1847, married Josiah Baker, born June 17, 1856, and their children are Samuel, Daisy, Lucy and Maggie; Charles D., born June 3, 1855, married Susan M. Keweenaw, who was born May 16, 1863, and they reside in McEwensville, Pennsylvania.

Eve Follmer, daughter of George, married Henry Follmer, and they had two children: (1) Anna married Abraham S. Sypher, born Dec. 18, 1821, died Oct. 9, 1895, and their children were Henry J. and Leah A. Henry J. Sypher, born May 19, 1848, married Julia Berkhimer, born Feb. 24, 1849, and had five children: Anna M., born Oct. 18, 1869, who married Harvey J. Sones; William H.; George A., born May 19, 1873, who married Ida Kurtz, born March 11, 1874; Veronica I., born May 21, 1876; and Bessie L., born Oct. 8, 1880.

Leah A. Sypher, born in 1851, married J. W. Bricker, who was born in 1838, and had three children, Nathan, Anna E. and Laura M. (2) Mary Magdalena, who married Joshua Cole, born July 1, 1818, had five children, born as follows: Sarah A., March 12, 1849; Mary Eva, July 23, 1851; William W., Nov. 9, 1853; Daniel C., Oct. 8, 1856; Calvin L., Feb. 5, 1859.

Adam Follmer, third son of Michael, married Christian Bone, by whom he had nine children: Adam, John, William, Jonathan, David, Simon, Solomon, Christian and Rosanna.

Simon Follmer, son of Adam, born Sept. 12, 1799, died Dec. 15, 1852. His first wife, Hannah Reinard, born Feb. 8, 1804, died Dec. 31, 1834; his second, Rebecca Kohler, born May 1, 1813, died May 25, 1867. He was the father of thirteen children, five by the first marriage, eight by the second: (1) Rebecca, born Nov. 15, 1824, married Joseph Hamer, born Jan. 18, 1820, and was the mother of eleven children, Hannah E. (born April 18, 1845, married Thomas Mercer and had Clara L., Clarence, Frank, Rebecca, Otis, Dora, Joseph, Hart and Zora), Simon F. (born July 14, 1847, married Margaret J. Schreier, born May 2, 1855, and had Mary R., Daisy E., Frank S., Fred F., and Dolly G.), Catharine J., Harriet E. (born Aug. 9, 1852, married William J. McHenry, born Dec. 10, 1849, and had William O., Margaret, Edward F., Joseph S., Bessie R. and Charles A.), James A., Joseph, Charles W., Margaret D., Lucy M., Anna R. (married John Ganville and had Mary R., Samuel J., Alva C. and Lizzie M.), and Nellie L. (2) Mary Ann died young. (3) Susanna M. married William Follmer, who is mentioned later in this article. (4) Margaret, born June 3, 1831, married Miner Gullick Marsa, born April 9, 1824, and they had three children: Spencer Follmer, born May 18, 1852, who died June 7, 1853; Charles Newton, born June 25, 1858; and Harriet Clementine, born Nov. 7, 1861, who married Charles Moll. (5) Catharine, born April 23, 1834, died Jan. 1, 1857, and is buried in the old cemetery at Milton. (6) Daniel K. (7) Mary Emma, born Oct. 19, 1837, died Feb. 2, 1842, and is buried in the old cemetery at Milton. (8) Samuel H. (9) Amelia C. (10) Louisa J. (11) Barbara S. (12) Martin L. died young. (13) Clara M.

Solomon Follmer, son of Adam, born Dec. 11, 1829, died Jan. 10, 1880. He married Elizabeth Swartz, born Aug. 7, 1830, and to their union were born four sons: (1) John S., born July 17, 1854, married Mary Harmon, born April 29, 1857, and they had one child, Orrell Myrtle, born April 19, 1881. (2) Charles F., born May 23, 1856, married Flora Schuyler, who was born in 1860, and died June 24, 1882, the mother of one child, Lola May, born July 21, 1883. His second wife,

Anna (Orbits), was born Sept. 5, 1858. (3) William P., born July 16, 1858, married Ada S. Corson, born Nov. 22, 1862, and they have one son, Raymond Oscar, born June 26, 1883. (4) Foster M., born April 28, 1860, died Nov. 1, 1881.

Frederick Follmer, son of Michael, married Barbara Geiger, and they had three children: Daniel, born March 13, 1786; Susan, who married Joseph Mackey; and Regina, who married James Donaldson.

Daniel Follmer, son of Frederick, married Margaret Reed, who was born Aug. 31, 1789, and they had a family of seven children, as follows: John R.; Daniel G., born Nov. 11, 1826; Sarah; Cynthia, born Dec. 20, 1815; Jane W., born May 8, 1813; Elizabeth, born Aug. 2, 1818 (married Robert Caldwell); and Maria, born May 10, 1810 (married John Foresman).

Henry Follmer, son of Michael, inherited a tract of land near Milton from his father. He was an active member of the Follmer Lutheran Church. He married Susan Stahl, who died in 1861, aged eighty-nine years, eleven months, nineteen days, long surviving Mr. Follmer, who had passed away in 1822, aged fifty-four years, nineteen days. Their children were: Philip, Thomas, Andrew, Mary (married Michael Brown) and Elizabeth.

Philip Follmer, son of Henry, married and had children: Samuel and Philip Henry.

Thomas Follmer, son of Henry, married and had children: Henry and William.

Andrew Follmer, son of Henry, received a common school education, and lived on a sixty-eight-acre tract which he inherited. He was an elder of the Reformed Church at the time of his death. He married Mary Pool, a native of Mercer county, Pa., who died in 1863, aged sixty-seven years; Mr. Follmer died March 29, 1862. They had two sons, Henry Philip and Reuben T., the latter dying first.

Henry Philip Follmer, son of Andrew, was born Dec. 28, 1819, on the farm where he always lived, and was the fourth in direct line to own that property. He received a good education in the schools of the day, and followed farming and gardening, after his father's death purchasing the farm, where the latter had also been born. He served his township as school director and in other offices: and was jury commissioner for three years. He was a Republican in politics, and in religion he and his family adhered to the German Reformed Church, in which he served as elder. On Feb. 22, 1887, he and his sons established a green grocery at Milton. In 1849 Mr. Follmer married Mary Jane Crawford, who was a daughter of Elijah Crawford, of Northumberland county, and to them were born children as follows: Alfred C., Sarah (wife of Jesse Server, of Milton), Lewis L. (who married

Cora Barber, daughter of Anthony Barber, of Lewis township), Harvey W. (of Milton, who married Alma Foresman, daughter of Thomas Foresman, of Union county, Pa.), Andrew, Elijah, Eleanor C. and Edward.

Michael Follmer, son of Michael, married Elizabeth Berger.

Elizabeth Follmer, daughter of Michael, married Adam Christ, and had children: Adam, George, Henry, John, Maria, Elizabeth, Eve, Catharine, Martha and Sarah.

Magdaline Follmer, daughter of Michael, married Christian Van Gundy, and had children: John, George, Adam, Jacob, Ann. Their children lived at and near Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

Catharine Follmer, daughter of Michael, married George Jacob Follmer, who was born April 16, 1768, son of George Jacob, Sr., and grandson of Jacob, the emigrant ancestor of the family. They were cousins.

George Jacob Follmer, son of Jacob and brother of Michael, was born in December, 1738, in Berks county, Pa. He was a notable man of this section in his time, serving five years as a soldier in the Revolutionary war, as member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in 1794 and again from 1798 to 1802, and in 1803 he was elected to the State Senate, dying Aug. 24, 1804, before the expiration of his term as senator. He was a Democrat in politics. He married Anna Catharine Walter, born Feb. 9, 1742, who died Aug. 15, 1808, and they had a large family, viz.: (1) Anna Margaret, born April 17, 1762, married William Gauger, and had children: William, Jacob, George, Nicholas, Benjamin, John, Daniel, and Mary Elizabeth (died Jan. 2, 1820). (2) John, born Dec. 23, 1763, died Feb. 1, 1767. (3) Anna Catharine, born April 25, 1766, married John Gertner, and had children: Mary married Jacob Marsh; Susan married John Butler; John died young; Catharine married John Rynearson; Eliza married Adam Schaeffer; Christian married Peter Gertner; Jacob married Mary Swartz; George married Mary Shumaker. (4) George Jacob was born April 16, 1768. (5) John, born June 20, 1770, died Jan. 10, 1786. (6) Henry, born July 16, 1772, married Catharine Stoneman. (7) Anna Mary, born Sept. 3, 1774, married Frederick Deffenbach. (8) Benjamin, born Dec. 7, 1776, died June 17, 1788. (9) Elizabeth, born July 7, 1779, married John Dieffenbach. (10) William, born Sept. 26, 1781, married Molly Machamer. (11) Michael, born Jan. 19, 1784, married Catharine Dieffenbacher. (12) Daniel C., born March (or June) 9, 1786, died Jan. 5, 1873.



Col. Daniel C. Follmer, born in Northumberland county June (or March) 9, 1786, was colonel of a militia company for many years and served with that rank in the war of 1812. He was a leading citizen of his day, and served one term as associate judge of Montour county. Farming was his occupation. He was a member of the Reformed Church, which he served as elder. His death occurred in the seventies. His first wife, Susanna Deiffenbach, a native of Columbia county, Pa., died in 1836, and he subsequently married Rachel Grier. There were eight children by the first union, born as follows: Catharine, March 10, 1810; Conrad, June 20, 1812 (went to Kansas); Elizabeth, March 3, 1815; Margaret Ann, March 24, 1817; Mary, April 3, 1819 (married John A. Eschbach and moved to Iowa); Susanna, Nov. 18, 1821; Jacob Michael, May 3, 1825; William Henry, Dec. 1, 1828 (died July 1, 1866). By the second marriage there was one child, Martha Ellen, born Feb. 6, 1840, who died April 9, 1852.

Jacob M. Follmer, son of Col. Daniel C., was born May 3, 1825, at Limestoneville, in Limestone township, Montour Co., Pa., and received his education in the public schools and at Danville Academy. He followed farming, lumbering and stock raising, meeting with success in all those lines, and in his later years engaged in the insurance business, representing several of the strongest companies. In 1863 he enlisted in Company E, 37th Militia, received the appointment of regimental quartermaster and served as such until honorably discharged, Aug. 4, 1863. He was a charter member of Bryson Post, G. A. R., at Watertown, and served as chaplain of Henry Wilson Post, at Milton. Fraternally Mr. Follmer was connected with the Masonic Blue Lodge for twelve years and with the Royal Arch Masons three years. He represented his district one term in the House of Representatives, to which he was elected in 1888. He was an active member of the German Reformed Church, serving several terms as elder and many years as superintendent of the Sunday school.

In 1850 Mr. Follmer married Susan, daughter of John P. Hackenberg, of Northumberland county, and children as follows were born to them: Emma; Matilda, who married C. G. Wilson; Edward H., who died May 12, 1856, when one year old; Ada L., who married J. G. Bower, of Watertown; William H.; Roland B., of Philadelphia; and John H., born July 23, 1868, who died April 10, 1900.

WILLIAM H. FOLLMER, M. D., son of Jacob M., was born Aug. 13, 1856, at Milton, and there began his education in the public schools. He graduated from the high school at Watertown, and then read medicine with Dr. J. R. Ely, at Milton, later entering Hahnemann Medical College, at Philadelphia, from which institution he was grad-

uated in 1882. In the spring of the same year he located at Milton for practice, and there he remained until his removal to Williamsport, in 1909. Dr. Follmer has gained a wide patronage and considerable reputation in his profession, and he has been identified with the best homeopathic organizations, local and State, being a member of the Hahnemann Medical Institute, the State Homeopathic Medical Society (which he served as committeeman), the Milton Medical Society and the West Branch Homeopathic Society (covering Elk, Clinton, Lycoming, Union, Blair and Northumberland counties), of which latter he has been president. Socially he holds membership in Milton Lodge, No. 256, F. & A. M.; Warrior Run Chapter, R. A. M., and Milton Lodge, No. 913, B. P. O. Elks.

Dr. Follmer married Hettie L. Brown, who was born Jan. 30, 1861, daughter of the late Cyrus Brown, a prominent druggist of Milton. She died Jan. 29, 1899, leaving one son, Cyrus Brown, born May 17, 1894. In 1909 the Doctor married again.

WILLIAM FOLLMER (deceased), born July 24, 1818, son of Henry and Mary Elizabeth (Geiger) Follmer, married (second) Susanna M. (Follmer) Marsh, widow of William Kase Marsh and daughter of Simon Follmer. She was born Sept. 25, 1828, in Turbut township, and first married William Kase Marsh, who was born in 1826, and died Jan. 22, 1868. He is buried in the upper cemetery at Milton. Three children were born to this union: (1) James Ambrose Marsh married Mary Waldron, daughter of William and Anna (Hilgert) Waldron, granddaughter of Lafferd Waldron (who came to this county in 1785) and great-granddaughter of Cornelius Waldron (who came to America and settled in New Jersey in 1764, and served as a captain in the Revolutionary war). Mr. and Mrs. James Ambrose Marsh are the parents of three children: Annabella, who is the wife of John Epley and has two children, Margarite and J. A. (this family lives in Michigan); Uana Lorine, Mrs. Newcomer, who has one child, Mary Marsh; and William Edgar, who married and has one child, James. (2) William Griggs Marsh, M. D., married Emma Klapp and has one daughter, Annie M., now the wife of M. Y. Leinbach. (3) Burton Lincoln Marsh married Rebecca Sharer and has one son, Hiram W.

Isaac Marsh, grandfather of William Kase Marsh, married Ellonana Griggs and lived in New Jersey. Their children were: Isaac, Daniel and Griggs.

Griggs Marsh, father of William Kase Marsh, was born in New Jersey, and died in Milton. He was married four times, his first wife being Catherine Kase, by whom he had three children: Ellen, wife of Peter Hotz; Harriet, wife of Simon Lantz;



and William Kase, who married Susanna M. Follen. For his second wife Mr. Marsh married Elizabeth Smith, and to their union were born seven children: John; Griggs, who married Kate Fichtthorn; Isaac, who married Mary Baker; Joseph; Daniel, who married Eliza Fox; Annie, who married James Lester; and James D., who married Ella Hotz. Mr. Marsh's third wife was Kate Christie, his fourth Kate Douy, of whom he had one son, Calvin D.

WILLIAM H. H. OTTO (deceased) passed away before he had even reached his prime, yet he had attained a prominent place in the business life of the city of Shamokin, Northumberland county, where he had lived and worked from young manhood. He was a member of the firm of Seiler, Zimmerman, Otto & Co., one of the largest grocery jobbing houses in central Pennsylvania, for several years prior to his decease.

Mr. Otto was born Oct. 31, 1863, in Snyder county, Pa., but he came of a Northumberland county family, his great-grandfather having come to this county from Berks county in an early day, and the Ottos have been numerously represented here ever since. The Federal Census Report of 1790 records Henry and George Otto as residents of Northumberland county then heads of families.

Conrad Otto, great-grandfather of William H. H. Otto, was born about 1766, and was an early resident of Jackson township, Northumberland county, living in the vicinity of Mahanoy the greater part of his life. He is said to have lived earlier at Trevorton, this county. He lived to an advanced age, and he and his wife, Barbara (Seiler) (born March 24, 1769, died Jan. 20, 1857), are buried at the Mahanoy Church known as St. Peter's. He worked as a laborer. Conrad and Barbara (Seiler) Otto had: Adam (born March 1, 1808, died Feb. 27, 1861), John and Bevy, Mrs. Peifer (she had one daughter, Betzy, who married a man named Michael, and both Mrs. Peifer and her daughter, Mrs. Michael, died in Illinois).

Johan C. Otto, born Jan. 22, 1770, died Nov. 5, 1854, and buried at St. Peter's Church, at Mahanoy, was undoubtedly a brother of Conrad.

John Otto, son of Conrad and Barbara (Seiler) Otto, was born in Berks county May 7, 1804, and came to Jackson township, Northumberland county, with his father early in the nineteenth century. He was a cobbler by trade, but in time gave his attention to farming, owning a farm in Jackson township, and he was also engaged on the construction of the Schuylkill canal. He died Aug. 3, 1886, at Herndon, where he had lived retired for nearly twenty years. John Otto was twice married, his first union being to Rebecca Groh, born Oct. 28, 1810, who died Dec. 20, 1845, the mother of the following children: Washing-

ton; Caroline, who married Gabriel Adams and now lives at Mandata, Northumberland county, over seventy years old; Harriet, who married Josiah Schaffer and lives at Hickory Corners, this county; Abbie, deceased, who was the wife of H. S. Byerly; and William C., deceased. By his second marriage, to Lydia Leader, who was born Nov. 23, 1807, and died March 12, 1889, John Otto had children as follows: Rebecca married Isaiash Snyder, of Millersburg, Pa.; Samuel died at Vernon, Neb., April 18, 1907.

Washington Otto, son of John, was born May 4, 1833, in Cameron township, Northumberland county, and died June 24, 1897, at Mahanoy, where he is buried, at St. Peter's Church. He was a trustee of that church at the time of his death. Mr. Otto was a plasterer and stone mason, and followed his trade in his earlier life, later devoting himself to farming and commercial pursuits. He established the coal, bark and lumber business at Otto station, on the Herndon branch of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, which grew to large and profitable proportions under his able management, and had a farm of 140 acres. Otto Station was named after him.

On Aug. 2, 1860, Washington Otto married Harriet Bower, and to them were born twelve children. We have the following record of the family: William H. H., born Oct. 31, 1863; Abraham L., born April 22, 1865; Agnes, who is unmarried; George L., who died Jan. 1, 1908, aged forty years; Mary, wife of E. S. Hilbush, a farmer, living near Otto station; Lydia, wife of D. P. Russell, of Otto station, the engineer at the pumping station; John C., born in 1874, who died Nov. 3, 1899, on his twenty-fifth birthday; Edw. J., born Feb. 11, 1877; and Cora, wife of George S. Wilson, a resident of Barto, Pa., in the employ of the Standard Oil Company.

William H. H. Otto came to Northumberland county with his parents when a boy and received his early education here in the public schools, also attending the academy at New Berlin, Union Co., Pa. He continued to work at farming with his father until his twenty-first year, in 1883 coming to Shamokin, where he became a clerk in the employ of Seiler & Zimmerman. He remained in that connection until his death. By strict attention to business, and giving evidence of more than average ability, he rose in the confidence of his employers to such an extent that in 1896 he was taken into partnership, the firm becoming Seiler, Zimmerman, Otto & Co. The house did a very successful business, being one of the largest jobbing establishments in the grocery line in central Pennsylvania, and Mr. Otto was considered a valuable man throughout the period of his relations with the firm. He died in March, 1902, at the age of thirty-eight years, mourned by his busi-

ness and his many friends, who were many, as well as by his family. The firm is now Seiler, Zimmerman & Seiler.

Mr. Otto was a member of the Reformed Church and took an active part in its work, serving his church as deacon, as financial secretary of the church board and as a teacher in the Sunday school, having a class of young men.

In 1888 Mr. Otto married Katie A. Glatfelter, daughter of Peter and Charlotte (Arnold) Glatfelter, of Juniata county, Pa., near Richfield, who had a family of eleven children, namely: Refena, Emma, Henry, Calvin, Elizabeth, Jacob, Phebe, Katie A. (Mrs. Otto), Ellen, Daniel and Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto had two children: C. Alva, born July 3, 1891, graduated from the Shamokin high school with the class of 1909; Waldo, born Sept. 18, 1893, is attending the high school. The family center is the residence at No. 133 North Eighth street, Shamokin, which Mr. Otto erected in 1891.

**PHILLIPS.** The Phillips (Philips) family to which Elias Philips and Benjamin Phillips, brothers, and farmers in Jordan and Lower Mahanoy townships, Northumberland county, respectively, belong is of old Berks county stock, the progenitors of the line in this county having settled in that part of Bern township, Berks Co., Pa., now embraced in Center township, that county. From this locality came several of the name to Northumberland county, settling in Mahanoy township. The brothers traced their descent from the early Berks county settlers through two lines, maternal as well as paternal, their mother, Susanna (Phillips), having been a daughter of Georg Phillips, the first of his line to come to this county. He was born in Berks county March 24, 1774, and died April 8, 1852. His wife, Sarah (Fuchs), died Sept. 25, 1836, aged sixty-one years, three months, twenty-six days. They are buried at Zion's (Stone Valley) Church in what is now Lower Mahanoy township. Their children were: John; Heinrich (born Jan. 9, 1803, died Oct. 23, 1853); Maricha, who married Peter Brosius; Elizabeth, who married Peter Witmer; Catharine (born April 9, 1805, died Sept. 30, 1889), who married Michael Witmer (born March 29, 1804, died Jan. 28, 1842); Sally, who married Heinrich Fox; Catharine, who died unmarried; and Susanna, who married Jacob Phillips.

Solomon Phillips, the progenitor of the family in America, came to this country in the ship "Phoenix," Capt. John Mason, which arrived at Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 28, 1750, he being the only Phillips among the 339 passengers. He settled in Bern (now Center) township, where many of the name now reside, and lived to advanced years, as did his son Michael. He reared a large family, two of his sons being Michael and Hein-

rich. Michael's son, John H., attained the age of 105 years, and the latter's son Jacob lived to be ninety-two years old.

Heinrich Phillips resided near Belleman's Church, where he and his wife Esther (Mogel) he buried. They reared children as follows: Peter, Jacob, John, Samuel, John Adam, and several daughters.

Jacob Phillips, father of Elias and Benjamin Phillips, was born in Berks county, and came to Northumberland county when eighteen years old. He settled in Lower Mahanoy township, where he found work among farmers, one of whom was Georg Phillips, whose daughter Susanna he afterward married. After his marriage he commenced farming on his own account in Lower Mahanoy, where he remained a number of years, moving thence to a farm he purchased in Jordan township, the property now owned by his son Elias. He cultivated this place for several years, later purchasing the George Phillips farm in Lower Mahanoy, to which he moved, making his home there, on until his death, which occurred there April 20, 1862, when he was fifty-four years, ten months, four days old. So well had he prospered by steady industry that at the time of his death he owned the two farms mentioned and one in Snyder county, and had several thousand dollars in money. He and his wife Susanna, who died Aug. 16, 1892, at the age of eighty-one years, eight months, twelve days, are buried at the Zion's (Stone Valley) Church. They were the parents of fourteen children, seven sons and seven daughters, viz.: Isaac, Elias, Benjamin, John, William, George, Jacob, Sarah (who died May 15, 1895, aged fifty-eight years, nine months, six days, married William Schaffer, who died May 6, 1895, aged fifty-nine years, one month, twenty-four days), Ann (married Samuel Spotts), Catharine (married Isaac Spotts, brother of Samuel, who married her sister), Malinda (married Isaac Trego), Susanna (married Emanuel Boyer), Lizzie (married Frank Dreibelbis) and Emma J. (died young).

ELIAS PHILLIPS was born Oct. 30, 1832, in the western part of Berks county, and was about two years old when his parents returned to Northumberland county. When a young child he went to live with his maternal grandfather, Georg Phillips, who owned a large farm on the banks of the Susquehanna river in Lower Mahanoy township. He remained in his grandfather's household until about eighteen years old, when he returned to his father, who was then on the farm which he himself now owns and occupies, Elias Philips having come into possession of it upon his father's death. This place, which is one mile west of Urban, in Jordan township, contains 162 acres of the very best land in the locality, and is nearly level; Mr. Philips has large fields, on one of which, comprising thirty-eight acres, he raised over eleven



hundred bushels of wheat about 1900. The place was originally settled by members of the Leshner family, and the barn still standing was erected by Jacob Leshner. The old house was burned Feb. 28, 1908, having taken fire about 2 o'clock in the morning, and the family escaped narrowly. The present dwelling was put up by Mr. Phillips the same year. He is a man respected for the useful and industrious life he has led, useful to others as well as in promoting his own affairs. He served his township as supervisor and was a school director when the free school system was established in this region and the schoolhouses were built, during the late sixties. In religious matters he and his family are Lutherans, belonging to St. Paul's Church at Urban, which Mr. Phillips served many years in official capacities, being deacon, elder and trustee, giving up these duties only when advancing age made it advisable. He is a Democrat in political opinion.

On Aug. 29, 1854, Mr. Phillips married Kate Krissinger, daughter of John and Esther (Bush) Krissinger, and they had children as follows: Sarah (married Wilson Schadel), Lewis, Kate (married Rudolph Schlegel), George J., Jane (married Isaac Michael), Elias K., John, Susanna (married Aaron Updegraff) and Agnes (married John Strohecker and a Mr. Troxler). Mrs. Phillips died June 5, 1889, aged fifty-two years, ten months, two days.

ELIAS K. PHILLIPS, son of Elias, was born Oct. 19, 1862, on his father's farm, and was reared to farm life, working for his father until he became of age. In the spring of 1890 he began farming on his father's property, which is considered the finest place in the Stone Valley, continuing there for a period of six years, four years in partnership with his brother George and two years alone. In the spring of 1896 he came to his present place in the Stone Valley, in Jordan township, comprising seventy-five acres which formerly belonged to William Shaffer and earlier to the Leshner family. It is limestone soil and in excellent condition, Mr. Phillips having made numerous improvements during his ownership, repairing and adding to the buildings, putting into practice the most approved ideas on modern agriculture, and in various ways adding materially to the value of the property. Close by he owns another tract, containing thirty-nine acres a little south of his home place, and there is a set of buildings on that property also. He is known as one of the most enterprising men in his district and well deserves the reputation. He is at present serving as supervisor of Jordan township, and has also held the offices of tax collector and school director. He is an active Democrat, taking considerable interest in the success of the party. The Lutheran Church at Urban, with which the Phillips family has been identified for several generations, also claims him

and his family among the working members, and he is at present acting as church treasurer and as a member of the cemetery committee. He has been deacon, elder and trustee of that congregation.

On May 10, 1888, Mr. Phillips married Sarah Jane Geise, daughter of the late Daniel and Froenica (Trautman) Geise, also of Jordan, and to them have been born three children, Charles Jay, Edwin and Katie Jemima.

GEORGE J. PHILLIPS, son of Elias, was born on his father's farm in Jordan township March 16, 1867. He was reared to farming, working for his father until he reached the age of twenty-three, when he commenced agricultural pursuits on his own account on the homestead. He was in partnership there with his brother Elias four years, lived elsewhere for two years, and then, returning to the home place, farmed it alone for three years. During the two years mentioned he was on the Wert farm in the same valley. For five years he lived in Toad Valley, on the farm of his father-in-law, Jacob Michael, coming to his present place in Lower Augusta township, along the Susquehanna, in the spring of 1904, having purchased it the previous fall. It was formerly the George Seiler homestead, and comprises 140 acres of fertile land, being one of the extra good farms in the region. There are good buildings on the place, the best in this section, and the large barn is comparatively new, having been built in 1900 by Aris Seiler, son of George. Mr. Phillips has modern machinery and has prospered by up-to-date methods combined with industry and good management. He keeps his place up to the mark all the time, and though his buildings and equipment are first-class it is his thrift and intelligent use of his resources which deserve special mention. The water supply on the place is unusually good, and most conveniently arranged, the barn mentioned being particularly well favored in this respect. It has other sanitary arrangements, cemented stables, entries, etc., which commend themselves to the modern farmer. It is considered one of the model barns of Northumberland county.

On Jan. 18, 1890, Mr. Phillips was married to Mary Michael, daughter of Jacob and Catharine (Bobb) Michael, and five children have been born to this union, namely: Harry E., May K., Ray G., Lee J. and William R.

Mr. Phillips and his family are members of the Stone Valley Church (Zion's), he being a member of the Lutheran congregation, and Mrs. Phillips belonging to the Reformed congregation. He has held the office of deacon. He is a Democrat in politics, and is at present holding the office of school director of Lower Augusta township.

Isaac Phillips, son of Jacob, began farming in partnership with his brother Elias, of Jordan township, on the farm where the latter still lives. After a number of years' residence there he moved to



the farm of his grandfather, George Phillips, in Lower Mahanoy township, remaining at that place for over twenty years. He was then a tenant for one year in the same township, and thence removed to Juniata county, Pa., where he owned a thirty-acre farm upon which he lived until about six months before his death. He died near Dalmatia Oct. 28, 1902, aged seventy-one years, three months, eleven days, at the home of his son Isaac F. Phillips. He is buried at Stone Valley (Zion's) Church, and was a member and officer of the Lutheran congregation of that church, to which his family also belonged, his wife, however, being a member of the Reformed congregation there. In politics he was a Republican, and he served many years in the office of supervisor in his township. His wife, Catharine (Freymoyer), daughter of Jacob Freymoyer (whose wife's maiden name was Klock), is also buried at the Stone Valley Church. They had children as follows: Emma, Mrs. Daniel Tyson; Lizzie, Mrs. Newton Schaffer; Jacob; John F.; Isaac F.; Seneca; and William, Emanuel and George, all of whom died young.

Jacob Phillips, a prosperous farmer of Lower Mahanoy township, was born Oct. 5, 1861, in Jordan township, and was less than a year old when his parents moved to Lower Mahanoy township. He was reared to farming, which he began on his own account in 1892 in the southwestern part of the township, being a tenant on the Charles Koppenhaver farm for four years. In the spring of 1896 he moved to the farm whereon he has since resided, a tract of 106 acres, fertile land, nicely located and well watered, which under his care has been maintained in a fine state of cultivation. It is between Stone Valley Church and Uniontown (Pillow), and was formerly the homestead of Christopher Witmer. It has been in the Witmer name for considerably over one hundred years, and is at present owned by Hon. Charles B. Witmer in partnership with Mr. Phillips. Since 1880 Mr. Phillips has been engaged in threshing, in which line he is the leading man in his section, threshing as much as twenty thousand bushels of grain in a season. He has a fine Peerless outfit, and is prepared to do anything in that line that comes his way. He has been a school director of Lower Mahanoy township since 1903.

Mr. Phillips married Maggie Witmer, daughter of Isaac and Susanna (Bubb) Witmer, and a sister of Hon. C. B. Witmer, one of the foremost citizens of Northumberland county. Eight children have been born to this union, namely: Annie, Harry, Fred, Alice, Molly, Clarence, Milton and Minerva. Mr. Phillips and his family are members of the Stone Valley Church, and he served some years as deacon. Politically he is a Republican.

BENJAMIN PHILLIPS, son of Jacob and brother of Elias, was born March 23, 1838, in Lower Ma-

hanoy township, where he was reared to farm life. He began farming on his own account in 1858, on one of his father's properties near his present place, and remained there one year. Then, in partnership with his brother Elias, he purchased the farm in Jordan township where the latter now lives, and they were together on that place for three years, at the end of which time Elias Phillips bought the property, Benjamin Phillips coming to his present place in the Stone Valley. This was the old home of Isaac Dreibelbis, who came from Berks county and who in his day was one of the characters of this region, the older settlers still recalling many pleasant memories of "Essack's Schlissel." He operated a tannery on the place, and the old foundation is still standing. Mr. Phillips has 110 acres of the finest land in the township well located and under a fine state of cultivation, the owner possessing the thrifty and industrious habits and faculty for good management characteristic of his family. He built the present barn in 1895, part of the house in 1894, the old part being remodeled.

On Dec. 11, 1859, Mr. Phillips married Harriet Rothermel, daughter of Charles Rothermel and granddaughter of Abraham Rothermel. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips celebrated the golden anniversary of their wedding Dec. 11, 1909, amid a large concourse of relatives and friends who came to do them honor and to wish them many more years of happiness and prosperity. Eleven children blessed their union: Sevilla married James Ferster; Chilion is a farmer in Lower Mahanoy township; Frank died in his twenty-seventh year (he was married); Charles lives in Lykens Valley, in Dauphin county; George W. died young; Lizzie married John A. Spotts; Nettie married Jere Radel, of Dalmatia; Elias lives on and farms the homestead; Isaac is a resident of Lykens Valley; Katie married Conway Bohner; James died young. Mr. Phillips and his family are Lutheran members of Zion's (Stone Valley) Church, in which he was an active worker for many years, serving as deacon, elder and trustee. He is a Democrat in politics.

CHILION PHILLIPS, son of Benjamin, was born Sept. 2, 1861, on one of the Jacob Phillips farms, and he has been interested in farm work all his life. He worked for his parents until he reached his majority, after which, for eleven years, he followed threshing, during the latter part of this period also engaging in farming in Lower Mahanoy township. Since 1893 he has devoted his energies exclusively to farming. During the eighties he purchased the farm near Hickory Corners, in the Stone Valley, where he now lives, one of the John Kiehl homesteads, which consists of fifty-nine acres of the most fertile land in this productive belt. Mr. Phillips put up his present barn in 1902 and his other buildings in 1904. He is a

substantial and successful farmer, believing in both up-to-date methods and old-fashioned industry, a combination which, in the results he has obtained, speaks for itself. He is a Democrat, and has served one term as school director. He and his family are Lutheran members of the Zion's Union Church of Stone Valley, and he has served as deacon.

In March, 1884, Mr. Phillips married Sarah B. Ferster, daughter of David and Judith (Brosius) Ferster and granddaughter of Peter Ferster. They have had three children: Katie, wife of David Leiken, a school teacher and farmer; Gertrude, who died aged nine years; and Charles B.

WILLIAM PHILLIPS, son of Jacob and brother of Elias and Berthman, was born Oct. 17, 1841, on his father's farm, and received his education in the old-fashioned day schools which were the rule during his boyhood. The instruction was in German, and the terms were only a few months long, so that the advantages they afforded were none too liberal. Working for his parents until he was of age, Mr. Phillips has since followed farming on his own account and has also engaged extensively in lime burning, owning a limestone ridge. His annual output is about fifteen thousand bushels, and one year he burned twenty-four thousand, five hundred bushels for his brother Elias. His farm consists of twenty-five acres in Jordan township, about one mile west of Urban.

In 1866 Mr. Phillips married Elizabeth Nace, daughter of Daniel and Magd. (Hartranft) Nace, and six children have been born to this union. Mintie A. married John Byerly; Maggie married Ira Held; Cora married John Thomas; Clara married Henry Snyder; Alice married George Baum; Thomson died aged fifteen years. Mr. Phillips and his family are members of St. John's Church at Urban, in which he has served as deacon, elder and trustee. He is a Democrat in political conviction, and has acted as school director and in various other local offices.

THOMAS J. COATES, of Shamokin, member of the firm of T. J. Coates & Bro., who do a large business as contractors, can point to many evidences of his skill and executive ability in the number of public buildings which have been erected under his supervision during his career in this line. Eleven schoolhouses in Coal township alone are the work of this firm, which receives a generous share of the patronage in Northumberland county in its particular branches of work.

Mr. Coates was born at Trevorton, Northumberland county, June 3, 1866, son of Thomas Coates, a native of County Galway, Ireland, who came to America in young manhood. His first location was in New York City, whence he went to New Jersey, then following the business of gardener. At Matteawan, N. J., he married Katie

Danauld, who was born in Queen's County, Ireland, and with whom he came to Schuylkill county, Pa., before the Civil war, subsequently moving to Trevorton. Mr. Coates was killed in the mines in December, 1868. He is buried at Trevorton. There were five children in his family: John M., Elizabeth, Kate, Thomas J. and Margaret.

Thomas J. Coates attended school at Trevorton and was only a boy when he began picking slack at the mines. He was employed in the mines about twelve years before he went to learn the trade of cabinet-maker, at Trevorton. Later he took to carpentry, and in 1893 he engaged in business as a contractor at Shamokin, becoming associated in that line with his brother John M., under the name of T. J. Coates & Bro. They have had a profitable business from the beginning, and some idea of the magnitude of their operations, and of the class of work intrusted to them, may be gained from the statement that they have had the contracts for the following school buildings in Coal township: Washington, at Springfield; Stevens, at Bear Valley; Webster, at Hickory Ridge; Penn. at Boydton; Lincoln, at Johnson City; Schaeffer, at Uniontown; Lafayette, at Fairview; Lombell, at Hickory Swamp; Whitely, at Excelsior; McKinley, at Edgewood; and St. Edward's, at Shamokin. Among other important contracts which they have filled are those for St. Patrick's church and parsonage at Trevorton; for the Shamokin and Coal township almshouse; the first residences at Edgewood, and the first residences at Johnson City. The partners are both men of high business and personal standards, and they deserve the prosperity which has rewarded their enterprise.

Mr. Coates married Annie V. Coulston, daughter of William J. Coulston, and six children have been born to them: John William, Thomas, Annie, John, James and Catherine (who died in infancy). Mr. Coates is a member of St. Edward's Church, and of the Holy Name Society.

William J. Coulston, Mrs. Coates's father, who lives with Mr. and Mrs. Coates, was born in England May 15, 1825, and came to America in 1846 on a sailing vessel with 280 other passengers. He landed at New York City. Coming to Shamokin in 1866, he has since made his home there, being now one of the oldest residents of the borough. For several years he was in the employ of the late Thomas Baumgardner, at the mines. He is an intelligent man, and well informed. By his first wife, Catherine Cocklin, Mr. Coulston had children as follows: Himes, Thomas, John, Joseph, Thomas (2d), Elizabeth, Susanna, Margaret, James and Martin H. By his second union, with Bridget Fenan, he had three children: Annie V. (Mrs. Coates), William (who is deceased) and William A.

JOHN M. COATES, brother and business partner

of Thomas J. Coates, was born in 1858 in New Jersey. He followed mining until he engaged in business with his brother. Mr. Coates has been a well known figure in public life in this county for a number of years, having been elected jury commissioner of the county in 1902 and reelected in 1906, and he has also served as assistant assessor of Coal township. He is a Democrat in political sentiment. He is a prominent member of St. Edward's Church and of the Knights of St. Edward, of which organization he was the first auditor, still holding this office; he is also a member of the Knights of Columbus and secretary of his lodge.

**HETRICH.** Johann Philip Hetrich, the ancestor of a large family of this name in lower Northumberland county, was a farmer in Washington township, owning what is now the farm property of Henry Koehl. He was born July 24, 1785, and died March 1, 1853. His wife, Catharine (Reitz), born Oct. 24, 1786, died June 25, 1854, and both were members of the Himmel Church in that township, at which church they are buried. Their children were: John, Michael, Jacob, Nicholas, Samuel, Sallie (married Samuel Bobb), Mrs. Henry Hoffman and Mrs. Peter Reitz.

John Hetrich, son of Johann Philip and Catharine (Reitz) Hetrich, was born Feb. 15, 1805, and was a farmer on the place now occupied by his grandson Charles B. Hetrich. He married Catharine Snyder (Schneider), who was born Dec. 15, 1809, and died Aug. 18, 1866. Mr. Hetrich died June 22, 1871. They are buried at Himmel's Church, of which they were Lutheran members. Their children were as follows: William, Elias, John S., Daniel, Samuel, Peter and Sarah (married John Hoffman).

**JOHN S. HETRICH**, son of John, was born Dec. 1, 1830, on the old Hetrich homestead now owned by his son Charles B. He was a lifelong farmer and made his home at the old place. His activity in local affairs made him quite well known, as he served six years in the office of overseer of the poor and was also auditor of his township. Politically he was a Democrat. In religion he was a Lutheran and served as deacon and trustee of the church. He died July 21, 1904. In 1854 Mr. Hetrich married Eve Brosius, who was born June 2, 1834, daughter of Peter and Katie (Gonsor) Brosius, and granddaughter of Peter and Grace (Hepler) Brosius. She is a well preserved woman, though in her seventy-seventh year, and continues to reside on the old home place with her son Charles. Mr. and Mrs. Hetrich celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage March 12, 1904, a few months before his decease. They had the following family: Mary E., who died in 1909, married Jerre Snyder and lived at Waverly, Nebr. (they

had ten children); Frank died young; Emma J. married R. B. Latsha and they live at Catawissa, Pa.; Ella C. died young; Charles B. carries on the old farm.

**CHARLES B. HETRICH**, son of John S. Hetrich, was born July 1, 1869, at his present home in Washington township, and received his education in the public schools of the locality. He was reared to farming and for eighteen years followed the business of huckster, going to the leading cities in the coal mining districts. In 1901 he began farming on his own account on the old Hetrich homestead, which comprises 140 acres on the road between Rebuck and Greenbrier. Part of the house is one of the old structures in the neighborhood, a landmark of the community.

On Jan. 1, 1888, Mr. Hetrich married Katie E. Keiffer, daughter of Jonathan and Sarah (Kehres) Keiffer, and they have had four children: John O., Irin R., Sarah P. and Mary D. John O. Hetrich is a graduate of the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, Pa., class of 1909, and is engaged in teaching in Washington township. Mr. Hetrich and his family are Lutheran members of Himmel's Church, which he is serving as deacon at present. He is a Democrat on political questions.

Nicholas Hetrich, son of Johann Philip, was born June 1, 1829, and died Jan. 21, 1864. He is buried at Himmel's Church. His home was in Washington township, and he was a wool carder and weaver by occupation. To him and his wife Harriet (Schlegel) were born children as follows: William, Benneville S., Edward, Seville (married Samuel Smith) and Emma (married Hiram Radel and Isaac Campbell).

**BENNEVILLE S. HETRICH**, son of Nicholas, was born July 24, 1855, in Washington township, and was there reared, being trained to farm life from boyhood. In the spring of 1899 he began farming on the place in Jackson township where he has since resided, which consists of eighty acres of good land. It was formerly the Nicholas Drumheller farm, and the house on the property is an old one, having sheltered the pioneer for many years. One part is built of logs. Mr. Hetrich has made a success of his agricultural operations. He is also an experienced tradesman, having learned weaving and shoemaking, which he followed for a number of years before deciding to give all his time to farming. He is active in local politics, being a staunch member of the Democratic party.

On Dec. 25, 1883, Mr. Hetrich married Mary Ann Seiler, daughter of Jacob Seiler. She died April 21, 1911. They had two daughters: Lizzie married Herbert H. Hilbush and went to live at Sunbury, this county, where she died Oct. 5, 1909, aged twenty-three years, eight months, eight days, leaving her husband with one son and one daughter.



ter, Mary Elizabeth and Henry B.; Mabel married George E. Rebuck, who is farming the homestead (he is a member of Lafayette Lodge, No. 194, F. & A. M.). Mr. Hetrich and his family are members of the Lutheran congregation at St. Peter's (Mahanoy) Church, which he has served as deacon, elder and trustee; he is in office at present.

**SEILER.** The ancestor of the Seiler family in this region was John Jacob Seiler, born May 22, 1780, died March 12, 1866. In his earlier manhood he was a miller in Jordan township, Northumberland county, later settling in Jackson township, where he lived on the tract now owned by E. J. Otto. He also owned the farm in Jackson township which was afterward the property of his son William and is now owned by the latter's son Jacob, and was a prosperous man in all his undertakings. He married Elizabeth Heintzleman, and they had a family of ten children: Isaac, Jacob, Daniel, John, Elias (born July 5, 1818, died Aug. 6, 1872; wife Sarah, born April 9, 1822, died Aug. 27, 1900), George, Peter, Katie (married Daniel Zartman), Sallie (married Jacob Wagner) and Polly (married John Zartman).

Jacob Seiler, son of John Jacob, was born Sept. 22, 1804, in Lower Mahanoy township, and became a farmer, living on the old Seiler homestead in Jackson township. He died Nov. 14, 1874, and is buried at St. Peter's Church. His wife, Elizabeth (Ebright), was born Feb. 17, 1811, in Lower Augusta township, and died Dec. 8, 1900. They had children as follows: (1) Rebecca married Daniel Wirt, by whom she had two children, John (who is an undertaker at Seven Points, Northumberland county) and Sarah Ann (wife of Dr. R. P. Haas, of Williamstown, Pa.); after Mr. Wirt's death she married Henry Dornsife, by whom she has children, Henry I. (who has the largest restaurant in Kansas City, Mo.), Samuel Seiler (an attorney at law of Kansas City), Daniel Webster (who lives in California) and Elizabeth Agnes (unmarried). (2) Sarah Ann died Oct. 25, 1851, aged fifteen years, seven months, twenty-six days. (3) George died in infancy. (4) Harriet married Elias R. Hilbush. (5) William is mentioned below. (6) Mary Ann married Benneville S. Hetrich.

William Seiler, son of Jacob, was born Jan. 13, 1843, on the farm where he passed his entire life, becoming a farmer himself. He passed away Sept. 28, 1898. He was the owner of the homestead for a number of years and built the present buildings on the property. For a number of years he was actively identified with the administration of public affairs in his locality, serving as school director, tax collector, and in other offices, and he was a prominent Democrat in political matters. In religion he was a member of the Reformed congregation at St. Peter's Church, which he served

officially for many years, being deacon and elder of that church. His wife, Hannah, was a daughter of Benjamin and Kate (Stein) Boyer, of Amity township, Berks Co., Pa., and they had three children: Isaac, who is buried at St. Peter's Church; Daniel, of Dauphin county, Pa.; and Jacob.

**JACOB SEILER.** son of William and Hannah (Boyer) Seiler, was born Nov. 15, 1871, at the Seiler homestead, and was there reared to farming. After his marriage he began agricultural pursuits on his own account, at the old home in Jackson township which has been in the Seiler name for so many years, Jacob Seiler being the fourth generation to possess it. The present barn on the place was built by William Seiler in 1876, and the house in 1880. The tract contains 110 acres, ten of which are in timber. Like his family generally, Mr. Seiler has interested himself in local public matters and church work. He is a Democrat and has held township office. He is a member of the Reformed Church, to which his family also belong, is at present serving as deacon of the church and has been interested in the Sunday school, having served as secretary and teacher.

In 1903 Mr. Seiler married Kate Latsha, daughter of Adam and Wilhelmina (Fegley) Latsha, and they have one son, Rufus.

**ALEXANDER ROSS,** who has carried on a hotel at the corner of Second and Water streets, in the borough of Shamokin, since 1906, was formerly for many years engaged in the principal industry of this section, the mining of coal. In his present enterprise he is in partnership with Thomas T. Williams, and they are doing a fine business, having a fine brick hotel with thirty guest rooms.

Mr. Ross was born Sept. 25, 1852, in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, where his father, John Ross, settled upon leaving New Jersey, his native State. He was a young man when he came to this county, and here he passed the remainder of his life, engaged in farming. He died at the age of fifty years, and is buried at the Presbyterian church in Lower Augusta township. He married Margaret Messersmith, and to them were born the following children: Emanuel, Augustus, Alexander, John, Frank, Jane (married Ezra Badman, and died Dec. 2, 1879, aged twenty-one years, eight months, eleven days), Mamie and Simon.

Alexander Ross received his education in the public schools of his native township, and his first work was upon the farm. When sixteen years old he came to Shamokin, where he did railroad work for one year, after which he went into the mines and for thirty-seven years was employed at the collieries. In 1906 he built the substantial brick hotel at the corner of Second and Water streets, in Shamokin, where he has since done business.

and the house is comfortable and convenient, attracting a steady and profitable patronage. The proprietors are well known in Shamokin, where Mr. Ross has valuable real estate holdings, having met with considerable success in his business ventures.

On Sept. 26, 1871, Mr. Ross married Emeline Newman, daughter of John Newman, of Shamokin, and they have three children: Charles, who is a miner; Ambrose W., a merchant in Shamokin; and Mary J., married to James T. Dormer, of Shamokin. Mr. Ross is a member of the Reformed Church and socially belongs to the Knights of Malta. He is an independent voter, supporting the candidates he prefers regardless of their party affiliations.

JOHN T. ALBRIGHT, late of Turbut township, Northumberland county, was in his lifetime one of the respected citizens of his section, where he followed farming for many years. He was a native of Lehigh county, Pa., born in 1832, and came to Northumberland county with his parents when a boy.

Mr. Albright learned the trade of bricklayer, which he continued to follow throughout his active years, and as such assisted in building the Baptist church at Turbutville. In his later life he followed farming near the Paradise church in Turbut township. He died in 1891, aged sixty-two years, two months, four days.

In 1856 Mr. Albright married Mary E. Huntzinger, who was born Dec. 18, 1838, daughter of Rudolph and Mary (Heuclrich) Huntzinger, and granddaughter of Jacob Huntzinger, a native of Lebanon county, Pa., where he died. Jacob Huntzinger married Elizabeth Bowman, and they had children: Rudolph, Harry, Martin, Jacob, Peter, Mary E. and Catherine. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. John T. Albright: David L. married Rosa Klapp and has one child, Ella (they reside in Lewis township, this county); Mary A. married Aug. F. Heller and has two children, Bertha and Jessie; Charles M., who is engaged in farming his father's old homestead, married Susan E. Klapp and has two children, Florence K. and Edna M. The mother of this family, Mrs. Mary E. (Huntzinger) Albright, died Jan. 21, 1911, at her home in Turbut township, and was buried in the cemetery of Paradise Reformed Church, where Mr. Albright is also interred. He was a member of that church, and he and his wife were among the most esteemed residents of their community.

DEPPEN. Christian Deppen, the founder of this family in Pennsylvania, came hither from the German Palatinate, arriving (qualifying) at Philadelphia Sept. 16, 1736. He crossed the ocean on the vessel "Princess Augusta," from Rotterdam,

Samuel Merchant, master, along with a number of others from the Palatinate, their wives and children—in all three hundred souls, according to the historian Rupp. On the "List of Ships Foreigners" his name is given as Christian Däppen, and his age as thirty years. In the Captain's book his name appears as Christian Teppe. In his will his name is written, in plain English, Christian Deppe. Thus we find that there has been considerable uncertainty concerning the correct orthography of the name. It appears often as Deppe, Depew, and Dupee, and some genealogists declare its original form to have been that of the old French Huguenot name, DePui.

Christian Deppen settled near Womelsdorf, in Heidelberg township, Berks Co., Pa. In the tax lists of Heidelberg township Christian "Deppy" is assessed as follows: 1767, on 300 acres, 3 horses, 3 cattle, 3 sheep; 1768, on 150 acres, 1 horse, 1 cattle, 5 sheep; 1779, on 220 acres, 5 horses, 15 cattle; 1780, on 395 acres, 5 horses, 12 cattle; 1781, on 395 acres, 5 horses, 8 cattle. The will of Christian Deppe, of Heidelberg township, is on record in the Berks county courthouse, as made Sept. 27, 1775, and probated in 1782, the year of his death. It was witnessed by Philip Moyer, John Casper Reed, and Adam Kalbach, and it begins thus: "I, Christian Deppe, an aged yeoman of Heidelberg township, Berks county." As the will contains no reference to his wife, it is presumed she was dead at the time it was made. At the time of his death Christian Deppe also owned fifty acres of land in Northampton county. In his will he refers to his eldest and beloved son, Johannes, who shall have fifty pounds over and above his other share." His children as named in the will were: Johannes; Barbara (married Peter Zimmerman); Anna (married George Yeakly); Treanie; Elizabeth; Thomas; Peter; David, who died in 1804 (his German will is on record in Berks county courthouse); Joseph; Jacob; and Abraham, who died in 1840 intestate, and whose heir was Richard Boone, of Heidelberg.

Joseph Deppy (one of the older sons of the pioneer Christian) in the Federal Census Report of 1790 is recorded as a resident of Heidelberg township, and as the head of a family consisting of himself, wife and three sons above sixteen years of age.

Christian, Peter, William and George Deppen, natives of Berks county, were pioneers of Northumberland county. They located in that section now embraced in Jackson and Washington townships; in 1778 the name of Christian Deppen appears among the list of pioneers of Mahanoy township (both Jackson and Washington were originally embraced in Mahanoy township). This Christian Deppen and Peter Deppen, who were pioneers in Northumberland county, tradition states were sons of the ancestor Christian Deppy. The name

of Peter is found in the will, but Christian is said to have been a heavy drinker, and poor probably on that account, and for this reason he was not mentioned in his father's will. He was unlike his brothers. Early in the nineteenth century he went to Mercer county, Pa., where he died. He was married three times, and among his children were son Washington and daughter Betsy.

Peter Deppen came, as stated, from Berks to Northumberland county; after living there a short period he went to Ohio, finally settling in Missouri, where he was a prosperous farmer. His descendants in Missouri and the West are said to be many. Among his children were sons Zetic and Andrew.

William and George Deppen, mentioned above as having settled in Northumberland county, were grandsons of the ancestor Christian through his oldest son, John, and from these two spring all the Deppens now living in Northumberland county.

Whether Christian Deppy, the ancestor, was a Roman Catholic or not is uncertain, but tradition states that he was. His son Joseph was a Catholic, as were the latter's children, and a number of the family still adhere to that faith. Most of the name now living in Reading are members of St. Paul's Catholic Church. There were sixteen persons by the name of Deppen in the Reading city directory for 1908.

William Deppen, one of the two grandsons of Christian mentioned as settling in Northumberland county, was a native of Berks county, born Nov. 20, 1779. He and his brother George settled near Herndon, in Jackson township, in 1810. He is buried at Stone Valley Church, in Lower Mahanoy township, where he died. He was a lathe-maker by trade, but followed farming in Jackson township. His wife Magdelene (Seiler) bore him twelve children, namely: Abraham, Alexander, Isaac, John, David, William, Leah, Sallie, Caroline, Lydia, Mary and Elizabeth (who died in infancy). The farmer, William Deppen, who is buried at Stone Valley Church, died Sept. 3, 1848; his wife Magdelene, born Sept. 15, 1790, died Feb. 2, 1862. Their son David, born Aug. 29, 1824, died Feb. 21, 1850.

Abraham Deppen, son of William, born Sept. 8, 1812, died Aug. 13, 1899, and is buried at St. Peter's Church, in Mahanoy township, where his wife also rests. He was a farmer, and also dealt in land and cattle, meeting with such success in his operations that at the time of his death he had an estate valued at \$100,000. He was a resident of Herndon at that time. In 1832, together with a man named Mowery, he cleared the first five acres of what is now the site of the borough of Shamokin. In 1844, with his family, he left Jackson township in a Conestoga wagon drawn by three horses and moved out to Wayne county, Ohio. They arrived a day or two too late to take

possession of the land for which they had arranged, so the family lived in their wagon and with a cousin until the land tangle was straightened out. This, however, was only the beginning of a series of troubles. They lived for two years upon the farm they had taken up, but the rust killed the wheat crop, and they subsisted on corn cakes and corn bread, pork and chickens, unable to obtain money or other food. Mrs. Deppen became so homesick that Mr. Deppen hitched up his Conestoga wagon, and took her back East, the four children remaining alone upon the farm until the parents returned, after an absence of ten weeks. Then Mr. Deppen became homesick, and after another year the entire family returned to the old location in Pennsylvania. The last year in Ohio the wheat and corn crops had both frozen, and the family lived principally on soft corn and pumpkins. It was in 1816 that they made the return journey, and when they arrived at Liverpool, Perry Co., Pa., the pair of horses he drove were Mr. Deppen's only possessions. He settled on the opposite (east) side of the Susquehanna river, and, purchasing five thousand bushels of potatoes on his father's indentment, obtained a new start. In 1817 he went out to Ohio again to harvest his wheat crop, which was excellent. Just five years afterward he went back again, to visit his old farm, which he had sold to Alexander Deppen, who became a successful farmer thereon. The land improved greatly under cultivation.

In 1854 Abraham Deppen purchased half of the 300-acre island located in the Susquehanna river between Port Trevorton and Herndon, the other half being owned by a man named Strickler, who was the first man to buy it. It was first known as Strickler island, later as Strickler and Deppen island. Mr. Deppen retained his interest until 1868 or 1869, when he sold to Peter Ziegler, since whose death his son George has owned it. The island comprises three hundred acres of the finest and most fertile land in the upper part of the State.

Abraham Deppen married Mary Snyder, of Upper Mahanoy township, born in 1811, died in 1868. They were the parents of four children: Louisa (married Dr. Reuben H. Muth), George (of Herndon, Pa.), Joseph (of Mount Carmel, Pa.) and Alexander.

GEORGE DEPPEN, son of Abraham, was born in 1836 at Locust Gap, Mount Carmel township, Northumberland county, and was reared in Jackson township, whither his parents removed during his early childhood. He attended the subscription schools, and spent his early years in farm work. In 1863 he embarked in the mercantile business in Snyder county, Pa., and later engaged in the same line at Herndon, of which town he is now one of the oldest residents. In 1868 he engaged in the grain and leather business, buying and shipping grain and dealing in hides for sole



leather, etc., and has built up a large and lucrative trade in that line, being one of the most substantial citizens south of the Line Mountain in Northumberland county. The scope of the business has become so extended that many commodities are now handled. Mr. Deppen shipping grain and coal in large quantities, and dealing extensively in hay, feed, flour, leather and stoneware, while he also trades in wood pumps, shingles, terra cotta and galvanized pipes, his line being very comprehensive and a great accommodation to the local trade. He has always been recognized as a most progressive man, and has amassed a comfortable fortune. Mr. Deppen is one of the oldest justices of the peace in Northumberland county, in point of both age and service, having been first elected in 1865, though he did not take his commission at that time because the recorder had returned it just a day or two before he called for it, he delaying acceptance. He holds seven commissions, one for one year (by appointment) and six for five years each. He is a Democrat in politics, as are all his sons, and is a Lutheran in religious faith, though all his family adhere to the Reformed faith.

In 1868 Mr. Deppen married Mary Mertz, of Freeburg, Steel county, who died Aug. 17, 1898, at the age of fifty-one years, the mother of a large family of children, eleven of whom survive: Lizzie J. (married Harris Snyder), Laura (married Howard J. Engle), George E. (an attorney at law of Sunbury, Pa.), Henry C. (who manages his father's business at Herndon), Charles P. (car inspector at Herndon), Susan M., Carrie L., John E., Nettie L., Laurence R. and Abraham E. Ruth also died in infancy.

HENRY C. DEPPEN, best known as "Harry" Deppen, son of George, was born Dec. 26, 1875, in what is now the borough of Herndon, then a part of Jackson township. He obtained his education in the local public schools, and has been assisting his father ever since he was five years old. He has continued to be associated with him, and is now the active head of the extensive business, into which he has infused new life by his energy and enterprising spirit. A number of the lines recently added to the original trade were taken up experimentally as promising incidental gains to the bulk and returns of the business, and have proved most profitable. The Deppens have the bulk of the borough trade in coal and feed, and their patronage extends all over the Mahantango Valley. Aside from this enterprise Mr. Deppen is interested in several local industrial concerns, and he and his brother George have been associated for some time as established agents for a number of the old-line high-class fire insurance companies. Mr. Deppen's business activities, however, have not made him indifferent to the public welfare, and he has been prominent in the admin-

istration of the borough government ever since it was instituted. He was elected a councilman at the first general election held after the organization of the borough, and has served continuously to the present time, being the oldest councilman in point of service, though the youngest in years. He has served two years as president of the council, and has been chairman of the ordinance, finance and street committees. Politically Mr. Deppen is a Democrat, and has considerable influence in the party. He is a member of the Reformed congregation of Zion's Church, at Herndon, and useful in the work of that organization as he is in everything else which interests him. He is at present serving as secretary of the church consistory.

JOHN ERNEST DEPPEN, son of George, was born May 15, 1881, at Herndon. He began his education there in the public schools, later attending Susquehanna University, at Selinsgrove, for two years. After assisting his father in business for a time he took a position as traveling salesman in New York and eastern Pennsylvania, and has since been successfully engaged in that capacity. He has been a member of the 12th Regiment, Pennsylvania National Guard, since 1898, and holds the rank of first sergeant.

JOSEPH DEPPEN, son of Abraham and Mary (Snyder) Deppen, was born Dec. 2, 1837, in Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland county. He received a limited education, the school he attended being taught in a gristmill in Dauphin county. When he became of age he engaged in the droving business, which he followed for three years, and afterward followed merchandising at Herndon for nearly two years. In 1869 he moved to Mount Carmel, where he carried on the hotel business for fifteen years, being proprietor of what is now the "Commercial House." He prospered and accumulated some means, and he has long been considered one of the substantial men of the place, being one of the organizers of the Mount Carmel Savings Bank, which he is still serving as director. In 1867 he married Eva Elizabeth (Lizzie) Hoffman, of Jordan township, born Jan. 17, 1841, who died Jan. 18, 1896, and to them were born four children, namely: Lizzie, Ada, Joseph and Gert-rude. This family are all members of the Lutheran Church, and Mr. Deppen is an active Democrat in politics.

ALEXANDER DEPPEN, a retired farmer now living at Dornsife, was born Aug. 16, 1839, in Washington township, Northumberland county, son of Abraham and Mary (Snyder) Deppen. He was reared to farm life, and when twenty years old began farming on the upper part of White island, where he remained in all for thirty-three years engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1889 he came to Jackson township, and he has since carried on two large farms, though he is now retired from active labor. He made his home in Herndon

from 1904 until the spring of 1910, when he moved to Dornsife. For seventeen years he lived on his farm at Dornsife. Mr. Deppen is a Democrat in political opinion, and a Lutheran in religious faith.

In 1859 Mr. Deppen married Catharine Stepp, daughter of Bastian Stepp, of Jackson township. She died in 1885, at the age of forty-two years, the mother of a family of seven children, two sons and five daughters: William S. (of Dornsife), Charles (of Altoona, Pa.), Agnes (who died at the age of twenty-four years), Emma, Minnie, Jane and Lizzie.

In 1904 Mr. Deppen married Mrs. Sarah A. (Kerr) Stewart, widow of James Gordon Stewart. Mrs. Deppen had eleven children by her first marriage, James (who has a son, James Edward), Mary, Edward, Sadie, Jane, and six who died young. Twenty years ago Mrs. Deppen and her first husband, with six children, went from Pittsburgh to Seattle, Wash., where they kept house for a year, then moving to Portland, Oregon. Mr. Stewart then went to California, thinking he would like it better, but as he did not he returned to Oregon, and they kept house there for two years. The youngest child died and was buried out there, after which the rest of the family returned to Pittsburgh, where Mr. Stewart died. In a few years Mrs. Stewart, with her youngest daughter, went out again to Oregon, where she has two married daughters. On the trip out eight mountain robbers held up the train six miles out of St. Paul, at Fergus Falls, Minn., blowing the express car to pieces with dynamite, and this delayed them so that it was eight days before they arrived in Portland. Mrs. Deppen stayed there a year with her two daughters, returning to Pittsburgh. One of her sons lives in Lancaster, Ohio, one in Coraopolis, Pa.; one of her daughters lives in Harrisburg. She has one sister living in Pittsburgh, and one in Shiremanstown, Pa., and two brothers in Washington, D. C.

Joseph and Sydney Ann (Horn) Kerr, parents of Mrs. Deppen, were natives of Allegheny county, Pa., and the father was a tailor by occupation. He was a Scotch Presbyterian in religious faith. He died in 1869, and is buried in the South Side cemetery, at Pittsburgh, while the mother, who died in 1885, is buried at Baltimore. They had a family of thirteen children, Lizzie, Robert, Thomas, Julia, Emma, Sarah A., and seven who are deceased.

Mrs. Sydney Ann (Horn) Kerr belonged to a noble German family. Her father came to America when young, and here passed the remainder of his life. His father, a man of wealth and high rank, died, and the son was notified and summoned to claim his inheritance, but he was afraid to cross the ocean, and never received the property.

WILLIAM S. DEPPEN, son of Alexander, was born

July 13, 1861, was reared to farming, and has followed that calling all his life. On March 26, 1884, he began farming the place in Jackson township then owned by his grandfather, Abraham Deppen, which he cultivated for the next fourteen years. The following two years he farmed for Joseph Tressler, and then for two years for his father on a 165-acre farm in Little Mahanoy township. In the spring of 1901 he moved to his present farm in the same township, near Dornsife, a tract of fifty-nine acres located on the north side of Mahanoy creek, formerly the homestead of Michael Peifer. Mr. Deppen remodeled and enlarged the house and has since resided on this place. He is an energetic and prosperous farmer, a substantial member of the community and a citizen willing to do his duty in every relation of life. He served three years as school director in Jackson township, and in 1910 was reelected for his second term in that office in Little Mahanoy. He is a Democrat in political faith.

On Sept. 16, 1883, Mr. Deppen married Emma Last, daughter of David Last, and they have one daughter, Ada V., now the wife of Irwin Peifer (son of George C. Peifer) and mother of three children, Elmer L., Eva and Vera. The family are Lutheran members of St. John's Church at Pump Station, which Mr. Deppen has served officially as deacon and elder.

David Last, father of Mrs. Deppen, was a cooper by trade, and lived in the Kratzerville district in Snyder county. He died about 1867, when about forty-nine years old, and is buried at Hadley's Church in Snyder county. His wife, Harriet (Leitzel), daughter of John Leitzel, died about 1878, at the age of sixty-two, and is buried at the same place. They had three children: Mary, wife of Lewis Pontius; Ella, wife of Charles Wetzel; and Emma, wife of William S. Deppen.

George Deppen, grandson of Christian Deppy, the ancestor, was born June 21, 1787, in Berks county, Pa., and came to Northumberland county with his brother William, as previously stated, in 1810. He was a lifelong farmer, and upon his removal from his native county settled on the farm now owned by Isaac Tressler, a tract one and a half miles north of Herndon. This place he sold, and purchased an adjoining farm, on which stood a gristmill. From the latter property he removed to the farm now owned by his grandson, Samuel Deppen, a fine place of fully 200 acres in Jackson township. He died Feb. 7, 1850, and his wife, Maria Magd. Greise, a native of Berks county, born April 3, 1785, long survived him, dying Aug. 11, 1869. They are buried at St. Peter's Church, in Mahanoy township. He and his family were Reformed members of St. Peter's, which was a union church, and he served as an official; he was an old-line Whig in political opinion. To



Mr. and Mrs. Deppen were born four children, namely: Rebecca, who married John Haas, of Sunbury; William; John, who died in Herndon; and Isaac, who spent much of his life at Herndon and died in Snyder county, Pennsylvania.

William Deppen, eldest son of George, born in 1814, was a merchant in Jackson township and other places in this county for forty years, at one time owned much real estate, and was a prominent man in his section. He engaged in the mercantile business at Augustaville when a young man, and was subsequently at Mahanoy, in Jackson township, for eighteen years. In the spring of 1860 he located at Trevorton, where he was a merchant for about two years, until his retirement from business. He died Jan. 8, 1876, and is buried at Mahanoy, in Jackson township. He was a member of the German Reformed Church, and a Republican in politics. His wife, Susan Lantz, who survived him, was of Lower Augusta township, this county, and to them were born children as follows: Mary, Samuel, William (all three died young), Benjamin F., George W., Richard L. (of Shamokin) and Sarah A. (married and living in Trevorton). George W. Deppen, who was cashier of the First National Bank of Sunbury, died in January, 1909.

Benjamin F. Deppen, son of William, was born in 1847 in Jackson township, Northumberland county, and received his education in the public schools. He was appointed station agent of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company at Trevorton, and held that position for twenty years, in 1889 engaging in the mercantile business at that place. He married Susan Herb, who died in 1888, leaving four children, viz.: Laura M., Susan M., Samuel H. and William R. Mr. Deppen is a Republican in politics.

John Deppen, son of George, was born July 4, 1815, in Jackson township, and died Dec. 11, 1893, at Herndon, where he had lived retired for ten years. He followed farming during his active years, owning the place which is now the property of his son Samuel. He was a devout Christian, he and his family worshiping with the Reformed congregation of St. Peter's Church, which he served as deacon and elder. He and his brother William married sisters, his wife being Catharine Lantz; she was born Nov. 16, 1819, and died Jan. 7, 1889, the mother of four children: Mary married Albert Holshue; Samuel is mentioned below; William H., born March 15, 1856, died Dec. 10, 1877 (he married Kate Tressler, and they had two sons, Irwin and William, both of whom live at Harrisburg, Pa.); Susan married William F. Bower.

SAMUEL DEPPEN, son of John, was born Sept. 5, 1853, in Jackson township, attended the common schools in the home district, and was reared to farm life. He worked for his parents until

he was twenty-four years old, in the spring of 1878 commencing to farm for himself on the homestead, where he continued for thirty years, in the spring of 1908 renting the farm and moving to Herndon, where he now makes his home. Since settling in the town he has driven a dray, doing all kinds of hauling. He is of the third generation of his family to own the old homestead, which is located on the road from Herndon to Dornsife. The house on the place is of logs, and was built about 1800, by a Schaffer. The present barn, 85 by 38 feet in dimensions, was built by Samuel Deppen in 1900 to take the place of the one destroyed by lightning Aug. 23d of that year, together with the year's crop, farm implements, and a horse and three head of young cattle.

Mr. Deppen has always been active and progressive, and has taken part in the local government to some extent. He was school director in Jackson township for the long period of twenty-one years, seven terms of three years each, and was president and treasurer of the school board many years, serving with honor and credit; his has been the longest record of service held by any one man up to this time in Jackson township. He and his family worship at St. Peter's Union Church at Mahanoy, of which his father and grandfather before him were active members and supporters.

In 1878 Mr. Deppen married Lucy Ann Zartman, daughter of Adam and Susan (Forney) Zartman, of Jackson township. They have had three children: Carrie married W. P. Zartman, a lumber merchant of Shamokin, Pa.; Mamie married Calvin Ziegler and lives in Philadelphia; Susan married John Witmer and resides at Herndon.

STEPHEN A. PRAMUK, of Shamokin, Northumberland county, was born Aug. 20, 1872, in Austria, son of Andrew and Anna (Steffick) Pramuk. The father, also a native of Austria, died in that country, and the widowed mother came to America with her four children. She now makes her home with her son Stephen in Shamokin. The family consisted of four children, as follows: Stephen A. and Andrew, twins, the latter now in his brother Stephen's employ; Michael, who lives in Shamokin; and Mary, married to Bert Yankoskie and living in Shamokin.

In the spring of 1882 Stephen A. Pramuk came to America with his mother, the family landing in New York City. Their first home here was in Clearfield county, Pa., where they remained only a short time, however, settling in Shamokin in 1883. Though a mere child at the time they lived in Clearfield county Stephen A. Pramuk was employed at the coke ovens there, and upon coming to Shamokin began work at the mines as a slate picker, later following mining. In 1896 he gave up that work and engaged in the hotel busi-



ness in the borough, continuing same for about six years, until he commenced his present business, in 1902. He has since been established at No. 314 South Market street, where he is engaged as a wholesale dealer in liquors, wines, beer, ale and porter, having a steady patronage. He is a man of good business ability and an excellent manager, as the growth of his trade testifies. On April 15, 1909, he was appointed receiver for the Shamokin Brewing Company. He still keeps up his interest in his former work as a director of the Miners' Loan Association. Socially he is a well known member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and of St. Mary's Church and its affiliated societies. In politics he is a Democrat.

On Sept. 8, 1896, Mr. Pramuk was married to Matilda M. Zuschian, also of Austria, and they have had the following children: Mary, Stephen, Adolph, Clara, Bernard, Albert and Benjamin. The family live at No. 316 South Market street.

PROF. SAMUEL G. SMITH, of Trevorton, has been a teacher at the place for several years and has followed the profession in this county since 1887, though not continuously. He is connected with the high school. Mr. Smith was born in this county, at Leek Kill, March 21, 1870, and belongs to a family which has long been settled here. He is of the fifth generation in this country, his grandfather having originated from Germany and settled in Berks county, Pa., where he died.

Jacob Smith, grandfather of Professor Smith, came to this region from Berks county in the early days, where the Indians had often been settled in that place. Upper Mahanoy township. He was a land owner and cleared considerable land, and also followed hunting and fishing, game being plentiful in those parts in his time. His children were: Jacob and John died in the West; Elmer married Solomon Shauweiler; Samuel married Sarah Arnold; Mary married John Gager; Jonathan, who died at Greentown, this county, married Sarah Snyder; Peter, who died at Leek Kill, married Elizabeth Gager.

Samuel Smith, son of Jacob, owned the original homestead in Upper Mahanoy township and followed farming throughout his active years. He died upon his farm and is buried at Leek Kill. He married Sarah Arnold, whose father was a resident of Berks county, Pa., and they had children as follows: Daniel died at Trevorton; William, as mentioned below; Louisa, now the only survivor of the family, is unmarried and living at Sonoma; Mary, Elizabeth, who married Daniel Stoppel, and (second) William, Randerbush, died at Locust Dale, Schuylkill county; Sarah married Daniel Snyder, of Greenbrier; John died at Waverly, Iowa; Harriet married Henry Haas, and died

in Upper Mahantango township, Schuylkill county; Catharine married Henry Snyder, and died at Danville, Pennsylvania.

William Smith, son of Samuel, was born in 1831, and lived on the original Smith homestead near Leek Kill, in Upper Mahanoy township, spending all his life there. The farm consists of 135 acres of excellent land, and he was a thrifty and prosperous agriculturist. He was one of the most progressive men of his day, one of the first to advocate the establishment of his district free schools, which at that time were not generally looked upon with favor, and served faithfully as school director, in which capacity he was able to accomplish much for the cause of free education. There were few men at the time so better or more favorably known. For fifty years he was a member of the Old Fellows fraternity, and he was a faithful member of the Reformed Church, taking an active part in its work. His death occurred in 1907. Mr. Smith married Caroline Fack, daughter of Solomon Falck, of Greenbrier, this county, where she now resides. Four children were born to them: Richard F. is now a successful farmer at Enterprise, Oregon, where he took up a homestead; Savilla married E. D. Snyder, of Girardville, Pa.; Catharine married H. G. Snyder, and lives at Girardville; Samuel G. is a resident of Trevorton.

Samuel G. Smith attended the public schools of his native township and was also for a short time a student at the academy at Great Danford, Pa. But as he was obliged to assist his father upon the farm he continued his studies at home, and by hard work fitted himself to take the State examination, which he passed in 1887. He began teaching that year, and for five years was engaged at Greentown, after which he taught the school at Leek Kill for six years. His next change was Dillsburg, and from there he went to the Zionsburg, Pa., where, during the winter, he was engaged to teach six pupils. Going to Trevorton, he began teaching in a general store, and was there one year and one-half of six months. After this he became a book manager for the Book & Religious Bazaar store at Mount Carmel, where he remained until the store was closed out. In 1904 he settled at Trevorton, where he has since made his home, following his profession. Professor Smith has a high reputation as an educator, his conscientious, thorough work winning him friends among pupils and fellow teachers, and he is a citizen of recognized worth.

In 1890, Mr. Smith married Minnie J. Mengel, daughter of Manasses Mengel, and they have a family of five children: Carolyn, William, Howard, Herman and Esther. Carolyn graduated from the Trevorton high school in 1910. Mr. Smith is a member of the Reformed Church, his wife of the Evangelical Association.

**WILLIAM WELTER**, proprietor of the "Eagle Hotel," at Brady, near Shamokin, Northumberland county, was the oldest stand of the kind in that district. He himself has done business there since 1904.

Mr. Welter was born Dec. 10, 1873, at Brady, Coal township, Northumberland county, son of Luke Welter, a native of Germany, who came to America in young manhood and settled at Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa. Later he moved to Brady, Northumberland county, among the early residents of that place, and there followed his trade, blacksmithing, to the close of his active life. He married Johanna Shissler, daughter of George Shissler, who came to America from Germany, bringing his family, and made his home at Trevorton, Northumberland county. Mr. Welter died July 4, 1904, Mrs. Welter surviving until August, 1906. They were the parents of the following named children: Peter, who lives at Brady; Annie, married to Jacob Bosch; Michael, living at Brady; William; and John, of Brady, who married Laura Fry.

William Welter received his education in the public schools, and when nine years old went to work at the Greenback breaker, picking slate. In time he became a miner, and he was thus engaged until 1901, when he engaged in his present business, purchasing the old "Eagle Hotel" stand at Brady. He is an enterprising and obliging business man, and his place is well conducted and well patronized.

Mr. Welter is a member of St. Edward's Catholic Church, of Shamokin, and fraternally he belongs to the F. O. E.

**REED.** The Reed family of Little Mahanoy township is of old Berks county (Pa.) stock, and from the similarity of names between those of the earlier generations in Northumberland county and the posterity of the progenitor in Berks county there is no doubt that the branch in which we are interested descend from Johan Leonhard Rith, a German by birth, who was the ancestor of a numerous race. The name has undergone various changes in spelling.

Johan Leonhard Rith, born in 1691, died in 1747. He was one of the many of his nationality who suffered under the terrible oppression of Governor Hunter, of Schenectady, N. Y., as being one of the twenty-three German families who in 1723 fled through the wilderness in spite of the deep snow, to the land of the Tulpehocken in Penn's Province. That these early pioneers suffered terribly is well known. The awful cold, the primitive conditions, hunger, and the savage Indians made the journey nearly unbearable, but their unyielding faith in their Maker, and the comforting solace of the Bible, inspired them to superhuman efforts, and they finally reached their destination,

where peace was found beyond the power of the tyrant. Johan Leonhard Rith married Analisa Catrina, and their union was blessed by the birth of these children: (1) Johan Nicholas (born June 4, 1715, died Jan. 7, 1788) married Maria Barbara Seibert (born May 18, 1722, died Oct. 14, 1807), and had children, Jacob, Mrs. Jacob Schaeffer and Mrs. Jacob Anspach. (2) Johan George (born in 1717, died in 1791) married Catrina Elsa, and they had children, John Leonard, Catharine (married Henry Minnich, who removed to Virginia), Jonas, Peter and Frederick. (3) Johannes Frederick (born March 15, 1718, died Dec. 24, 1794) married Maria Engel, and they had a son, Jacob, whose son was John Jacob (married Eva Maria Seibert). John Jacob Rith was born April 10, 1770, and died Nov. 1, 1835, and George and Edward Reed, living at Ottawa, Ill., are of his descendants. (4) A daughter, Margaretha or Wilhelmina, married Heinrich Zeller. (5) Leonhard, Jr. (born Sept. 10, 1723, died April 28, 1801 or 1803). (6) Peter married Maria Catrina Ziegler, and they had three children, John, Barbara (married Jacob Moyer) and Catharine (married Adam Lehman). (7) Jacob (born in June, 1746, died March 28, 1821) married Margaret, and their children were: John Jacob, John and several daughters. John Jacob married Margarid Emerson, and among other children they had a son, John. John Jacob in 1840 sold his farm and went West, and some of his descendants now live in the vicinity of Dayton and Martinsburg, Ohio.

Johan Leonhard Rith was not the only one of that name, however, who had settled in Schenectady, N. Y., later to come to the Province of Pennsylvania before 1720, as it is thought that the following were all relatives, they coming to one place and settling permanently in the Tulpehocken Valley: Michael, Casper, Adam, George and Peter. Michael Rith (Reith, Reed), one of the pioneers from the Livingston Manor, and later of the Schenectady, N. Y., came to the Tulpehocken settlement in Berks county in 1723, and there lived up and living adjacent to the land of John Leonard Rith and George Reith. The relationship of these three is not known, but there is no doubt that they were related, probably being cousins. The map of the Tulpehocken settlement made by Mr. Charles Lindenmuth, a very accurate piece of work made with much difficulty, shows the location of the Reith settlements. It was published in the "Pennsylvania German," Volume V, in October, 1904, and appeared also in a recent Berks county work.

The first ancestor of the Reed family in Northumberland county was Leonhard Ried, son of "John and Eva Maria Ried." In the record previously given, Johan Leonhard Rith had a son Johannes Frederick, whose son Jacob was the father of John Jacob, who married Eva Maria Sei-

bert. It would seem likely that this Leonard Ried was their son. He was born March 10, 1790, and died Feb. 22, 1852. His wife, Elisabeth, born Feb. 18, 1784, died Feb. 10, 1861. He was a native of Marion township, Berks county, and came to what is now Little Mahanoy township, in Northumberland county, before his marriage. His wife, whose maiden name was Dunkelberger, was a member of one of the very earliest families in what is now Little Mahanoy township. This couple experienced the hardships of life as entailed by the primitive conditions of the times. They settled on the tract of land which has since remained in the family, now owned by their grandson Samuel S. Reed, and Leonard Ried also followed his trade of stonemason in addition to farming, helping to lay the foundations for many houses and barns in the vicinity. He and his wife were Lutherans, members of the Little Mahanoy Church, where their remains rest. Their children were: William; Amos, who settled in Rockefeller township (his wife, Rebecca, born Aug. 21, 1826, died Nov. 23, 1850); Solomon; Catharine, who married Peter Fetterman; and Elizabeth, who married Abraham Shaffer.

William Reed, son of Leonard, was born March 16, 1811, and lived in Little Mahanoy township on the farm now owned by his son Simon F. Reed, of Shamokin. This property comprises fifty acres, and he had another tract, of forty-five acres, in the same township. A prominent man of his day, he was well known in public life and church affairs, having served as school director, constable and treasurer of his township, and as deacon, elder and trustee of the Lutheran congregation at the Little Mahanoy Church, of which he was a member, his family also belonging to that church. In politics he was a Republican. On April 8, 1834, he married Elizabeth Fegley, daughter of Daniel and Hettie (Rothermel) Fegley. Mr. Reed died Oct. 27, 1880, Mrs. Reed surviving until Oct. 30, 1900, reaching the age of eighty-seven years, five months, nine days. They had children as follows: Hiram F.; William, who died in Nebraska Jan. 17, 1910; Maria, who married Benjamin Snyder; Caroline, who married Galen Smith; Simon F.; Daniel, of Shamokin; Elizabeth, who married Andrew Long; Jeremiah F., who died in 1877 (he was born in 1854); Hannah, who married George Buffington; and Freeman, of Shamokin (his wife, Lydia, born Feb. 21, 1862, died April 3, 1900).

SIMON F. REED, of Shamokin, Northumberland county, was born Jan. 15, 1846, on the homestead of his father, William Reed, in Little Mahanoy township. His education was obtained in the local public schools. Until he was twenty-seven years old he worked for his parents, meantime learning the miller's trade, which, however, did not agree with his health. In 1868 he began to learn the farmer's trade, which he continued to follow until

1882, in which year he took up farming on his own account. He was thus occupied for a number of years, until his removal in 1897 to Shamokin, where he has since made his home, residing at No. 800 West Pine street. Though not of recent years an active participant in public affairs, Mr. Reed was long one of the most popular officials in his township, which he served as auditor for a period of twelve years, as school director and as supervisor. In political connection he is a Republican. Like most of his family he is an active member of the Lutheran Church, he and his family attending services at Little Mahanoy Church, which he has served as deacon, elder and trustee.

On Dec. 26, 1876, Mr. Reed married Emma J. Byerly, daughter of Elijah and Mary (Bower) Byerly, and the following children have been born to this marriage: John E., Benlah J., Molly M., Mary O., Sophia E., Maggie M., Isaiah and Emma A.

JOHN E. REED, son of Simon F. Reed, was born Dec. 7, 1877, in Little Mahanoy township, and there received his education in the public schools. He has lived in Shamokin since 1897, and there learned the carpenter's trade, which he follows, and in which he has been quite successful. Since 1906 he has owned his own home, at No. 44 South First street. On March 17, 1901, Mr. Reed married Rosa Schlegel, daughter of Daniel Schlegel, and they have had two children: Francis, born Oct. 31, 1901, and Forrest, born Dec. 2, 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Reed are members of the Lutheran Church.

SOLOMON REED, son of Leonard, was born on the farm in Little Mahanoy township now owned and occupied by his son Samuel S. Reed, which contains thirty-eight acres of cleared land and some woodland. He followed farming during the summer season, in winter finding plenty of work at his trade, that of wheelwright. He prospered, and acquired another farm property, the tract of 112 acres in the Mahantango Valley, about one mile from the Stone Valley church, now owned by Daniel Schmeltz and Isaac Reitz; he built the frame house which now stands on that place. He took an interest in all local affairs, serving as supervisor and school director of his township, and as deacon and elder of the Little Mahanoy Church, of which he was a Lutheran member. In politics he was a Republican. He died Aug. 7, 1901, aged seventy-nine years, one month, eleven days, and his wife, Catharine (Shaffer), daughter of Jacob Shaffer, died Nov. 19, 1895, aged seventy years, six months. They had children as follows: Susanna married Isaac Reitz; Isaac, born in 1849, died in the Mahantango Valley in 1869; Alexander died at the homestead; Samuel S. is mentioned below; Hiram is a resident of Little Mahanoy; Henry M. is mentioned below; Emma J. is the widow of Daniel Reitz; Sarah married E. B. Raker.



**SAMUEL S. REED**, son of Solomon Reed, was born June 16, 1854, on the farm in Little Mahanoy township which he still occupies, this having been the property of his grandfather, Leonard Ried. He received his education in the local schools and was reared to farm life, working for his parents until he attained the age of twenty-seven, at which time he married. In 1881 he began farming on his own account in Jackson township, on the place now owned by John Daniel, and continued to reside there for twenty years, farming the land on shares for his father-in-law, Daniel Kobel. He then purchased his father's place, owning seventy-two acres, forty-five of which have been cleared, and has since lived on the property. The old part of the dwelling was built by Leonard Ried in 1833, and the newer part by his son Solomon in the seventies. The barn was built by the present owner in 1908. Mr. Reed is an active citizen of his community, has served as supervisor of the township, and is at present a member of the school board, to which he was elected in the spring of 1910. He is a Republican in politics and a Lutheran in religion, he and his family belonging to the Krebs Church at Mahanoy, which he has served officially as deacon and elder.

On Dec. 25, 1880, Mr. Reed married Catharine Kobel, daughter of Daniel and Eliza (Kersfetter) Kobel, and they have had thirteen children, among whom were: Francis (who died aged twenty-one years), Emma (who married William Perfer), Daniel, Charles (who is a blacksmith), Katie, Sallie, Cora, Adam, Lora May.

**HENRY M. REED**, son of Solomon Reed, was born Sept. 30, 1859, on the farm in Little Mahanoy township now owned by his brother Samuel S. Reed. He was reared to farming from boyhood, and at an early age learned the trade of wheelwright, as well as carpentering, practically growing up with a knowledge of such work. For about one year he worked as carpenter for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, and was at one time wheelwright and blacksmith for the William P. Zartman Lumber Company. In 1882 he began farming on the homestead, continuing there until 1903, when he moved to the fine farm in Little Mahanoy which he has since occupied, and which he purchased in August, 1902. It was formerly owned by Samuel Dornsife, and had been in the Dornsife family for many years. The original tract owned by the Dornsifes was much larger, however, Mr. Reed having 124 acres, some of which is in timber. There is excellent water, flowing near to the house. Mr. Reed is an up-to-date agriculturist, and his property is in excellent condition. Mr. Reed is a thorough mechanic, and during the winter months is employed at such work. He has taken considerable interest in the local public welfare, and has served six years in succession as member of the school board,

of which he was treasurer throughout that period. He is a Republican on political questions.

Mr. Reed married Anna Dornsife, daughter of Samuel Dornsife, and five children have been born to this union: Edwin, who married Emma Shafter; David; Susan, wife of Roy Eyster; Minnie M., and Henry J. The family are Lutherans, belonging to the Little Mahanoy Church, where Mr. Reed has been deacon and elder.

**GEORGE W. MILLER**, a prominent farmer and fruit grower of Shamokin township, was born there April 21, 1857, upon the old homestead taken up by his great-great-grandfather. The Miller family has long been established in Pennsylvania. George Miller, Sr., commonly called "Hunter George," emigrated from Germany some time during the seventeen hundreds, and after taking up considerable land in what is now Shamokin township, Northumberland county, built his little log house near the large spring of water on the Miller farm. In the year of 1792 his son John Miller purchased from him this land, called Pine Grove, and "Hunter George" took up some land near Hamburg, Berks Co., Pa., where he lived the remainder of his days. George Miller, Sr., derived his name of "hunter" from his love of the chase, as he seldom did anything but hunt, fish and take up lands.

John Miller, the son of George Miller, Sr., and great-grandfather of George W. Miller, was born in 1759. In 1785 he married Catharine Raber, and to them were born two sons and two daughters: George, David, Elizabeth and Sarah. He died Feb. 10, 1804, at the age of forty-five, his wife, who survived him many years, dying Aug. 19, 1854, at the age of eighty-five years. John and Catharine Miller are buried in the old Baptist graveyard near Deiblers station, in Shamokin township.

George Miller, the oldest son of John Miller and grandfather of George W. Miller, was born June 17, 1794, upon the homestead. He married Dec. 23, 1820, Mary M. Startzel, daughter of George and Elizabeth Startzel, and by this marriage there were twelve children: Elizabeth (deceased), who married Daniel Smith; Catharine (deceased), who married Silas Farrow; John J., who died in Iowa in 1861; Rosetta, of Rutherford, N. J., who married Samuel Laws; Amanda S., who married Hannah J. Wolverton (parents of George W. Miller); Russia (deceased), who married Dr. Aaron Saydiger; Johann (deceased), who married Rev. Ephraim Barker; Allison R., who died in Illinois in 1870; William Johnson, of Springfield, Ill.; Clara L. (deceased), who married Dr. Isaac Huff; Emma, who married John Elder; and one son who died in infancy.

Previous to the construction of the Reading Center turnpike this locality was not developed

to any extent. Mr. Miller was one of the most enterprising men of his day. After clearing his land and assisting in constructing the turnpike he moved from his little log house by the spring into the large house he built along the pike. He then built a large stone barn, in 1818, and when the stage began running Mr. Miller opened a hotel, which he conducted in connection with his farms until the Northern Central railroad was built. In politics he was a Democrat, and he filled a number of the township offices. He died July 24, 1880, at the advanced age of eighty-six years, his wife dying three weeks later. They are buried at the Blue Church.

Amandus S. Miller, second son of George Miller and father of George W. Miller, was born upon the homestead Sept. 13, 1828, and there grew to manhood. He received a common school education and, improved his opportunities so well that in early manhood he commenced teaching in the public schools, which experience undoubtedly accounted for the interest he always took in the cause of education. He was an influential citizen and highly respected, not only foremost in business matters but looked up to on various other questions. He engaged in farming on an extensive scale, cultivating some four hundred acres. Although he never sought public office he was continuously a member of the Shamokin Township Mutual Fire Insurance Company and assessor, and treasurer of the school board for years. Mr. Miller accumulated a large amount of property in Shamokin township and borough. He died Feb. 21, 1906, and was widely mourned. He was a Democrat in politics, and in religious faith a Lutheran.

Amandus S. and Hannah J. Miller are buried in the St. Jacob's cemetery, near Reeds station. Ten children were born to their marriage: Florence V., who died when twenty-three years old; Ida M., deceased, who married John M. Kline; George W.; Silas W., deceased, who married Maggie Kase; Laura E., of Elysburg, Pa., who married W. H. O. Dyer; Julia E., of Shamokin, Pa., who first married Elsworth Dyer (deceased) and then W. F. J. McKee; Addison C., of Sunbury, Pa., who married Lizzie Snyder; John A., deceased; Cora E., deceased, who married Elwood Yocum; and Lulu V., who married Harry E. Snyder.

George W. Miller was born on the homestead and brought up to farming and received a common school education. When twenty-two he entered the academy at Lewisburg and in the spring of 1849 he returned to farming, for his grandfather, and in connection taught school eight winters in Shamokin township. In July, 1880, Mr. Miller's grandparents died, three weeks apart, and the following fall, on Sept. 30, 1880, Mr. Miller married Rosanna Vastine, of Montour county. He

continued farming his grandfather's farm for share until the expiration of the lease in 1884, when he and his brother Silas W. Miller purchased their grandfather's land and divided it north and south, George W. retaining the old homestead, to the cultivation of which he has since devoted the greater part of his time and attention. He has 135 acres of land and his place is known as one of the finest along the pike. He makes a specialty of fruit growing, and has marketed as many as fifteen hundred bushels of peaches in a season. In 1899 he was elected justice of the peace, and efficiently filled that office for five years; for four years he served as tax collector; and is now filling the office of overseer of the poor for the sixth year. He is a leading member of the Democratic party in his locality, and in religion is a Lutheran, a member of the St. Jacob's (Reed's) Church.

George W. and Rosanna V. Miller are the parents of nine children: Gussie May, deceased; David Otto, deceased; Florence Virginia, deceased; Ruth Ann; Blanche Helen; John Vastine; Janet; George Clyde, and Russell Cowell.

**KURTZ.** The Kurtz family to which J. U. and Amandus Kurtz, brothers, both farmers of Turbut township, Northumberland county, belong came to this region from New Jersey, where the former was born. They are sons of Andrew Kurtz and grandsons of Henry Kurtz, who had brothers John and George. Henry Kurtz's children were: Henry and William died in Northampton county, Pa.; Jeremiah died in Monroe county; Andrew is mentioned below; Samuel died at Easton, Pa.; Levi died in Columbia county, Pa.; Amelia died in infancy; Charity died in Northampton county.

Andrew Kurtz, son of Henry, moved to Berwick, Columbia Co., Pa., in 1842, and after one year's residence there moved (in 1843) to Northumberland county, purchasing a farm in East Chillisquaque township on which he settled. He followed farming, and was also extensively engaged in lime burning, producing more lime than any other one man in that vicinity. He became one of the foremost citizens of his community, filling nearly all the township offices, and he was a highly respected man, holding the confidence of his fellowmen to an unusual degree. In politics he was a Democrat, in religion a stanch Lutheran, as was also his wife, they being members of the church at Milton. When the church edifice was destroyed in the great fire at Milton he was one of the principal movers in the work of rebuilding, toward which he contributed largely. He married Sarah E. Diehl, who died at their old home in April, 1882, and he survived until March, 1885. They were the parents of nine children, only four of whom, however, reached maturity: Sophia, Mrs.

John Fetzer; J. E. Amundus; and Sarah, wife of Abram Clemens, a farmer of East Chillisquaque township.

J. U. KURTZ was born in October, 1840, in Hunterdon county, N. J. His education was obtained in the public schools of Chillisquaque township, which at that time were conducted for only three months each year, during the season when the pupils were not needed to assist with the work at home. Mr. Kurtz spent his summers working with his father on the farm and at lime burning, continuing thus until he was nineteen years old. In 1861, upon the breaking out of the Civil war, he enlisted under Colonel Stewart for three months, at the expiration of which term he re-enlisted, for three years, in Company A, 6th Pennsylvania Reserves. He received an honorable discharge, on account of disability, after twenty-three months of service. After the close of his service he went to Williamsport, Pa., where he was engaged in the lumber business for five years, in 1868 settling upon his present farm in Turbut township, which has been his home continuously for over forty years. It consists of ninety-two acres of fertile land, upon which he erected a house in 1870 and a barn in 1908. He continued the active work of farming until 1909, since when he has lived retired, enjoying the fruits of his early labors. Mr. Kurtz has never taken any active part in public affairs, but he was for many years an interested member of the Grange, P. of H., in Turbut township, which he long served as trustee and treasurer. He is also a member of Henry Wilson Post, G. A. R. In political matters he is a Democrat.

In 1863 Mr. Kurtz married Sarah E. Bartoe, daughter of Paul and Rebecca (Lutz) Bartoe, of Columbia county, Pa. The Bartoe family moved to that section from Northampton county and the Lutz family lived formerly in Huntingdon county, Pa., and still earlier in Berks county. The name is also found with the spelling Lotts. Many of the family reside in Reading. To Mr. and Mrs. Kurtz have been born twelve children: George McClellan married Ida Ammon and their children are Leroy, Martha, Howard, Robert, Wilson, George and Alice; William Andrew continues to live at home; Edward E. married Elizabeth Royer, of Lewisburg, and they have children, Florence, Warren, Ethel, Clarence, Laviere and Oran; Elizabeth married John Bender, and has four children, Josiah, Mary, Sarah and Mildred; Margaret married Calvin Hoy and has one son, Paul; Ida married George Sypher and has one child, May; Elsworth married Emma Gibson; Harriet M. married Harry Karchner and has one child, Clifton; Mary Ellen married Elijah Derr and is the mother of two children, Sarah and Robert; Anna married John Dunkell and has a daughter, Ruth; Clara Jane married George Berkheimer and has one

child, Lister; Bessie F. married Irwin Pick and has one child, George. Mr. Kurtz and his family are Lutherans, members of the Follmer Church, in which he has held official position.

AMANDUS KURTZ, son of Andrew and Sarah E. (Diehl) Kurtz, was born Jan. 1, 1843, in Northampton county, Pa., and was quite young when he came with his parents to Northumberland county. He was reared on the old home farm, in his boyhood attending the local schools and later working with his father, with whom he remained until he was twenty-three years old. He has continued to follow farming since he began work on his own account. In 1874 he bought the old Krist farm of about 104 acres in Turbut township, good land with excellent water facilities, and thereon he has erected substantial outbuildings, his property being in fine condition. The third reunion of the Kurtz family was held at his place in the summer of 1909 and was a great success. The first meeting was held at the home of Abram Clemens, his brother-in-law, and the second at the home of his brother J. U. Kurtz. Mr. Kurtz has not only become well known in his district as a good farmer, but also as a progressive and public-spirited citizen, having given evidence of his sterling qualities in his faithful performance of the duties of various public offices. While in Chillisquaque township he was school director for six years, and he has served in that office for the same period in Turbut township, where he has also acted as supervisor. In political connection he is a Democrat, and he has been an interested member of the Grange for a number of years. His church connection is with the Trinity Lutheran congregation of Milton.

Mr. Kurtz married Mary C. Shade, daughter of Samuel H. Shade, of Montour county, Pa., and they have had a large family: Herbert E. married Lillie Koser and they are living at Kelly Cross Roads, Union Co., Pa.; Andrew S. married Ida Stamm and their home is in the borough of Milton; Cora A. married O. J. Stocker and they are also residents of Milton; Sallie M. married C. E. Raup; Mazzie was accidentally killed when seven months old; Maggie B. married C. S. Murray and is living in Turbut township; Eva M. is at home; Albert, of Sunbury, married Edith Rank; John A. married Maude Barber and they live at Seattle, Washington.

ELIAS E. BOWER, engaged in farming near Mandata, in Lower Mahanoy township, is a member of the fourth generation of his family to live in this region, where his great-grandfather, J. Matthias Bauer, settled in the latter part of the eighteenth century.

J. Matthias Bauer was a native of Berks county, Pa., born near Reading March 6, 1754. Tradition and records apparently relating to him credit him



with service in the Revolutionary war. About 1794 he came with his family to Northumberland county and settled in that part of Jordan township then still known as Jackson township, on the farm now owned by Jonathan M. Byerly. He himself erected the first set of buildings there, having been a carpenter. But he took to farming, having "taken up" and purchased between five hundred and six hundred acres of land; 133 acres of this land have never been out of the family name since he took it up. He was a small man, industrious and energetic, and it is related that he enjoyed a "scrap" occasionally. He prospered in his work, and was a useful member of society. He died May 1, 1837, and is buried at the Stone Valley (Zion's) Church, having been a member of the Lutheran congregation of that church. Politically he was a strong Democrat. His wife, Catharine, born Jan. 1, 1760, died Nov. 25, 1836, and she is also buried at the Stone Valley Church. She bore him children as follows: Frederick, who died in Indiana; Jacob, who died in Ohio; Michael, who died in Buffalo Valley, Union Co., Pa.; Samuel; Elizabeth, Mrs. Henry Witmer; and another daughter who married Samuel Wolf, and they settled in Buffalo Valley, Pennsylvania.

Samuel Bower, son of J. Matthias, was born in Berks county, March 11, 1790, and was a mere child when his parents came to Northumberland county, Pa. He died Sept. 12, 1867. By his first wife, whose maiden name was Bitterman, he had one son Aaron, who lived in Illinois. For his second wife he married Catharine Witmer, daughter of Matthias Witmer, of Lower Mahanoy township. She was born Feb. 12, 1795, and died Sept. 13, 1873. By this union there were two children: Elizabeth, who married Carl Rothermel; and Elias W.

Elias W. Bower, son of Samuel, is now a retired farmer of Jordan township, where he was born May 3, 1832. He attended the old subscription schools of his day for terms of two or three months, and worked for his parents. He was married early, Aug. 20, 1850, and the second year of his marriage began as a tenant on his father's farm, farming with and for him many years. When Samuel Bower died Elias W. purchased the homestead, which he continued to farm until his retirement, in 1896. He now lives in a house near the homestead buildings. His farm consists of 133 acres, 120 acres of which are under cultivation. He himself erected nearly all the buildings on the farm, as well as part of the house where he lived. In August, 1897, his barn was destroyed by fire, with the season's crops, causing a heavy loss, only partly covered by insurance. Mr. Bower has been a busy man, and a successful one, and his integrity and trustworthiness have been recognized by his neighbors, who have chosen him to serve as supervisor and school director. He is a

Democrat in politics. He is a tall, bearded old gentleman, of pleasing appearance, and well liked by all who know him.

Mr. Bower married Sarah Phillips, daughter of Henry and Sarah (Cable) Phillips, granddaughter of Johann Adam Phillips. Mrs. Bower was born July 16, 1832. She was the mother of thirteen children: Harriet is the widow of Samuel Bohner; Elizabeth married William Wert; Levi is deceased; Galen lives in Jordan township (his wife Lizzie J., born Oct. 6, 1849, died March 30, 1890); Susanna married Daniel Schlegel; James M., born July 30, 1859, was accidentally killed July 30, 1886; Morris is a resident of Royaltown, Pa.; Sivila married Michael Hepner; Cyrus is married and lives in Cleveland, Ohio; Samuel is married and lives in Jordan township; Elias E. is mentioned below; Mary married Jeremiah Miller; Henry is a resident of Jordan township. Mr. Bower and his family are Lutheran members of the Urban (St. Paul's) Church, and he has given faithful service in all the official positions.

Elias E. Bower was born May 20, 1869, and grew up as a typical farm boy. He has continued to farm all his life. For eight years he hired out among farmers in Jordan and Lower Mahanoy townships, and began farming for himself in the spring of 1897, in Jordan township, where he was located for seven years—two years on Elias Boyer's farm and five years on his father's 140-acre farm. He then farmed the Gabriel Adam farm, in Lower Mahanoy, for two years, thence moving to the Mahantango Valley, where he purchased a 116-acre tract which he cultivated two years. Selling that place, he farmed the Mary Adams place for one year, and then moved back to the Serenus Hepner farm for two years, from there coming to his present place in the spring of 1909. The farm he now owns consists of 156 acres, and was the Jacob Still place, Henry Peifer owning it before his day. It was located a quarter of a mile north of Mandata.

In March, 1896, Mr. Bower married Alice M. Wetzel, daughter of Daniel and Rebecca (Glase) Wetzel, and by this union there are three children: Monroe L., William B. and Maud K. Mr. Bower and his family are Lutherans in religion, and on political questions he is a Democrat.

William F. Bower, of Herndon, Pa., is a native of Jackson township, born Jan. 23, 1858, son of Jacob Bower. His grandfather, Jacob Bower, was one of the sons of J. Matthias Bauer, mentioned above, and was a native of Berks or Montgomery county, coming to Northumberland county in early life. He located in what was then Mahanoy township, and became a prosperous farmer, owning several tracts of land. In about 1835 he moved to Ohio, in the vicinity of Akron, where he lived until his death. His wife would not ac-

company him to Ohio, remaining in Northumberland county, where she died. She is buried at the Stone Valley Church, in Lower Mahanoy township. Their children were: Henry, who lived in Illinois; Michael, born Sept. 12, 1812, who died Jan. 29, 1890, in Jackson township (his wife, Leah, born Sept. 15, 1815, died March 20, 1875); and Jacob.

Jacob Bower, son of Jacob, was born in Lower Northumberland county, Pa., in 1817, and died near Herndon in 1902, aged eighty-four years, nine months. He is buried at Mahanoy Church. He was a farmer in Jackson township, owning a 200-acre tract on which he lived from 1818. The farm is now owned by Isaac Tressler, a son-in-law. Mr. Bower held local offices, and was a prominent citizen. His wife, whose maiden name was Haas, died in 1861. They had five children: Cyrus; Wilhelmina, who married Isaac Tressler, a farmer of Jackson township; Mary, who is unmarried; A. Clinton, of Shamokin; and William F.

William F. Bower was reared to farm life. His home was at the mouth of the Mahanoy creek, and he was educated in the local public school. When twenty-two years old he was licensed to teach public school, and in 1881 he began teaching in Jackson township, being thus engaged four terms. He then clerked in the store, and in 1881 began farming in Jackson township, following that work three years. In 1887 he came to Herndon, where he has since lived. He started the first livery in the town, keeping three or four horses busy. He is a substantial citizen, and his public services have made him one of the best known men in the vicinity. When the borough of Herndon was incorporated, in 1902, Mr. Bower was elected to the council and has ever since been a member of that body with the exception of one year. He is now the president of the council. He was at one time auditor of Jackson township. He is a Democrat, and has been committeeman of his party.

On May 24, 1881, he married Susan Deppen, daughter of John and Catharine (Lantz) Deppen, and they have had two children: Katie, who is a graduate of the Herndon schools, and has taught school a number of terms; and Walter, who is still a student. Mr. Bower and his family are members of the Reformed Church.

**MATTERN.** The Matterns of Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, represent one branch of a family that settled in the adjoining township of Eldred, in Schuylkill county, in an early day, and they and other Matterns of eastern Pennsylvania are descended from one Peter Mattern, who in 1790 was a resident of Berks county, Pa. In 1802 he lived in Upper Mahantango township, then a part of Berks county but since 1804 embraced in the territory of Schuylkill county. He was a farmer by occupation. Among his children were sons Peter, Jr., and

Daniel, the line in which we are interested being the posterity of the latter. The Matterns of Berks county are descendants of Peter Mattern, William J. A. Mattern, chief clerk for the commissioners of Berks county, tracing his line through the son Daniel also.

Daniel Mattern came from Upper Mahantango township to Eldred township before 1800, when the region was all covered with forest, and took up a tract of 160 acres which he cleared. This is now the farm of George Maurer. He built a log house and a log barn, the first buildings to be erected upon the property, in the ownership of which he was succeeded by his son Daniel. He married Rosina Schollenberger, also of Berks county, and they had children as follows: David settled in Schuylkill county, where he died; Polly married Jacob Lubold and both are deceased; Joseph lived in the vicinity of Lenhartsville, Pa.; Nathan is mentioned below; Susanna married George Neiswender; Elias, now (1910) eighty-four years old, lives in Schuylkill county; Frank lived and died in Schuylkill county; Daniel is mentioned below.

Daniel Mattern, son of Daniel, was born in Eldred township, Schuylkill county, was reared there, and followed farming in his native township until a few years before his death. He owned a tract of 160 acres. He then retired and moved to Ashland, where he lived with one of his sons, and where he died when about seventy-six years old. He is buried at Kehler's Church, in Schuylkill county. Mr. Mattern was a tall man and well built. He married Lydia Diehl, daughter of Michael Diehl, and they had children as follows: Amos; Samuel, who was a rover, never making a permanent settlement; Daniel, who died in his sixteenth year; Michael, who never married; and Solomon, born July 28, 1853, who died unmarried Oct. 3, 1891, at the home of his brother Amos.

**AMOS MATTERN**, son of Daniel, was born May 12, 1845, in Eldred township, Schuylkill county, and there lived until within a few months of his majority, meantime receiving his education in the local public schools. He has since lived in Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, engaged in farming, in which he has been very successful. For thirty-three years he owned and lived upon a tract of 110 acres in the northern part of the township, in the spring of 1909 moving to his present home, near Leck Kill. There he has a twelve-acre tract lying along the main road from Herndon to Minersville. Mr. Mattern has been a public spirited citizen, and has served as school director and for six years as supervisor of Upper Mahanoy township, where he is regarded with respect by all who know him.

On Aug. 7, 1869, Mr. Mattern married Amelia Herb, who was born Oct. 19, 1847, daughter of Daniel Herb, and died Aug. 1, 1890. Seven chil-

children were born to this union: James, who lives in Philadelphia; Felix D.; William H., of Schuylkill county; Edward H., who died in infancy; Lizzie, wife of A. Jackson Brosius; Monroe, of Upper Mahanoy township (his wife, Sylvia S., died Sept. 29, 1901, aged twenty-two years, five months, twenty-four days); and Charles D., of Shamokin. In 1891 Mr. Mattern married (second) Catharine Caylla Hornberger, daughter of George W. and Caroline (Schankweiler) Hornberger, of Upper Mahanoy township, and granddaughter of George Hornberger. There is one son by this marriage, George Calvin, who was educated in the public schools and at Hepler's select school and began teaching public school in the fall of 1909, being at present engaged in Upper Mahanoy township. Mr. Mattern and his family are Lutherans in religious connection. In politics he is a Democrat.

FELIX DANIEL MATTERN, son of Amos, was born March 23, 1872, in Upper Mahanoy township, where he is now engaged in farming. He was reared to that occupation, and meantime received his education in the local public schools. In the spring of 1897 he commenced farming on his own account in his native township, renting for several years before he felt justified in buying farm land. In 1902 he came to the 120-acre property he has ever since cultivated, and which was formerly a Geist homestead. He has made a number of improvements on the place, has a full line of modern farm implements to facilitate his work, and has had encouraging success in the production of his crops as well as their disposal, attending the Shamokin markets. He is an intelligent and active citizen, and has served eight years as overseer of the poor in his district. He has been interested in the success of the Democratic party from a political standpoint, and has twice served as election judge in his precinct.

On Dec. 21, 1895, Mr. Mattern married Clara Ida Geist, daughter of Andrew and Polly (Latsha) Geist, of Upper Mahanoy township, and they are the parents of three sons: Jesse L., Willard W. and Guy D. Mr. and Mrs. Mattern are Lutheran members of the Himmel Church, which he formerly served as deacon.

Nathan Mattern, son of Daniel and Rosina (Schollenberger) Mattern, was born Jan. 21, 1823, in Eldred township, on his father's farm, where he grew to manhood. He learned the trade of carpenter and followed it in his earlier years, later becoming a farmer in Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, on the farm where his son Aaron now lives. He owned this place, consisting of some sixty acres, as well as the seventy-five-acre tract now occupied by his son Jeremiah, in the same township. He was a well known resident of that section, a Lutheran member of Howerter's (St. Jacob's) Church and chorister for

many years; he sang at many funerals in the neighborhood. Mr. Mattern died May 25, 1907, aged over eighty-four years, and is buried at Howerter's Church. His wife, Sarah (Diehl), daughter of Johannes Diehl, was born Dec. 19, 1819, and died April 15, 1881; she, too, is buried at St. Jacob's Church. Mr. and Mrs. Mattern had children as follows: Jeremiah; Joel, who has a family of five children; Aaron, who has a family of seven; Nathan, who has six children; Enoch, who is the father of ten children; Elizabeth, who married Abraham Brown and has three children; Susan, who died in girlhood; John, who died in infancy; and Lulla, who died unmarried.

JOHANNES MATTERN, son of Nathan, was born Nov. 2, 1849, on his father's homestead in Upper Mahanoy township. He was reared to farm life, but he possesses an unusual amount of mechanical ingenuity and has learned several trades without serving a regular apprenticeship at any. His success as a well driller and thresher is well known all over this section, and he has established an extensive business in the latter line, being very busy during the season. He was the first man to bring a steam threshing apparatus into Upper Mahanoy and the surrounding territory, in 1881, when farmers were still possessed with the fear that their buildings would be in danger of being set afire if they allowed such an outfit on the premises. It was at this time, also, that he purchased the stationary sawmill he still operates, and he does sawing as well as threshing for many of his patrons on their own premises. The lumber he saws for himself he sells to the coal mining town. He works one tract of his land in partnership with his sons, his son Charles living on the farm, which now comprises 185 acres. There were originally 227 acres in the property, but Mr. Mattern sold part of it. He owns another farm in the same township, the place where he resides. The house in which he lives has been greatly remodeled since it came into his possession, and the barn, though in excellent condition, has stood for many years, having been built by his father in 1872. He is one of the most successful men in his vicinity, and has been prominent in public as well as in business affairs, has served two years as supervisor, and is at present tax collector. In political faith he is a Democrat.

In 1875 Mr. Mattern married Catharine Reed, daughter of David and Sarah (Falek) Reed, and fourteen children have been born to this union: Emma J. married William Mattern, and they live over the line in Schuylkill county, on property adjoining her father's; Sarah E. died when eighteen years old; Daniel H. married Nora Klock and now live in Shamokin; David died when just one year old; Mary C. married Monroe Mattern and they live in Upper Mahanoy township; Charles F., who lives on one of his father's farms in



Upper Mahanoy township, married Cecelia Snyder; Rosa C. married Harvey Snyder and they live in Upper Mahanoy; Edward, Katie S., Minnie L. and William O. are at home; one daughter died in infancy; Florence L. and Lizzie E. are at home. Mr. Matton, and his family worship at St. Jacob's Church, of which he has been a prominent member, having formerly served as deacon and at present holding the office of trustee.

DAVID L. DEWITT, late of Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, lived and farmed for many years on the place now occupied by his widow, and son Henry C. DeWitt, and was a much esteemed citizen of the community. He was born in August, 1811, son of Jacob DeWitt, and grandson of William DeWitt, whose father was Abraham DeWitt.

William DeWitt, born in 1798, died in 1879. He was a pioneer of Lower Augusta township, where he followed farming, owning the property now belonging to Jackson M. Engle. He was twice married, his second union being with Elizabeth (Betzy) Tressler, who was born in 1806 and died in 1876. They are buried at the Mountain Presbyterian Church. The following children were born of the second marriage: Jacob is mentioned below; Isaac, born June 11, 1823, died Jan. 20, 1906, married Elizabeth Krissinger (born March 11, 1824, died Dec. 11, 1905) and they lived in the Hollowing Run section in Lower Augusta township; William W. married (first) Mary Ann Latsha, and (second) Elizabeth Bowersox, and lived in the Hollowing Run district and at Herndon before moving to his present home, in Riverside, this county; Moses, who was married and lived in Lower Augusta, died Feb. 27, 1881, aged forty-six years, six months, eight days; Paul married Abigail Shipman and they lived near Augustaville; Abraham married Sarah Renn, and they lived in Boyle's Run, in Lower Augusta township; Matthew lived in Rockefeller (originally Lower Augusta) township.

Jacob DeWitt, son of William, was a blacksmith by trade and occupation. He lived at Patrickburg, in Lower Augusta township, where he owned his home and a small tract of land, and died Oct. 11, 1889, aged sixty-nine years, six months, twenty-four days. A Presbyterian in religion, he belonged to the Mountain Church in Lower Augusta. He married Mary Clark, daughter of John Clark, and to them were born three children: David L., Elmira (wife of Albert Conrad and living at Reading, Pa.) and C. William. The last named, born July 22, 1850, lives in Lower Augusta township; he married Malinda DeWitt, daughter of William W. and Mary Ann (Latsha) DeWitt, and they have had eleven children, of whom but three survive, Daniel, Flavy and Rosa.

David L. DeWitt learned his father's trade, blacksmithing, but a few years after his marriage settled down to farming on the place in Lower Augusta where his widow continues to make her home. This was in 1878. The farm contains fifty-five acres, which at one time belonged to John Snyder, who also owned land now in the possession of Harry E. G. Ney, adjoining. Mr. DeWitt was a thrifty man and made a good living off this place, and that he was trusted by his fellow citizens is shown in his long service on the school board, of which he was also secretary. In politics he was originally a Democrat, after the Civil war period supporting the Republican party. He served several years in the Civil war. In religion he was a devout Methodist, active in church life, serving many years as class-leader and superintendent of the Sunday school, in fact he was one of the pillars of the church. He died in May, 1897, aged fifty-two years, nine months, nine days, and is buried at the Mountain Presbyterian Church.

On Dec. 27, 1868, Mr. DeWitt married Susan Snyder, daughter of John and Martha (Novinger) Snyder, of Lower Augusta township, the latter of whom came to this region from Berrysburg, Dauphin Co., Pa. Five children were born to this union: John J., who lives in Lower Augusta township, married Hannah Radel, and their children are Violet E. and Catharine M.; Henrietta married Charles L. Culp, of Rockefeller township, and they have one son, Albert D.; Mary A. married Timothy E. DeWitt, of Sunbury, and they have had four children, Russell E., Lena A. (who died in infancy), Evelyn A. and Grace A.; George G. died when two and a half years old; Henry C. is now farming the home place for his mother and lives there. The last named was married Feb. 10, 1902, to Mary Wetzel, daughter of Isaac Wetzel, of Lower Augusta township, and they have three children, Ralph W., Sallie and Hazel I. Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. DeWitt are Methodists in religious connection.

William W. DeWitt, son of William DeWitt, was born May 11, 1828, in Lower Augusta township, on the farm now owned by J. M. Engle. There he lived until he was about eighteen years old, after which he learned the trade of miller at Dornsife. For some time afterward he worked in the upper end of the Mahantango Valley, and also at Bardsburg in Centre county, in 1856 returning to Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, where he purchased what is still known as the DeWitt mill property, now owned and operated by his eldest son, Daniel L. DeWitt, it having remained in the family continuously since. William W. DeWitt operated this mill for thirty years, from 1856 to 1886, and established the business on a most substantial basis. He then moved to Augustaville, whence after a few years

he moved to Herndon, and from there in 1897 to Riverside, his present home. He has lived retired since he gave up the operation of the mill. While living at Augustaville he served a five-years term as justice of the peace, and previously he had been school director of his district for a number of years. He has also been very active in church work, he and his family being members of St. Peter's New Lutheran Church, in Hollowing Run, which he has served as deacon, elder, trustee and Sunday school superintendent. In politics he is a Democrat.

Mr. DeWitt's first wife, Mary Ann (Latsha), daughter of Henry Latsha, died July 4, 1894, aged sixty-three years, one month, nineteen days, the mother of nine children: Malinda, Louisa, Daniel L., Miranda (born in 1869, died in 1881), Richard, Katurah, Thamer, Lizzie and William. In 1897 Mr. DeWitt married (second) Elizabeth Bowersox. No children have been born to this union.

DANIEL L. DEWITT, son of William W. DeWitt, was born July 18, 1856, in the old log cabin at DeWitt's Mill, in Hollowing Run, and he has spent all his life at that place. His early education was obtained in the local common schools, and later he attended the Missionary Institute at Selingsgrove. When eighteen years old he entered the mill, and from that time until his father's retirement assisted him, learning the business thoroughly, both manufacturing and management. In 1886 he became owner and proprietor of this famous establishment, which has been a milling property ever since the development of the section began. It was originally built about 1785, the first mill in the Lower Augusta region or anywhere in this section, pioneer settlers from a wide territory bringing their grain to be ground. The original building still stands, but new gearing has been put in several times. It is a landmark in the community. Henry Masser owned it for some time, and Jonathan Harman succeeded him, the DeWitts having owned it since Mr. Harman's time. A forty-acre tract of land is connected with the mill property, and Mr. DeWitt has this farm under excellent and profitable cultivation. He has served as supervisor of his township, and for many years as deacon of the New Lutheran Church, of which he and his family are members. In politics he is a Democrat. A man of pleasant and genial disposition, he is a good companion and an intelligent, entertaining conversationalist.

On April 10, 1881, Mr. DeWitt married Thamer E. Bloom, daughter of John and Matilda (Shipman) Bloom, of Rockefeller township, and they have four children: Fannie, Grover C., George F. and Mary M.

**LEITZEL.** The Leitzel family of lower Northumberland county are the posterity of Godfried

Leitzel, who came hither from Berks county, Pa., and the earliest record we have of any of the name in Pennsylvania concerns one Johann Wolfgang Leitzel, who was one of the 216 passengers on the ship "Peggy," and qualified Sept. 24, 1753. He was thirty years old at that time. [Pennsylvania Archives, Vol. XVII, pages 399-401, Switzerland.]

Godfried Leitzel, born Nov. 8, 1770, came from Berks county to Northumberland county when a young man, locating in what was then known as Mahanoy township, where he married Magdalena Wagner, born March 25, 1769. He was a farmer, and was the first to obtain a warrant from the State for the 300-acre tract he owned in what is now Jordan township. Stock raising, however, was the industry in which he took the greatest interest, and he prided himself on keeping strong, valuable cattle, having big, fine horses, as many as fifty sheep at a time, and a number of cows. He died Nov. 1, 1848, his wife Jan. 6, 1840, and they are buried at the Hebe Church, in Jordan township. Their children were as follows: (1) Samuel, who lived and died at Uniontown, was twice married, the children of his first union being William, Elizabeth, Moses, Catharine and Solomon. By his second marriage there were Henry, Julian, Lydia and Sarah. (2) George, born Dec. 19, 1793, died Jan. 7, 1815. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and though a strong young man died of disease contracted during his service. (3) Elias, born Dec. 24, 1799, died unmarried Nov. 15, 1836, and is buried at St. Peter's Church, Mahanoy. He was a stonemason, and helped to put up the first stone building in Pottsville. (4) Jacob was drowned in the Susquehanna river at Danville. He was unmarried. (5) Benjamin is mentioned below. (6) William married and moved from this region. (7) Lydia married Samuel Beissel. (8) Sophia married John Heckert. (9) Betzy married David Malch. (10) Helena (Leina), born in 1808, died in 1899.

Godfried Leitzel had a brother who had sons George, Jacob, John and Joel, all four of whom lived in one community near New Berlin, Snyder Co., Pa. They reared families and their descendants still live in that locality.

In 1790 the Federal Census Report records the names of Frederick and Jacob Leitzel as heads of families in Bern township, Berks Co., Pa. Frederick with wife and one daughter, Jacob with wife and four daughters.

Benjamin Leitzel, son of Godfried, was born Jan. 25, 1803, in Mahanoy (now Jordan) township, Northumberland county. He owned the 300-acre farm in Jordan township previously mentioned, and other land, near Klingerstown, and he was an enterprising worker, prospering in all he undertook. He followed farming during the

summer months, and weaving in the wintertime. For seven years he served as a captain in the State militia, the local troops drilling at Mahanoy, where they met twice a year, and the battalion days were also held there. He was a good disciplinarian, a man of medium size, and one who commanded respect wherever he went. In politics he was a Democrat, in religion a Lutheran, and he held various church offices, serving as deacon, elder and trustee. Mr. Leitzel died Feb. 27, 1881, and is buried at Hebe. His wife, Elizabeth Byerly, daughter of Ludwig Byerly, born June 3, 1808, died March 20, 1891. They were the parents of eight children: Sarah, married James Troutman; George B. is mentioned below; Lydia married William Troutman; Benjamin B. and David B., twins, are mentioned below; Elizabeth died young; twins died in infancy.

George B. Leitzel, son of Benjamin, is now one of the oldest residents of Upper Mahanoy township. He was born in Mahanoy (now Jordan) township Oct. 16, 1830, and was reared like the average boy in his neighborhood, having none of the advantages of free schools and advanced methods of training. But he acquired considerable practical information from the few books within his reach, and he had enough education to enable him to transact business intelligently, and to do his full share in administering the public affairs of the locality, his ability and trustworthiness being recognized to such an extent that he was called upon frequently to perform public service. From his youth he was trained to farm work, helping his father until he was nearly twenty-three years old, at which time his parents gave him a horse and buggy and turned over the cultivation of the 300-acre farm, which lies along the Mahantango creek in Jordan township. He has always been accustomed to handling horses, and has always owned one or more himself. After operating the same place for ten years he settled in the Schwabian Creek Valley in 1863, and for several years farmed an eighty-acre tract now owned by John Kahler. In 1868 he came to the farm where he now lives, a tract of 191 acres which was formerly owned by John Beissel, later by Isaac Kieffer and after him by Adam Arnold, whom Mr. Leitzel succeeded, acquiring it at an assignees' sale. The log house which Mr. Leitzel still occupies was built by Mr. Beissel in 1807 (the date was discovered in the west gable end when the house was being repainted, in 1909), and he also built the barn. The new house on the place, occupied by Mr. Leitzel's son Elmer, was built by Mr. Leitzel in 1902. He was always successful in his farm work, and at one time engaged in the sale of various farm implements. All his life he has taken an active interest in local events, and he enjoys a clear recollection of many phases of life in the early days in this locality. His is an

interesting personality, and he is known and respected far and near. He is a member of the Democratic party and has taken part in its councils, frequently serving as delegate to county conventions, which assembled at Sunbury. For nine successive years he served as school director of Upper Mahanoy township; was overseer of the poor four terms; supervisor one term; and has held several precinct offices. He and his family are prominent members of the Lutheran congregation of St. John's Church, in Upper Mahanoy township, which he has served four years as deacon; while in Jordan township he served fourteen years in succession as deacon, and two years as elder.

On July 23, 1853, Mr. Leitzel married Christina Schmeltzer, who was born Sept. 11, 1833, daughter of Daniel and Catharine (Wolfgang) Schmeltzer, and died in 1863; she is buried at Hebe. Eight children were born to this union: Elizabeth, wife of Daniel Fetterolf, was burned to death, her clothing catching fire while she was burning rubbish in the garden; George died in infancy; Sarah and Hannah, twins, were born Sept. 13, 1856, and the former is now the wife of Jefferson Snyder, of Upper Mahanoy, the latter the wife of John H. Mullin, Esq., of St. Clair, Pa.; Cassie married John Snyder and they live at Frackville, Pa.; Daniel S. is mentioned below; Elias died in infancy; Lydia married Wash. Heddings and they live in Upper Mahanoy.

In January, 1864, Mr. Leitzel married (second) Catharine Schmeltzer, who was born Feb. 28, 1839, daughter of Daniel Schmeltzer, and sister to Mr. Leitzel's first wife. Mrs. Leitzel's eyesight has become so seriously affected that she is now almost blind. To this union have been born seven children: Samuel married Lizzie Sedgell and they live in Jordan township; Benjamin Elmer lives on his father's farm, as previously mentioned; Emanuel is mentioned below; Sophia married Charles Diehl and they live at Friedensburg, Schuylkill Co., Pa.; Mary P. married Willis S. Weirick, and they live near Wiconisco, Pa.; Polly married Wesley Erdman and they live in Upper Mahanoy township; Jennie married Albert Ziegler and they live at Dalmatia. The son Daniel S. and daughter Jennie were both born on Nov. 18, 1859, she in 1881. In 1909 Mr. George B. Leitzel had thirty-nine grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren.

DANIEL S. LEITZEL, son of George B. Leitzel, is one of the prominent citizens of Upper Mahanoy township, merchant and present postmaster at Look Kill. He was born Nov. 18, 1859, in Jordan township, and received his education in the public schools of the home neighborhood. He was reared to farm life. When twenty-two years old he went to Bellevue, Ohio, where he lived for two years, returning to his native county. After working



on the farm one year he engaged in the hotel business at Shenandoan, where he conducted the "Farmers' Hotel" for three years. In 1883 he went to St. Clair, Pa., where he successfully carried on what was then known as the "Marshall House" (now the "Exchange Hotel") for one year. Mr. Leitzel spent the year 1891 traveling with his wife and son through the West, visiting many places of interest and journeying out to the Pacific coast. Upon his return he again engaged in the hotel business at St. Clair, continuing there for five years longer, after which they moved to Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, and operated a farm for two years. In the fall of 1900 Mr. Leitzel purchased the old established store and hotel stand at what is known as Leek Kill, having the only licensed place in the township of Upper Mahanoy. The first part of this name is derived from a German word meaning to lick; the early settlers in the region would put salt in a glen or ravine in the forest near by for the deer, who would come to lick it and could thus be more conveniently shot than if they had to be hunted—hence the name Leek Kill, a place where they came to "leek" and be killed. The hotel was established by Peter Bejssel (1804-1873) in 1825, and has been a licensed place ever since. The building is 16 by 25 feet in dimensions, and the western part, which is of stone, has stood for fully one hundred years. The eastern part was constructed some years later. The post office was established here by Emanuel Geist. The place is the business center of the township, and for many years it has been the local polling place. Mr. Leitzel has been hotel keeper, stockman and postmaster since the spring of 1901, and he has made a thorough success of the business. His hotel is well patronized by the traveling public and residents of the locality, all of whom have a good word for Mr. and Mrs. Leitzel. The building is now heated with steam, and everything is conducted along modern lines. The store is well stocked with general merchandise and Mr. Leitzel does an extensive business, drawing his trade from a large area in this section, where he is not only well known but highly respected. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Mahanoy & Mahantango Telephone Company, and was the moving spirit in the organization of the company, of which he is now a director.

Like his father Mr. Leitzel has been identified with the Democratic party for a number of years and wields considerable influence in its councils. He has been Democratic committeeman of his township since 1906, and has held the office of treasurer of the township since 1903. Such a record implies ability and satisfactory service to all concerned. Socially he is well known in the Masonic and Odd Fellows bodies, being a member of Shenandoan Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M., of

Shamokin, and of Eureka Lodge, No. 260, I. O. O. F., of Leek Kill. He is a past grand of Eureka Lodge, and a member of the Grand Lodge, having been elected at Scranton, and having served as delegate to the State conventions held at Scranton, Pittsburg and Harrisburg. For many years he has been treasurer of his home lodge.

On Dec. 25, 1883, Mr. Leitzel married Annie M. Geise, daughter of John B. and Lillie (Boyer) Geise, of Gratz, Dauphin Co., Pa., and they have had one son, Ray G. Mr. Leitzel and his family are members of the Lutheran congregation of St. John's Church, of Upper Mahanoy township.

RAY G. LEITZEL, son of Daniel S. Leitzel, was born Nov. 27, 1889. He received a liberal education, attending the local schools and later the Keystone State normal school at Kutztown, and he was licensed to teach public school in this county by Prof. W. W. Fetzer. He taught two terms in Upper Mahanoy, but he now gives all his time to assisting his father in the hotel and mercantile business. On Nov. 23, 1908, he married Edna Acaley, daughter of Jeremiah and Rebecca (Wagner) Acaley, of Williamstown, Pa., the former of whom was a mine foreman in Dauphin county, Pa. Two children have been born to this marriage, Lester L. and Pauline M.

Emanuel Leitzel, son of George B. Leitzel, was born in Upper Mahanoy township Oct. 28, 1869, and was there reared to agricultural pursuits, working for his parents until he reached his seventeenth year. At that time he became a clerk in his father's hotel at Shenandoan and was thus engaged for fifteen months. Later he clerked at St. Clair for his older brother, Daniel S. Leitzel, one term, and one term for his brother-in-law, John Mullen, and on March 1, 1892, he went out to Stella, Cowlitz Co., Wash., where he was on a cattle range for four months. July 4, 1892, found him at Hot Springs, Ark. Returning to Pennsylvania he followed railroading as brakeman on the Reading road until 1907, since which year he has followed mining. For some years he and his wife lived at Frackville, where he still owns his home, in the spring of 1909 moving to Leek Kill. On April 20, 1905, he married Rosa Moyer, daughter of Wilson and Mira (Harring) Moyer. They have no children. Mr. and Mrs. Leitzel are members of the Lutheran Church, and socially he holds membership in Frackville Lodge, No. 823, I. O. O. F.

DAVID B. LEITZEL, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Byerly) Leitzel, was born in Jordan township Feb. 26, 1839. He was reared there, becoming accustomed to farm work from boyhood, and though he never learned the trade also became a proficient blacksmith, and was employed in a blacksmith's shop one winter. He worked for his parents until he was twenty-four years

old, and then spent a year in cattle droving, buying and selling cattle, this business taking him as far as Berks county. Before the Civil war period he had been farming on the paternal place, and he was there for some years afterward, until he bought a farm of seventy-seven acres near Klingerstown. After cultivating that place for seven years he sold it, and afterward lived there again for a time. In 1901 he came to his present home, which is a quarter of a mile west of Hebe, the tract containing forty-four acres. Mr. Leitzel has owned several farms at different times, and he has done well in his agricultural work, to which he has devoted practically all of his time. He has been a useful citizen, and his executive ability has received substantial recognition from his fellow citizens, who have chosen him to serve as township treasurer, supervisor and overseer of the poor. Politically he is a Democrat.

Mr. Leitzel married Mary Troutman, daughter of George and Jestina (Clark) Troutman, who lived in Jordan township. They have had a family of eight children: William, of Uniontown, Pa., at present engaged as stage driver; Frank, deceased; Emma, wife of David Strohecker; Oscar, of Jordan township; Adam, of Jordan township; Jane, who married Elsworth Shaffer and lives at Shamokin; James, of Jordan township; and Jestina, who married Oscar Bohner, and died in 1908. Mr. Leitzel and his family are members of the church at Hebe.

BENJAMIN B. LEITZEL, twin brother of David B. Leitzel, was born Feb. 26, 1839, in Jordan township, and was reared like the ordinary farm boy of his time. His total attendance at school amounted to ninety-six days, for he not only had to help with the farm work in the summertime but in the winter helped thresh, riding the horses around on the threshing floor to beat out the grain. During the greater part of his independent business career he was engaged in hotel-keeping, in which line he was very well known in his day, keeping the hotel at Klingerstown for fully thirty years. He still lives at Klingerstown, where he now conducts a restaurant. Mr. Leitzel owns a thirty-acre tract in Lykens township, Dauphin county, upon which he lived for one year. He is a highly respected citizen of his community, and served some years as assessor of Upper Mahan-tango township. Politically he is a Democrat, in religion a Lutheran, his family also attending that church.

Mr. Leitzel married E. E. Elizabeth Tobias, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Wiest) Tobias, and she died Sept. 26, 1889, at the age of forty-seven years, the mother of nine children, five of whom died before reaching the age of two years. The survivors are: W. Oscar, Cyrus, Mary and John.

W. OSCAR LEITZEL, son of Benjamin B. Leitzel,

was born Nov. 19, 1866, in Upper Mahan-tango township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and was reared at Klingerstown. There he received his education in the public schools, and he worked for his parents, assisting his father in his agricultural operations and in the conduct of the hotel, until he attained his majority. After his marriage he engaged in farming on land belonging to his father-in-law, Moses M. Wiest, at Klingerstown, where he was located for six years. Meantime he began the implement business, and for two years after leaving that farm was principally engaged in selling farm machinery, later entering the general merchandise business at Klingerstown, where he was in partnership with Victor Wiest for ten months. When he gave up the store business he returned to the farm for five years, since the expiration of which period he has been interested in his present mercantile business at Klingerstown, having the largest general store in the western end of Schuylkill county. In addition to general merchandise he carries a large line of furniture, in which he has built up a profitable trade; he still deals in farm implements, and has the agency for the well known "Swab" wagons, his territory lying east of the Susquehanna as far as Ashland and south along the Schuylkill and Dauphin county line, including Deep Creek valley. Mr. Leitzel is considered the leading representative of the company which makes these wagons, as he sells from eighty to one hundred annually, and has sold thousands in his time. He employs from two to six clerks in his general store, and his large business has been built upon a foundation of fair dealing and honorable methods that make him one of the most esteemed as well as one of the most prosperous men of his community. He is a public-spirited citizen, and has been willing to give time and influence to promote the best interests of the neighborhood, being especially anxious to further the educational facilities in his township. When less than twenty-two years old Mr. Leitzel was elected justice of the peace, and he served fifteen years in that office, refusing a fourth term.

On Sept. 5, 1886, Mr. Leitzel married Emma S. Wiest, daughter of Moses M. and Mary (Schadel) Wiest, and four children were born to them, Richard, Dell, John and Frank. Mrs. Leitzel died July, 1896, aged twenty-eight years, and is buried at Klingerstown. In February, 1897, Mr. Leitzel married (second) Cora Hollenbach, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Schaffner) Hollenbach, and they have had three children: Paul, Ely and Fred. Mr. Leitzel and his family worship with the Lutheran congregation of St. Michael's Church at Klingerstown, and he has been very active in the work of church and Sunday school, serving as deacon and elder, and is present



as treasurer of the church; he has been identified with the Sunday school as teacher and superintendent for fifteen consecutive years.

Cyrus Leitzel, son of Benjamin B. Leitzel, is the proprietor of the "Franklin House" at Mandata, Northumberland county. He was born Sept. 15, 1871, at Klingerstown, where he was reared and educated, and worked for his father until he reached the age of sixteen. For six years he was employed in the lumber districts in the State of Washington, in 1896 returning to Pennsylvania and settling at Klingerstown, where he was engaged in horse dealing and in the wholesale whisky business, selling whisky for Detweiler & Co., of Lebanon. He still continues both lines of business, being a well known horse dealer in lower Northumberland county, where he handles many head of horses yearly, and he has represented Detweiler & Co. continuously since 1896, selling their goods in Northumberland, Schuylkill, Perry, Juniata, Snyder and Dauphin counties. He continued to live at Klingerstown for a number of years before moving to Mandata, where he has been proprietor of the "Franklin House" since 1906. He has a farm of 100 acres between Mandata and Mahanoy in Jackson township (part of which was formerly the Abraham Klock homestead, the rest the Jacob Smith place), which he farms with the aid of hired help, and he has prospered in his various undertakings, being an excellent manager.

In March, 1895, Mr. Leitzel married Carrie E. Boyer, daughter of John and Polly (Shartle) Boyer, and they have one daughter, Bessie J. Mr. Leitzel and his family are members of the Lutheran congregation of the Klingerstown Church. For ten years he held membership in the Klingerstown lodge of Odd Fellows.

E. F. SCHRAWDER, of Shamokin, dealer in ladies' furnishings and fancy goods, at No. 108 West Independence street, has been established at his present place of business since 1904, and he had previous experience in practically the same line as traveling salesman for a number of years in the employ of the well known firm of English & Henry. He has made a success and has a well stocked store.

Mr. Schrawder was born Nov. 2, 1874, at McKees Falls, Snyder county, son of Henry H. Schrawder and grandson of Jacob Schrawder. The family is of German origin, the first of the name in this country having come from Germany and settled in 1774 in Berks county, Pa. He took part in the Revolutionary war and members of the family have been represented in nearly every war in which this country has been engaged since his time.

Jacob Schrawder, the grandfather of E. F., was a native of Berks county, whence he moved to Snyder county, settling at McKees Falls, where

he conducted a shoe store and also did custom shoemaking.

Henry H. Schrawder, father of E. F., learned the trade of stonemason and plasterer, which he followed for many years, now living retired, at Port Treverton, Snyder county. He served in the Civil war. His wife, Mary (Weaver), daughter of David Weaver, bore him four children: David, E. F., William, and Jennie (married Clarence Hershey).

E. F. Schrawder attended public school at Port Treverton and McKees Falls. When fifteen years old he began clerking for N. T. Dundore in Snyder county, near Port Treverton, remaining with that employer eight years, after which he clerked two years in the First National Bank at Selinsgrove. In 1895 he came to Shamokin, where he engaged as traveling salesman with D. G. Snyder & Co., continuing with the same house after it passed into the hands of English & Henry. He was with that concern for seven years in all, and has since been in business on his own account, handling ladies' furnishings, children's goods and fancy goods. His first venture in this line was at Philadelphia, Pa., where he remained four and a half years, and since 1904 he has been established at his present location in Shamokin. Mr. Schrawder carries complete stocks of his special lines, and enjoys an excellent trade, which has increased steadily from the beginning.

Mr. Schrawder is a high Mason, holding membership in the following bodies: Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M.; Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M., of which he is past high priest, having held the office in 1909; Shamokin Commandery, No. 77, K. T. (in which he is an officer); Williamsport Lodge of Perfection, fourteenth degree; Williamsport Consistory, thirty-second degree; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. In religious connection he is a Lutheran.

Mr. Schrawder married Mamie Shuman, daughter of Edw. (deceased) and Joanna (Kulp) Shuman, the former of whom was a merchant at Shamokin. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Schrawder, J. Merrill and Thekla.

LEVI B. BARBER, who is engaged in farming about three miles east of Milton, in Turbut township, was born Oct. 28, 1873, in Delaware township, Northumberland county, son of Anthony A. Barber and grandson of David Barber.

David Barber was bound out when a boy to Anthony Armstrong, of Turbut township, to live with him until he reached the age of twenty-one. He afterward continued to live in that township, and did day's work among farmers, being an industrious, respected man. He died in that part of Turbut township now included in the borough of Milton, when sixty-eight years old. His wife was Mary Jones, daughter of William Jones, and



they are buried in Harmony cemetery, Milton. Children as follows were born to them: Jane, who married William Falls; William, who died in Milton; Anthony A.; Margaret, Mrs. Robert Seiler; Isaac J.; Catharine, a resident of Milton; and Washington, who died in Milton. Of these, Isaac J. Barber, born in 1835, learned the boat building business and has resided in Milton for the past fifty years. By his first wife, Lucy A. Hester, he had a son Harry, and his second marriage was to Sarah J. Krisher.

Anthony A. Barber, son of David, was born in Delaware township in 1833, and there followed farming, retiring about four years before his death, which occurred March 18, 1892. He is buried in Harmony cemetery, at Milton. In politics Mr. Barber was a Democrat, and he took quite an active part in local affairs, serving as tax collector and school director. He was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church at McEwensville, and took an active part in its work. His widow, Maria (Bender or Binder), daughter of Jacob Bender, of Delaware township, is living with her daughter Mrs. Greinly at Berwick, Pa. They had the following children: Anna is the widow of William C. Thomas and resides in Berwick; Cora married Lewis L. Follmer; Ida B. married William Tobias; Minnie M. married H. Greinly, of Berwick; Frances E. E. married David R. Eves and is living in Berwick; Charles A. married Mary Summers and is engaged in farming in Montour county; Levi B. is mentioned below; David F. married Emma Krisher and is farming in White Deer township, Union county; Maude M. married John E. Kurtz.

Levi B. Barber attended the public schools of Delaware township, and later worked with his father until he began farming for himself, in 1896. He was in Delaware township for three years, and in Lycoming county for two years, returning to Northumberland county, where he farmed one year in Turbut township, when he decided to remove to Jerseytown. Selling out his farm stock he made the change, but after six months he returned to this county and in 1902 bought the Lantz farm of sixty-six acres in Turbut township where he has since resided. This was at one time Abraham Follmer's farm, it having belonged to him for fifty years, after which it passed into the possession of the Kase family and from them to the Lantzes. It is about three miles east of Milton. Mr. Barber has all the modern improvements on his place, and is one of the enterprising farmers of his locality. He was formerly a member of the Grange. In politics he is a Democrat, in religion a Lutheran.

Mr. Barber married Rachel Gold, daughter of George Thomas Gold, of McEwensville, Pa., and they have two children, Helen May and George Anthony.

David Gold, Mrs. Barber's grandfather, was a

native of Bushkill township, Northampton Co., Pa., born about 1805, and died about 1878, aged seventy-three years. In the spring of 1841 he came to Northumberland county, locating at McEwensville, where he built the Gold gristmill, now owned and operated by Oliver Gold. He bought a tract of fifty acres, upon which he erected his mill and later three of his sons built homes upon the property: the McEwensville high school also stands upon land he owned. Both the cemeteries of McEwensville were laid out from his land, and all but thirty-seven acres of his holdings have been cut up into building lots or turned to public use. During the fifties he was one of the organizers of the borough of McEwensville. In politics he was a Whig, and he served as school director and for many years as overseer of the poor in Delaware township. In his earlier life Mr. Gold was a Moravian in religious connection, as were all his family in Northampton county, but he later became a Lutheran. His wife, Maria (Rissmiller), was the daughter of Daniel Rissmiller, who was earlier a resident of Berks county, Pa., and his first ancestor in America came hither as one of the Hessian army sent over to fight the Colonists in the Revolution. David Gold and his wife had children as follows: Rosanna married Charles Sensenbaugh, and they lived at Sunbury; Henry D., who was a merchant, died at Charlestown, Pa.; George Thomas settled in McEwensville; Edwin F. is mentioned below; Joseph died at Watsonstown; Mary married Reuben Derr; Maria married Ellis Irwin; Charles was killed while serving in the Union army during the Civil war; David died in New Brighton, Pa.; Margaret, widow of E. Lewis Painter, lives at Lewisburg; Susan married Abram Redcay and they live in Milton; John L. is a resident of Newcastle, Pa. Of these, Rosanna, Henry D., Joseph, Mary, Maria, Charles and David are deceased.

Edwin F. Gold, born July 29, 1832, near Nazareth, Northampton Co., Pa., attended the McEwensville Academy in his boyhood. On April 26, 1861, he enlisted for service in the Civil war from Northumberland county, in Company B, 11th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Col. Pharon Jarett's regiment, which was assigned to the 6th Brigade, 2d Division, Army of the Potomac. They proceeded through Westchester, Hagerstown and Williamstown, and were discharged at Harrisburg July 25, 1861. Mr. Gold again enlisted June 18, 1861, becoming a sergeant in Company I, 28th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Militia, under Lieut. Col. Chamberlain. He was discharged at Harrisburg July 27, 1863, and in the meantime took part in the battle of Gettysburg and did valiant duty as a scout, being arrested three times. He wore a Southern uniform, and with two companions performed notable service. On Feb. 28, 1865, he again enlisted, in Company E, 71th Regi-

ment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, with which he served to the close of the war. One of his discharges is upon sheepskin. Returning to McEwensville after the war he cultivated some land which he owned, and meantime continued to follow teaching, which he had begun when only fifteen years old and followed in all for thirty-three terms. He has a certificate bearing the date Nov. 18, 1857, issued by County Superintendent John J. Reimsnyder. He taught principally in and around McEwensville, and was one of the old-time schoolmasters of that vicinity, thorough and efficient in all his work and bearing a high reputation. Mr. Gold is an independent voter and at one time took an influential part in county politics. For a quarter of a century he was constable of McEwensville, and has been justice of the peace for a number of years.

On July 1, 1861, Mr. Gold married Sarah Cotner, who died April 13, 1910, aged seventy-nine years. She was a Presbyterian in religious faith, while Mr. Gold is a Lutheran. They had children as follows: Davilla, unmarried, who lives at McEwensville; Ambrose, unmarried, of Homewood, Pa.; Mary, who married Dr. E. J. Schlicher, and lives at McEwensville; Inez, wife of Charles Woller, living at Williamsport; Elizabeth, who died in infancy; John C., who died in the oil region in Ohio, by suffocation; and Susan, who married Wilson Cotner, of McEwensville.

Henry D. Gold, another son of David Gold, was born Feb. 10, 1829, in Bushkill township, Northampton Co., Pa., and came with his parents to Northumberland county in 1841, locating at McEwensville, where he grew up. When about eighteen he began clerking in a general store, following that work some years, after which he conducted a store of his own at Exchange, Montour county, where he was in business for some years. Moving thence to Carlisle, Lycoming county, he carried on a general store at that place until his death, Feb. 8, 1899, when he was seventy years old, less two days. He was a Republican in sentiment, but was no politician. Widely known as a business man, his patrons came from a large territory, and he was universally liked and respected. For twelve years he served as postmaster. He is buried at McEwensville. Mr. Gold was a Lutheran in religious faith. He married Eleanor Wilson, who was born July 3, 1831, daughter of William and Rebecca (Barner) Wilson, of Lewis township, this county, and died Feb. 9, 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Gold had three children: William W., born in April, 1859, who died in his fifth year, in February, 1864; and Horace and Henry D., Jr., both born in Muncy Creek township, Lycoming county.

Horace Gold, born April 9, 1864, was educated in the common schools and in the Lycoming county normal school, and when seventeen years old was licensed to teach. He taught five terms in his na-

tive county and one term in Northumberland. In the spring of 1887 he engaged in farming in Lewis township, Northumberland county, where he and his brother now live. He has a tract of 161 acres, formerly the James Blaine homestead, the Blaines having been the original owners of this land. The old patent deed, written on parchment, is in Mr. Gold's possession. Mr. James Blaine built the large stone house which is still standing in 1810. Mr. Gold is a general farmer. He is a member of the Reformed Church and a Republican in politics.

On Dec. 25, 1890, Mr. Gold married Julia Ann Steiner, daughter of William H. and Caroline (Deshler) Steiner, whose parents came from Northampton county, Pa. Five children have been born to this union: William H., Edith Ellen, Margaret J., John S. and Florence E.

Henry D. Gold, Jr., born June 4, 1867, was educated in the common schools and the Normal school at Muncy. He was reared to farming, assisting his father in the store until he moved to Lewis township, he and his brother owning the farm jointly for some years, when he sold his interest to his brother Horace, for whom he has since worked. He is holding a local office at present and takes an interest in public affairs. In politics he is a Republican, in religion a member of the Presbyterian Church.

ABRAHAM SHAFFER, a farmer near the village of Liberty, in Jordan township, was born Feb. 7, 1853, on the farm where he now lives, son of William T. and Mary (Lenker) Shaffer. He is a grandson of Michael Shaffer, who came into this region from Berks county, and who it is supposed was a descendant of Michael Shaffer, who settled on "Tulachicant" in 1733 and died about 1769. Among his children were: John Nicholas; Maria Catharine; Mrs. John Jacob Larch; Anna Barbara, who married David Brown; Margaretta Elizabeth, who married Hieronymus Rudy; and Leonard. We have record only of Leonard, who was a resident of Heidelberg township, Berks county, where he owned a farm and the old Sheaffer hotel stand, which he conducted for some years. He is an old man, and his wife conducted the hotel for some years, marrying for her second husband George Gernant, who was sheriff of Berks county from 1844 to 1847. One daughter was born to this union, Harriet, who became the wife of Henry Van Rost. To Leonard and Elizabeth (Hanna) Shaffer were born children as follows: Leonard, who died when twenty years old; Benjamin, who married Catharine Mengel and died in Cumru township, Berks county, Nov. 24, 1887, in his thirty-fourth year; John, who settled in Washington, D. C., where his children still reside; Joseph, whose son Daniel is a well known cigarmaker at Norristown, Pa.; Catharine, who married John Saylor; and Sophia, who married Daniel Hebenor.

a drover of Reading, who it is believed was murdered, as he never returned from a trip on which he went with money to buy cattle.

Michael Shaffer, the grandfather of Aaron Shaffer, was born in Berks county March 11, 1783, therefore it would seem likely he was a grandson of the Michael Shaffer mentioned above. He came from that stock. Moving from Rehrersburg, Berks county, he settled in Dauphin county, near Gratz, where he lived for about two years, thence removing to Jordan township, Northumberland county, where he took up land upon which he resided the remainder of his life. He was one of the pioneers in the Stone Valley, where he was one of the extensive land owners and substantial citizens of his day. Physically he was of medium size. He died June 30, 1860, and is buried at St. Paul's Church, at Urban, of which he was a Lutheran member. Michael Shaffer was married before his removal into this section, his wife being Elizabeth (Tobias), born June 13, 1788, died Oct. 6, 1861. She, too, is buried at the Urban Church. They had three sons and two daughters: Joseph settled in Crawford county, Pa., where he followed farming and died leaving a large family; William T. is mentioned below; Moses, who was a carpenter and farmer, settled in Jefferson county, Pa., where he died (he had two sons); Lydia married Abraham Klock and they lived and died in Northumberland county; Amanda married Edw. Baum.

William T. Shaffer, son of Michael, was a farmer on the old homestead in Jordan township, where he passed all but a few years of his life, moving away for a short time after his marriage. He was born June 17, 1819, and died May 28, 1888. In his earlier life he was a boatman on the Pennsylvania canal, and later he was extensively engaged in lime burning as well as farming, keeping many teams busy hauling his lime. He was active in church and public affairs, and held offices in his township and church. He and his wife, Mary, are buried at St. Paul's; she was born July 4, 1816, daughter of Michael Lenker (who married an Emerich), and died Dec. 28, 1896. They were the parents of the following children: Michael, who served as a soldier in the Civil war, after which he went out to northwestern Nebraska, where he became a cowboy (he had a family of four children); Moses; Isaac; Aaron; William, who died young; Catharine, married to Jacob Byrd; Louisa, married to Daniel Sherry; Mary, married to William Kutz; and Jane, who married Jesse Stehr and (second) Charles Shuler. Aaron and Jane are the only survivors of this family.

Aaron Shaffer was reared under the parental roof, and learned the details of farm work at an early age. He obtained a good, practical education in the public schools of the home locality and by applying himself as he grew older, and he lived at home, working for his parents, until he became

of age. When quite young he began to burn lime, which he hauled to the different farmers summer and winter, after that became the custom. In the early days, when he burned as much as 28,000 or 30,000 bushels in a year, the farmers came for the lime, doing their own hauling, but it soon became the custom for the lime burner to deliver it. When he came to carry on this business less extensively, Mr. Shaffer averaged 12,000 bushels annually for ten years. For a number of years Mr. Shaffer furnished the horses to the State of Pennsylvania for use at the annual encampments of the National Guard, held at Mount Gretna and Gettysburg.

When Mr. Shaffer's grandfather, Michael, owned the farm, which has been in the family name at least since 1830, its acreage was much greater, between 250 and 300 acres, extending down to Urban. When Aaron Shaffer bought the homestead it comprised only ninety acres, to which he has added until he now has 130. The present house and barn were erected by William T. Shaffer, the latter about 1866-67, and there is still standing on the tract a log tenant house built by Michael Shaffer. Aaron Shaffer is a progressive but conservative member of his community, respected and trusted by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. He has been a valuable citizen, having served many years as a member of the township school board, and for a number of years past he has been an overseer of the poor. Politically he is a Democrat, and in religion he is a Lutheran, belonging to St. Paul's Church; he was deacon for many years, later an elder, and since 1900 has been a trustee.

In 1882 Mr. Shaffer married Lizzie Baum, daughter of Henry D. and Catharine (Moser) Baum, of Mahantango township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and they have had five children: Jennie M., who married Charles Engel and lives at Herndon, Pa.; William H., born May 31, 1887; Charles D., born Feb. 2, 1889; Mamie C.; and George R.

**ROTHERMEL.** The Rothermel family is well represented in Jordan township, where William W., Lazarus W., Marjess W., and Monroe Rothermel, all sons of the late Isaac Rothermel, reside. The Rothermels have been identified with this section of Northumberland from the beginning of the last century, when Abraham Rothermel, grandfather of the four brothers mentioned, came here from Berks county, where his ancestors located in the early days.

This Rothermel family traces its genealogy back more than a hundred years to one Johannes Rothermel, who won both fame and fortune in the early wars of Germany. He was a brave soldier, and so frequently lived by and in the blood of his enemies that his comrades designated him as *der Rothermel*—red shaven, and in this way he assumed the name Rothermel.



John Rothermel, descendant of this early progenitor, was born in the Province of Wachbach, Holland, in 1688, and in 1708 married Sybilla Zimmerman, native of the same province, and a sister of the famous General Zimmerman of the Dutch army. In 1730, after the birth of one daughter and five sons, he set sail from Rotterdam with his entire family for America. John Rothermel died at sea and never saw the shores of the country for which he started. His wife and children arrived at Philadelphia Aug. 29, 1730, and the following year settled in what is now Berks county, Pa. The daughter, Anna Maria, who had married Peter Fetherolf in Wachbach in 1729, soon settled with her husband in Macungie township, Lehigh Co., Pa., where they passed the remainder of their lives. The five sons were: Lawrence, Peter, Paul, John and Christian, all of whom settled in Berks county. All the early Rothermels are buried in the family cemetery at Walnuttown, Berks county. Lawrence, the eldest son, settled in Windsor township, where he married a Miss Kuhns; he rose to be one of the foremost citizens of that section. Paul purchased a large tract of land in Maiden-creek township and settled upon it; he married Catharine Maurer, by whom he had five sons and one daughter. Peter became a large land owner in the fertile valley of the Manatawny, where he prospered and raised a family of four children. John settled in Windsor township, where his elder brother, Lawrence, had already located. Christian, the youngest of the family, purchased a large tract of land in Maiden-creek township, adjoining the property of his brother Paul; he married and had six children, two sons and four daughters.

One Leonard Roadarmel, "late of Berks county," died in Rush township, Northumberland Co., Pa., in 1835. On June 12, 1835, letters of administration were granted to his son John Roadarmel, who gave bond in the sum of \$500 (record at courthouse, Sunbury, Pennsylvania).

A son Abraham is recorded among the children of Peter Rothermel, son of John, but as the records say Abraham had a brother Joseph, "a tall man," he could not have belonged to that family, as Peter had no son Joseph. Abraham was evidently, however, a grandson of John and Sybilla, but through which son these records do not show.

Abraham Rothermel was born in Oley township, Berks county, Aug. 22, 1777, came to Northumberland county after his marriage, and lived near Rebuck, in what is now Washington township. He owned a large farm (now in the possession of Daniel Kahler), was a blacksmith by trade, and was noted for his strength. He died Feb. 23, 1861, when over eighty-three years old, and he and his wife, Catharine Yeager (or Yeager), are buried at the Himmel Church; she was born Dec. 21, 1779, and died Sept. 1, 1872, when over ninety-two years

old. This worthy couple were the parents of the following children: Charles, mentioned at length below; Martin, who located in Ogle county, Ill. (his son Robert served in the Union army, and he had also a son Amos); Hannah, who married Michael Emerich (no children); Susanna, who married Jacob Hoffman, of Washington, Northumberland county; Mary, whose first husband was a Mr. Geist, her second Andrew Kahler (they located at Red Bank, in Jefferson county, Pa.); Catharine, who married Charles Boardsherry, and lived at Northumberland; Isaac, mentioned below; and Amos, who settled in Illinois, and whose daughter married a minister (he served in the Federal army during the Civil war and met his nephew, William, in the general review at Washington at the close of the war).

Charles Rothermel, son of Abraham, was born Aug. 8, 1808, and died aged eighty-three years, seven months, five days. He was a farmer, residing where Daniel Kahler now lives, in Washington township, and owned that farm, having 133 acres cleared and some woodland. He was a Democrat, served as school director of his township, and was an active member of the Reformed congregation at the Himmel Church, where he held the offices of deacon and elder many years, also giving long service as member of the church council. He was twice married, and by his first wife, whose maiden name was Bower, had children: Killian, Harriet (wife of Benjamin Phillips), Aaron, Joseph and Amanda. We have record of Joseph Rothermel, who died Oct. 5, 1904, aged sixty-three years, eleven months, six days, and who may have been the son Joseph here mentioned. Amanda Rothermel, "daughter of Carlos and Elizabeth," born Nov. 4, 1842, died June 3, 1861. For his second wife Mr. Rothermel married Mrs. Harriet (Beissel or Beisel) Clark, daughter of Daniel Beissel or Beisel and widow of John Clark. She was born April 28, 1823, and died Jan. 1, 1894. By this marriage there were eight children: Abraham, born in 1847, who died in 1862; Helena, who married Elias Oxenreider (he is deceased); Daniel, mentioned below; Frank, now a resident of Trevorton, Pa.; Catharine, twin of Frank, who was born in 1855, and died in 1862; Lewis B., who is mentioned later in this article; Mary, who married James Geist and (second) Monroe Rebuck; and Sarah, deceased, who was the wife of Daniel Snyder.

Daniel Rothermel, son of Charles, was born Sept. 22, 1852, in Washington township, and was reared upon the farm, working for his parents until he attained his majority. He began farming on his father's homestead as a tenant, continuing thus four years, after which he moved to Eldred township, Schuylkill county, where he farmed for seven years. He then spent four years in Washington township, Northumberland county, four

years in Jackson township, and for the next seven years farmed in the Lykens Valley. In 1902 he returned to Washington township and purchased the David Ferster homestead of 135 acres, owning also his father-in-law's house near Urban, where he lives; this house stands on an acre of ground which formerly belonged to the Ferster farm. Mr. Rothermel rents his own farm. Mr. Rothermel married Catharine Ferster, daughter of David and Judith (Brosius) Ferster, and they have had a large family, viz.: John died at the age of twenty-one years; Jane married Wilson Brosius and they live in Washington township; James, born May 4, 1879, is now the tenant on his father's farm, which he is engaged in cultivating (he married Anna Bohner, daughter of Peter Bohner, and they have one child, Carrie); Ida lives in Sunbury; Charles is in business as an undertaker at Herndon, this county; Levi is mentioned below; Katie and Mabel are engaged as silk workers at Sunbury; Minnie died aged four years; one son died in infancy. Mr. Rothermel is a Democrat, and in religious connection he and his family are Reformed members of St. Paul's Church at Urban, of which he was deacon some years and since 1903 has held the office of elder.

Levi Rothermel, son of Daniel, was born in Washington township and received his early education in the common schools, later attending Union Seminary, in Union county, Pa. In 1904 he received his license to teach public school and has since been engaged in teaching in Washington township, the past four terms in the Salem schoolhouse. During the summer months he engages in clerking in the store at Mount Carmel.

Lewis B. Rothermel, son of Charles, passed his earlier years in Washington township, where he was engaged in farming. In 1895 he moved into Upper Mahanoy township, where he also carried on farming, and in 1902 he purchased the farm where he afterward made his home, dying there Sept. 22, 1906, aged forty-eight years, nine months, twenty-two days. He is buried at Howerters Church, in Upper Mahanoy township. In politics he was a Democrat, in religion an adherent of the Reformed faith. His wife, Mary R. (Brosius), daughter of Andrew Brosius, died July 1, 1902, aged thirty-nine years, two months, sixteen days. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Rothermel: Minnie, who married John Miller; Lizzie, unmarried; Harvey A.; Etta, who married Samuel Snyder and lives in Nebraska; Allen; Arthur; Francis; John; and Mary.

Harvey A. Rothermel was born Sept. 19, 1882, on the Charles Rothermel farm near Rebuck, attended the township schools, and was reared to farm life. For four years he worked in the store for F. L. Kehres at Rebuck, and for one year hired out on a farm, beginning for himself, at his present place, in 1906. This farm, which has seventy

eight acres of cleared land, formerly belonged to his uncle, Joseph Rothermel, and before his ownership was a Reitz homestead. It is in Washington township, near the Himmel Church. Mr. Rothermel is at present serving as one of the auditors of his township. He is a Democrat in politics, and in religion clings to the Reformed faith, belonging to that congregation at the Himmel Church, where his wife holds membership in the Lutheran congregation. On May 28, 1904, Mr. Rothermel married Katie Kahler, daughter of Andrew and Mary (Paul) Kahler, prominent residents of Washington township, and they have three children: Charles, John and Allen.

Isaac Rothermel, son of Abraham, the pioneer of the family in Northumberland county, was born April 13, 1820, in Washington township, and died Oct. 1, 1896, in Jordan township, at the home of his son Manasses. He was a man of medium size, raw-boned and muscular, and followed the trade of blacksmith in his earlier life, later devoting himself to farming. He had his blacksmith shop in Jordan township, where his son William now lives, and he carried on farming from 1851 until his retirement, some years before his death. He made his home with his son Monroe, though he did not die at his house. Mr. Rothermel was a Reformed member of Klingers Church, but he and his wife Hannah (Wiest) are buried at Zion's Union Church, near Klingerstown. She was born Dec. 10, 1823, daughter of Samuel Wiest and granddaughter of Jacob Wiest, of Berks county, and died Sept. 7, 1887. To Isaac Rothermel and his wife was born a family of twelve children: William W.; Amos; Jestina, widow of John Weiser; Lucy, Mrs. Nicholas Adams; Eve, who died young; Catharine, who died young; Lazarus W.; Manasses W.; Esrom; Monroe; Abraham; and Hannah, Mrs. Ammon Houck.

WILLIAM W. ROTHERMEL, son of Isaac, was born May 2, 1842, in the same district where he now lives in Jordan township. He remained at home on the farm until he went into the army during the Civil war, as a member of Company A, 50th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, enlisting for three years or during the war. He was nineteen when he entered the service. Before the expiration of this term he reenlisted, in eastern Tennessee, at Blain's Cross Road, for another three years, in the same company and regiment, and served to the end of the war. He became a third sergeant and night general guide. His experiences of trial and hardship were unusual, even for army life. He not only traveled all over the South, but also in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, and was in thirty-two engagements, including Bull Run, Fredericksburg, Antietam, South Mountain, Vicksburg, Jackson, siege of Knoxville and operations in front of Petersburg. He was a Sec-

man's army. Returning to Northumberland county, at the close of his service, he soon began farming in Hubley township, Schuylkill county, where he was a tenant for nine years, in 1877 settling at his present location in Jordan township, Northumberland county. His home is on a tract of twenty-two acres, which he cultivates, though he leads a semi-retired life. He is a carpenter, and has followed his trade in connection with agriculture. He is serving at present as an auditor of his township, has been school director and supervisor, and is one of the most respected residents of his section. He is a Republican in politics. On Dec. 30, 1865, Mr. Rothermel was married in Northumberland county to Sarah Shaffer, daughter of Daniel and Mary (Bohmer) Shaffer, and they have the following children: Emma, Mrs. John Saltzer; Manasses, of Klingerstown; Polly, Mrs. Charles Brown; Monroe, of Gowen City, Pa.; Jennie, Mrs. Gordon Klinger; and Minnie, Mrs. Harvey Smith. Mr. Rothermel and his family worship with the Reformed congregation of the Klingerstown Church, which he formerly served as elder, at present holding the offices of trustee and treasurer.

LAZARUS W. ROTHERMEL, son of Isaac, is a farmer in Jordan township, where he was born April 15, 1855, on the homestead, which is now owned by his brother Manasses. He was reared to farm life, and worked for his parents until he reached the age of twenty-six years, when he married, after which he began farming on his own account in Hubley township, Schuylkill county. After three years' residence there he settled in Jordan township, purchasing a tract of seventy acres adjoining his father's homestead. It was formerly the Israel Geise place. The present house was remodelled by Mr. Rothermel, and in 1890 he built the substantial Swiss barn. He has made a specialty of poultry raising, and has been very successful in his work, being one of the leading farmers of his township. He has served three terms as school director, and is also active in church life, being a member of the Reformed congregation of the Hebe Union Church, where he has held the office of elder for a number of years. Before becoming a member at Hebe he was identified with Kingers Church, of which he served as deacon. In politics he is a Republican.

On Aug. 7, 1881, Mr. Rothermel married Emma Bush, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Hollenbach) Bush, and thirteen children have been born to this union: Jane, who died aged ten years, two months; Jestina, now the wife of James Runkel; Alice E., wife of Jacob Wiest; Charles H., who died in his second year; Ida M., who has been teaching public school in Northumberland county for three years; John L., who is a carpenter; E. Bertha; Samuel E.; Eva M.; Harry N.; Marce M.; Minnie E., and Elma E.

MANASSES W. ROTHERMEL, son of Isaac, was born Sept. 24, 1857, on the farm in Jordan township where he now lives, and was there reared to farm life. After working for his parents until he reached the age of eighteen years, he followed the blacksmith's trade for seven years, in Uniontown and at Klingerstown. He was next engaged in huckstering for about fifteen years. In the spring of 1898 he began farming on his father's homestead, where he has since lived, now owning the place, which contains 191½ acres. This farm is part of a tract of 500 acres which long ago belonged to the Bickels, who lived in Berks county, and was bought by Isaac, from Samuel Wiest; it is now divided into several farms. On April 20, 1908, Mr. Rothermel had the misfortune to lose his house by fire, which totally destroyed it with all its contents, including valuable documents of historic worth. The summer of that year he erected the nice frame house which he and his family now occupy. The barn on the farm is a landmark of the region, having been built by Isaac Rothermel in 1874, when he came to Jordan township, and he built the house (the one burned in 1908) the same year; at that time only ten acres of the farm were cleared. Mr. Rothermel is one of the substantial and esteemed residents of his neighborhood, being a typical member of a family which has long been known for solid worth.

In 1880 Mr. Rothermel married Eliza Wentzel, daughter of Isaac Wentzel, and to them were born eight children, all of whom are deceased. His second marriage was to Susan Bixler, daughter of John and Sallie (Baum) Bixler, of Valley View, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and they are the parents of five children: A. Robert, Ruth, Mabel G., John E. and Manasses. Mr. Rothermel and his family are members of the Reformed congregation at the Klingerstown Church, and he has served as deacon and elder. In political matters he is a Republican.

David Bixler, Mrs. Rothermel's grandfather, was related to the Bixlers of Berks county, the families often exchanging visits. He served in the Civil war, and died soon after his return home from the army. He married Susan Wolfgang, and their children besides John were: Elias, Amos, Emanuel, Paul, Helen, Maria, Katie and Matilda.

John Bixler, son of David, was a farmer and miner by occupation. He was the father of the following children: James, Thamsen (deceased), Susan, Frances, Lewis, Alfreda, Rufus (deceased), Hettie, Lora and Mabel.

MONROE ROTHERMEL, son of Isaac, was born March 6, 1862, in Jordan township, and is now successfully engaged in farming there. He lived with his parents until they died and was brought up to farming, working for his father until 1888 and since that time for himself. All his life has been passed in his native township. His farm



was a well-known person in Shamokin, and was one of the original members of the H. B. and K. L. Lodge, which is composed of some good workmen and has been many times supported during the recesses of the M. H. Lodge. He is an intelligent and capable, and notably good manager. It was once the homestead of Peter B. Rothmel and his wife, Mrs. F. Rothmel, Schwalm, from whom Mr. Rothmel purchased it. He has since been twice married in Shamokin, in Dalmatia. He is now in the declining years of his manhood, is at present residing in Shamokin. Reformed congregation at the K. L. Lodge, and was formerly a member of the family also belong to that congregation. His wife, Mrs. F. Rothmel, is the daughter of the late Mr. Rothmel, who was a member of the H. B. and K. L. Lodge.

On Nov. 18, 1888, Mr. Rothmel married Lena, daughter of Jonas and Lena (Massey) Schmitt, and residing in Shamokin, and daughter of Henry Schmitt. They have had four children: Charles, Allen and Howard.

Adolph Rothmel, of Dalmatia, was another son of the late Adam Rothmel, of his father. He is at present serving as assessor of the Lower Mahanoy township, and for some years as tax collector. He owns his home at Dalmatia. His wife is the wife of Samuel (Zimmery), daughter of Adam Zimmery, and was the mother of children: George, Edw. Oscar, Anna, Charles E., Malinda, Emma, Alice and Adam.

Charles E. Rothmel, son of Adolph, was born April 27, 1867, in Lower Mahanoy township, and was reared upon the farm. After reaching manhood he tended bar in Shamokin for a time, and then, in 1888, engaged in the bottling business at Shamokin, Pa., carrying it on for three years. For the next two years he was in the hotel business at Dalmatia, at the end of that time moving to Sunbury, where he was engaged in the same line. He next became one of the owners of the "National House" for several years, after which he purchased the "National House" at Dalmatia and took it over as owner. He then returned to Shamokin, where he became proprietor of the "Pleasant House," which this was for a period of five years, until, in 1902, he became proprietor of his present establishment, the "H. B. and K. L. Lodge," the building of which he had is carried on in a few months time, occupying the premises of the last trade. Mr. Rothmel served as school director when it was held in Lower Mahanoy township, and he has always been active in the interests of the Republican party. Socially he belongs to the Order of Sons of Sunbury.

Mr. Rothmel married Sarah Fenstermacher, daughter of Michael Fenstermacher, of Lower Mahanoy township, and they have no children.

Archie May. Mr. Rothmel and his family are members of the L. B. and K. L. Lodge.

JACKSON M. ENGLE, who has a fine farm in Boyle's Run, in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, has been in the place in that position for many years, and is mostly by condition is due entirely to his progressive and successful business. Mr. Engle was born May 7, 1857, on the farm of his father in Lower Mahanoy township. His mother, who is a sister of John C. Engle and daughter of George Engle.

George Engle, and his father, Jacob Engle, Northumberland county, and his mother, Anna, came from one of the lower counties of the State, probably Berks. He did laboring work, and was well known for his skill as a violinist. His mother, who was a daughter of John C. Engle.

Mr. Engle's father, George, was a very old man when his father died. He settled one mile south of Dalmatia, in Lower Mahanoy township, where he followed farming, owning a tract of property and the property of John C. Engle. The place was an old Ziegler homestead, and as laid out in parcels of land, and different tracts, located on the western bank of the Susquehanna. Mr. Engle built the present dwelling on the place. He was a Republican in politics, served his district in the capacity of tax collector, and was also a useful member of the church, holding office for many years as deacon and elder at the State Valley Church, where he was identified with the Reformed congregation. He and his wife, who died only four weeks ago, are buried there. She was Catherine, wife, daughter of William W. W. Their children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Engle: Malinda, died in childhood; Anna, married Charles Schmitt, who is deceased; Polly, married Joseph Kessler; Jackson M. is mentioned below; Jeremiah is a resident of Shamokin; Willoughby Linn, lives in Shamokin; there is the son of John C. Zimmermann; Anna, married Adam Leiken; Katharine, married Charles Wirt; John and Charles are residents of Shamokin; Frank lives in Shamokin; Carrie died aged five years.

Jackson M. Engle was reared upon the home farm, working for his parents until nearly twenty years old, when he married. He came to the place in Lower Augusta township, where he has since occupied some time after that event, and during the first twenty-one years of his residence there, owned the land on which he now lives. He owns 120 acres of valuable land in the district known as Boyle's Run and is in excellent condition, thanks to his care and good management. Mr. Engle has the reputation of having the best pasture in the valley, and he also has many fine horses. He is a Republican in his political preferences, but goes independent, and

in religion he is a Presbyterian, belonging to the Mountain Church, of which he is a trustee. As a citizen he is respected by all who know him for his sterling worth and reliable qualities.

On Jan. 13, 1877, Mr. Engle married Beattie DeWitt, daughter of Paul and Abby (Shipman) DeWitt, and to them have been born the following children: Galen married Della Reader; Emma married Dennis Conrad; Rosa married Peter Conrad (brother of Dennis); Ira is married and living in Harrisburg; Irwin lives in Harrisburg; Harry; William lives in Sunbury; Samuel and Carrie are at home.

**DANIEL STAHL**, now living retired in Shamokin, was connected for over thirty years with the old Eagle Run Brewery, in Coal township, a short distance from the city, as brewmaster. For about twenty years he held that position under the proprietorship of Martin Markle and after he sold out continued for twelve years with his successors, retiring in 1907.

Mr. Stahl was born Aug. 10, 1847, at Leonberg, about twelve miles from Stuttgart, the capital of Wurttemberg, Germany, son of Jacob and Wilhelmina (Heiges) Stahl, who brought their family to America in 1853, landing at New York City. The trip was made by sailing vessel, and took fifty-five days. The family first settled at Newark, N. J., remaining there one year, and then moved to Mauch Chunk, Pa., where a permanent home was established. Jacob Stahl had been a house builder in his native land. At Mauch Chunk he found employment in the car shops, and also followed contracting and building to some extent. He died there in 1875, his wife surviving until 1877, and both are buried at Upper Mauch Chunk. They were the parents of sixteen children, six of whom died young, in Germany, the other ten accompanying the parents to America, viz.: John, Wilhelmina, Catherine, Mary, Jacobina, Barbara, Christina, Peter, Daniel and Frederick.

Daniel Stahl attended school at Mauch Chunk. He learned the carpenter's trade with his father, with whom he worked during the summers, in the wintertime learning brewing. In 1875 he came to Shamokin and entered the employ of Martin Markle, for whom he was brewmaster until 1895, when Mr. Markle sold his interests in the brewery to Fuhrmann & Schmidt. Mr. Stahl was brewmaster with the new owners until his retirement in 1907. He is acting as one of the executors of the large estate of his father-in-law, Martin Markle.

In 1877 Mr. Stahl married Helena M. Markle, daughter of Martin Markle, his employer, and a family of eight children was born to them, Daniel and Sarah dying young; Wilhelmina married John Edmund and lives at Shamokin; Sybilla S. married August Steinhart, of Shamokin; Mary C. married Thomas Morgan, of Shamokin; George D.

lives with his father; Henry M. is a resident of Shamokin; Gertrude C. married Ephraim S. Weaver, of Shamokin. The mother died Feb. 11, 1905, and is buried in the Shamokin cemetery. Mr. Stahl makes his home at Shamokin. He is a Lutheran in religious faith.

**CHARLES H. NEWCOMBE**, who is engaged as chief clerk in the converting works of the Susquehanna Silk Mills, at Sunbury, has resided in that borough since 1902. He has been employed in silk mills ever since he commenced work, and his familiarity with the business and fidelity to his duties make him deserving of his present responsibilities. He is a native of Brooklyn, N. Y., born May 28, 1882.

Mr. Newcombe's grandfather was born in Scotland, and on coming to America settled in New York City. Albert Post Newcombe, his father, was born in that city, and became a shipbuilder. He has followed that occupation all his life, being still active and engaged at his trade in Brooklyn. He married Janet Cornell, member of a well known family of New York City, one of whose members is Frank Cornell. To Mr. and Mrs. Albert Post Newcombe were born eight children, those besides Charles H. being: Jane married William Hatch, and they reside in Brooklyn; Charlotte married F. D. DeGroff, who is now deceased; Abbie I. married Harvey L. Teater; Beulah married William J. Briggs; William C. is a resident of Brooklyn; Harry and Alice are deceased.

Charles H. Newcombe received his education in the public schools, graduating when sixteen years old. He then found a position in the silk house of Hoeninghaus & Caruss, with which firm he remained until he took his present position, in Sunbury, where he arrived Dec. 15, 1902. Since settling in this borough he has become well known in the Masonic fraternity, being a member of Maple Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M.; of Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M.; and of Mount Hermon Commandery, No. 85, K. T.

On June 18, 1901, Mr. Newcombe married Laura E. Quiney, who belongs to an English family, daughter of ——— and Annie Quiney. Mr. and Mrs. Newcombe have had two children: Evelyn Gladys and Cornell Harold.

**THOMAS G. FRYER**, a young business man of Turbutville, Northumberland county, engaged as a tinsmith and dealer in stoves, etc., is building up an excellent trade by industry and thorough attention to the calls of his customers. He is a native of Lewis & Clark, born May 27, 1891, son of John H. Fryer and grandson of Jacob Fryer, who now lives at Milton, Pa., with his daughter, Mrs. Amanda Smith, on Mahoning street.

John H. Fryer was born Jan. 13, 1856, at Port Clinton, Pa., and when a young man learned the

carpenter's trade, which he followed some years, at Milton, Pa., with Charles Koch. Later he became a railroad engineer on the Philadelphia & Reading road, following this occupation for about ten years before his death, which was caused by heart failure, when he was a comparatively young man. He ran a freight train from Catawissa to Newberry for some time, and later had a run between Shamokin and Newberry. He died in Lewis township, where he made his home upon a farm of forty-five acres still owned by his widow. On Nov. 9, 1876, Mr. Fryer married Clara Mackey, daughter of Henry and Lucinda (Berkenstock) Mackey, who lived near McEwensville, and granddaughter of Jacob Berkenstock, who also lived near that place. To Mr. and Mrs. Fryer were born twelve children, Elsie, Mabel, Charles, Edwin, Mary E. (deceased), Morris, Homer, Thomas G., Russell, Ralph, Mildred and Paul. Mrs. Fryer is a Lutheran in religious connection. Her husband was a member of the Evangelical Association, and in political sentiment he was a Democrat.

Thomas G. Fryer attended the public schools of Lewis township, and after commencing work learned the trade of tinner with William N. Reynolds, of Turbutville. On March 19, 1910, he engaged in business on his own account, carrying a full stock of stoves and ranges, roofing, spouting, tin and granite wares, and being prepared to do all kinds of job work in his line, tinsmithing, heating and plumbing. He handles the Acorn stoves and ranges. Mr. Fryer has one man in his employ, and he has enjoyed a thriving trade, which he is enlarging steadily by honest business methods and attention to the wants of his patrons. His business establishment is on Main street, in the center of the town of Turbutville. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and of the Modern Woodmen of America, and is considered a steady-going and reliable young man, one of the useful members of the community.

On Feb. 27, 1910, Mr. Fryer married Cora Greiner, daughter of A. D. and Mary (Wykoff) Greiner, of Turbutville, who have a family of five children: Zwingle, who lives at Milton, Pa.; Tacy, wife of Frank Lawrence; Raymond, of Turbutville; Florence; and Cora, Mrs. Fryer.

**ADDISON C. MILLER**, farmer of Upper Augusta township, Northumberland county, was born on the old Miller homestead in Shamokin township taken up by his great-grandfather.

The Miller family has long been established in Pennsylvania. George Miller, Sr., commonly called "Hunter George," because of his love for the chase, emigrated from Germany some time during the eighteenth century, and after taking up considerable land in what is now Shamokin township, Northumberland county, built his little

log house near the large spring on the Miller farm. In 1792 his son, John, purchased this land (Pine Grove) from him, and "Hunter George" took up land near Hamburg, in Berks county, Pa., where he lived the remainder of his days.

John Miller, son of George, Sr., born in 1759, in 1785 married Catharine Raber, who was born Sept. 26, 1769, and to them were born two sons and two daughters: George; David; Elizabeth, who was twice married, first to a Mr. Rockefeller and (second) to a Mr. Wilhour; and Sarah, Mrs. Miller. John Miller's death occurred Feb. 10, 1804, when he was forty-five years old, his wife, who survived him many years, dying Aug. 19, 1854, at the age of eighty-five years. John and Elizabeth Miller are interred in the old Baptist graveyard near Deibler's station, in Shamokin township.

George Miller, eldest son of John, was born on the homestead June 13, 1794. There he built the large stone barn in 1818. He was one of the most enterprising men of his day. Previous to the construction of the Centre turnpike the locality was not developed to any extent. He obtained a contract for constructing two miles of the pike, erected the buildings where his grandson George W. Miller now resides, and after the stage line was started opened a hotel which he conducted, in addition to carrying on his farm, until the Northern Central railroad was built. In politics he was a Democrat, and he filled a number of the township offices. He died July 24, 1880, at the advanced age of eighty-six years, his wife dying three weeks later. They are buried at the Blue Church. On Dec. 23, 1820, Mr. Miller had married Mary M. Startzel, daughter of George and Elizabeth Startzel, and twelve children were born to this union: Elizabeth, deceased, Mrs. Daniel Smith; Catharine, deceased, Mrs. Silas Farrow; John J., who died in Iowa; Rosetta, Mrs. Samuel Lewis; Amandus S.; Russia, deceased, who married Dr. Aaron Savidge; Juliann, deceased, who married Rev. Ephraim Barker, of Iowa; Allison R., a teacher, who died in Illinois; William J., of Springfield, Ill.; Clara L., deceased, wife of Dr. Isaac Huff, Emma, who married John Eppler, of Point township; and one son who died in infancy.

Amandus S. Miller, second son of George Miller, was born upon the homestead Sept. 13, 1828, and there grew to manhood. He received a common school education and improved his opportunities so well that in early manhood he commenced teaching in the public schools, which experience undoubtedly accounted for the interest he always took in the cause of public education. He engaged in farming on an extensive scale, cultivating some four hundred acres, and was one of the most substantial men of his day, accumulating a large amount of property in Shamokin township and



borough. He was not only foremost in business matters, but also looked to on various other questions, especially regarding the general welfare, though he never sought office, and held no public positions except those of assessor and member of the school board, of which body he was treasurer for years. He was an influential and highly respected citizen, and his death, which occurred Feb. 21, 1906, was widely mourned. He was a Democrat in politics and a Lutheran in religion.

Mr. Miller married Hannah J. Wolverton, who was born Sept. 21, 1832, daughter of John Wolverton, of Shamokin township, and died Aug. 3, 1908. They are buried at St. Jacob's (Reed's) Church in Shamokin township. Ten children were born to this marriage: Florence V., who died when twenty-three years old; Ida M., deceased, wife of John M. Kline; George W.; Silas W., who is living in Upper Augusta township, this county; Laura E., wife of W. H. O. Dyer; Julia E., wife of William F. J. McKee; Addison C.; John A., deceased; Cora E., deceased, married to Elwood Yocum; and Lulu V., married to Harry E. Snyder.

Addison C. Miller, son of Amandus S. Miller, was born Oct. 28, 1872, on the Miller homestead in Shamokin township. After attending the public schools he went to McKee & McCullough's business college at Shamokin. Practically all his business years have been devoted to farming. In the spring of 1892 he engaged in farming on the homestead, where he remained until 1901, in which year he removed to the place upon which he has since lived, in Upper Augusta township. It is a tract of 125 acres, at the end of the narrows, south of Sunbury, and was formerly the Henry Arnold farm. Mr. Miller is a prosperous and thoroughly modern farmer, progressive in his work and in adopting up-to-date devices and methods in his agricultural operations. He makes a specialty of dairy farming, disposing of his milk at wholesale in Sunbury. His home is equipped with all the modern conveniences, and everything about the farm bespeaks well-directed energy. In short, he is a typical member of the Miller family, whose industry and thrift are proverbial in this section.

On Aug. 31, 1899, Mr. Miller married Lizzie Snyder, daughter of John N. Snyder, a retired farmer, now living in the borough of Sunbury. One daughter has been born to this union, Violet Callarine. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are members of the Reformed Church. He is a Democrat on political questions.

JOHN WACHTER, who holds the responsible position of outside foreman at the Hickory Ridge colliery, in Mount Carmel township, Northumberland county, has been engaged there in that connection since 1898. He was born Dec. 27, 1858,

in Baden, Germany, son of Nathan and Atilia (Heck) Wachter, both of whom died in the Fatherland. The father was a farmer by occupation. There were six children in the family: Rudolph, Max and Robert, all now deceased; John; and Fenorica and Victoria, both living in Germany.

John Wachter attended school in his native country and meantime helped with the work on the farm until he reached the age of fourteen. He then learned the carpenter trade. Coming to America in the early eighties, he landed at New York City Sept. 26, and after a day and a night at that point went on to Philadelphia, where he spent a week. He arrived in Shamokin Sept. 28, and soon found work at his trade, which he followed at various places in this section, for twelve years filling the position of boss carpenter at the Nelson colliery. In 1898 he came to Hickory Ridge (Sage's post office), having been made outside foreman at the Hickory Ridge colliery. The fact that he has 360 men and boys in his charge is sufficient to show that he is a trustworthy and reliable man, for the place he has efficiently filled for these twelve years. He has the respect of his employers and of the men with whom he is associated, and is known to all as an intelligent, faithful worker. He is a substantial and esteemed citizen of the community into which his work has brought him.

Mr. Wachter married Barbara Waldford, a native of Switzerland, who came to America before her marriage, in the same ship which brought over her future husband. They have become the parents of a large family, namely: John N., who is employed as an engineer at the Hickory Ridge colliery and resides in Shamokin; Clara, who married Thomas Connolly, an engineer at Hickory Ridge; Bertha, who is still attending school; Ida, who died when four and a half years old; Lena, who died at the age of eight years; Anna, who died when one year old; Henry, who died when nine months old; Ludwig, Charles and William, all of whom died in infancy; and Emma, who died at the age of five and a half years.

The Wachters are Lutherans in religious connection. Mr. Wachter is a Republican in his political views, and he is a member of the I. O. O. F., belonging to a lodge at Shamokin. On July 1, 1909, he set out on a trip to Germany with his wife and two daughters, and they had nine weeks of enjoyable travel, visiting his sisters and various places of interest on the Continent. They were among the passengers on the "George Washington" on its first trip across the Atlantic.

ELLIS F. ORNER has been engaged in merchandising since he retired from mine work, and he has a well established business at Gowen City, in Cameron township, where he has been located since 1899. Mr. Orner was born in Adams county,

Pa., seven miles from Gettysburg, son of Jeremiah Orner. The family is of German origin. His grandfather, who lived and died in Adams county, had children as follows: Amos, Samuel, Jonas, Solomon, Israel, Felix, Jeremiah and Mary.

Jeremiah Orner was a carpenter by trade and worked by the day in Adams county, where he made his home for some time. He died April 27, 1905, at the home of his son Ellis in Gowen City, Northumberland county, aged seventy-five years, three months, twenty-three days. He is buried in the Reformed cemetery at Gowen City. During the Civil war he served in the Union army as a member of Company I, 165th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and after the war he never fully recovered his health. Removing with his family to Shamokin, he followed mining for some time. Mr. Orner was a member of the G. A. R. He married Catharine Hartzel, daughter of Henry Hartzel, of Adams county, Pa., who belonged to a prominent family of that section. Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Orner had the following children: Ellis F.; Henry, who is living in Shamokin; and Clara, who married William Gephart, of Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Ellis F. Orner attended public school in Adams county. He remained with his father, moving to Shamokin with the family, and was employed at the mines also, though not at regular mine work, running an engine most of the time. He was thus engaged for a period of eighteen years. In 1899 Mr. Orner began the mercantile business at Gowen City, where he has since been established. He has not only made an excellent name as a business man, but has served his fellow citizens in various public capacities, having been tax collector and school director of the township. Socially he is well known in this locality, belonging to the Odd Fellows and the Red Men, the latter organization holding its meetings in the hall above his store; the Red Men's Band, which includes three of his sons in its membership, also meets there. In political opinion he is a Democrat, in religion a Lutheran.

Mr. Orner married Matilda Koons, daughter of Michael Koons, of Northumberland county, and to them have been born the following children: Olive (married to Amos Frederick), Clara, O. Ellsworth, Harvey, Charles, William and Evelina.

MARTIN L. HENRY, of Shamokin, Northumberland county, is a member of the firm of English & Henry, of that borough, importers and jobbers of hosiery, underwear and notions, manufacturers of overalls and shirts.

WILLIAM F. KEEFER, of Sunbury, has been in the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company from boyhood, and is now chief clerk to the superintendent. He has been prominent in the municipal life of the borough, where he has been

honored with offices of trust, and is at present secretary of the board of trustees of the Mary M. Packer hospital, of which he has been a trustee since 1900.

This Keefer family was established in America by Mr. Keefer's grandfather, Baltzer Keefer, a native of Wittenburg, Germany, who was born Feb. 21, 1812, and coming to this country settled at Sunbury, Northumberland Co., Pa., in 1839. He was a cooper, and followed his trade to some extent after coming here, working around the coal wharves at Sunbury. His wife, Elizabeth Knoebel, was born Oct. 26, 1812, and was from the same locality as himself in Germany, where they had known each other, but they were married in this country. Mrs. Keefer died Jan. 3, 1881, and Mr. Keefer Jan. 21, 1892, and they are buried in the old cemetery at Sunbury. They were members of the Lutheran Church. Six children were born to them, as follows: Philip, who is a resident of Sunbury; Jacob K.; John, of Wilkinsburg, Pa., who is a paper hanger by occupation (he is unmarried); Leona, who died in infancy in December, 1841; Reuben, who died in infancy in June, 1847; and Charlotte, who died April 11, 1855, aged four years, six months.

Jacob K. Keefer, son of Baltzer, was born Nov. 15, 1842, in Sunbury, where he has made his home all his life. In his fourteenth year he commenced to learn the printing trade, which he has ever since followed. On Aug. 19, 1861, Mr. Keefer enlisted in Company C, 47th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served a term of three years, at the close of which he reënlisted for four years or during the war. He was mustered out Dec. 26, 1865, at Charleston, S. C. He rose to the rank of lieutenant during his long and faithful service, and in his home locality he is generally referred to as "Colonel" Keefer. Upon his retirement from the army he returned to Sunbury and resumed work at his trade, and he has always been a steady-going reliable citizen, respected by all who know him. He is a Republican in political matters.

Mr. Keefer married Margaret Hafer, daughter of John Hafer, late of Paxinos, Pa., and she died in 1882, aged forty-four years. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Keefer, two of whom died when young; the survivors are William F. and Edward, the latter a printer of Sunbury.

William F. Keefer was born Dec. 4, 1866, in Sunbury, and there received his education in the public schools, graduating from the high school in 1884. On Jan. 16, 1882, he became a telegraph operator in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Sunbury, continuing in that capacity until Jan. 1, 1887, when he was promoted to clerk. He was thus engaged in the superintendent's office until May 1st of that year, when he was again promoted, to the telegraph department, remaining there until May 1, 1890, when he was



made train dispatcher. On March 1, 1895, he became chief clerk to the train master, and on Aug. 1, 1900, chief clerk to the superintendent, in which position he has continued to serve up to the present time. His duties have been discharged with ability and efficiency, and he has made a record which won the confidence of those that know him to such an extent that he has been well supported in his candidacy for political office. For six years he was a member of the council of Sunbury, serving as president of that body two years. He is a Republican on political questions. In August, 1900, he became a trustee of the Mary M. Packer hospital, and as previously stated is now secretary of the board. In every association of life he has been recognized as a man fitted for responsibility, and he has justified the confidence of his fellow-men in his devotion to any work intrusted to him. He is a representative citizen of the borough in every way. Mr. Keefer has a well selected library, containing a number of valuable works.

On June 21, 1888, Mr. Keefer married Clara M. Zimmerman, youngest daughter of Peter and Harriet (Malick) Zimmerman and granddaughter of John and Magdelene (Fetherolf) Zimmerman. They have had five children: Sarah A., Clarence F. (who died Dec. 9, 1898, aged nine years), Mabel F. and Myrtle M. (twins) and Helen. Mr. Keefer and his family are members of Zion's Lutheran Church at Sunbury. He is a member of the Old Veterans Association of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, of Sunbury Lodge No. 203, I. O. O. F., and of the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

**MORRIS WETZEL**, a young farmer of Lower Augusta township who has shown ability and enterprise in his profitable management of an excellent farm of 100 acres, was born June 28, 1883, at Selinsgrove Junction, Northumberland county. He is a descendant of Jacob Wetzel, a pioneer settler of Hereford township, Berks Co., Pa., who made his last will and testament May 8, 1785, and died prior to Nov. 9, 1785, the date the will was probated. He makes ample provision for his "worthy" wife, Maria, who survived him. His children were: Jacob, Johannes, George, Philip, Catarina, Peter, Heinrich, Conrad (who was left the large "Bossler" Bible) and Marialiss. One of these sons settled in the Mahantango valley in Northumberland county and founded the branch of the family in which we are interested.

John Wetzel, the great-grandfather of Morris Wetzel, was an early settler in Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, living near the Uniontown road, on a tract now owned by Jonathan Byerly. He was a Lutheran in religion, and is buried at Zion's (Stone Valley) Church, in Lower Mahanoy, where his wife, whose maiden name was Leffer, also rests. They had the follow-

ing children, all now deceased: Peter, who lived in Snyder county, Pa.; John, who lived in Lower Mahanoy township; Jeremiah; Abby, Mrs. Daniel Hepner; Mrs. John Howard; Mrs. Mattern, and Mrs. John Wentzel.

Jeremiah Wetzel, son of John, was born in Lower Mahanoy township. He was a lifelong farmer, in 1840 coming to Lower Augusta township, where he owned and occupied the property which now belongs to his son Isaac, a tract of farm land lying along the Susquehanna river. He built the dwelling on that place in 1862, and the barn was put up by Isaac Wetzel in 1900. An intelligent and public-spirited man, he took an interest in the general welfare and served as supervisor of the township. In politics he was a Democrat, in religion a member of the United Evangelical Association, belonging to the church at Herndon. He died in 1878 and is buried in the River cemetery at Fisher's Ferry. (Among the River cemetery records we find a Jeremiah Wetzel who died Feb. 1, 1881, aged seventy-three years, eleven months, twenty-three days; wife Magdalena, born June 29, 1811, died Aug. 1, 1871; second wife, Sarah, died Feb. 2, 1884, aged seventy-three years, three months, three days.) By his wife Mary Magdalena (Peifer), daughter of John Peifer, Jeremiah Wetzel had a large family, several of whom died young: James lived and died at Sunbury; Levi died at Fisher's Ferry Jan. 22, 1901, aged sixty-five years, 20 months, five days; his wife Harriet died April 22, 1901, aged sixty-one years, seven months, one day; Leona married Solomon Glaze; Edward is a resident of Indiana; William died at Sunbury; Mary married Paul Hollenbach and (second) Solomon Raker; Jeremiah is a resident of Titusville, Pa.; Isaac is mentioned below; Eliza married Hiram Wayne; Cornelius, born in 1849, died in 1863; Henry died young; Jacob died young.

Isaac Wetzel, son of Jeremiah, was born May 19, 1846, in Lower Augusta township, where he is now engaged in farming. He was educated in the public schools and was reared to farming, continuing to work for his father until he attained his majority. He then began to work on the Northern Central railroad, and for fifteen years was engaged at that trade. At the end of that period he bought his father's homestead and took to farming, which he has followed ever since. His property contains thirty-eight acres, which he cultivates systematically, making a good living. He attends the markets occasionally. Mr. Wetzel served his township as school director for six years. In 1875 he married Sarah Reitz, daughter of Abraham Reitz, of Swabian Creek, and they have a family of ten children: Samuel H., who married Mary Martz; Susan Matilda, who married George Olmstead; George H., who married Susan Dawson; I. Newton, who married May Adams; Mor-



ris; Mary, who married Henry C. DeWitt; Charles W., who married Mary Labr; Walter Ray; Claud Howard, and Catharine. Mr. Wetzel and his family are members of the Augusta Baptist Church, of which he has been a trustee. In politics he is a Democrat.

Samuel H. Wetzel, son of Isaac, was born May 23, 1876, in Lower Augusta township, and there passed his early life. In 1896 he moved to the borough of Herndon, where for seven years he clerked in the general store of E. C. Adams. In 1904 he learned the baking business, which he has since continued to follow. He was the first to enter this line of business in his borough, and he has made a great success of his enterprise. He has been prominently identified with public affairs there, has served as borough auditor, and in the spring of 1909 was elected chief burgess, which office he is now filling. Politically he is a Democrat, socially a member of the Modern Woodmen, and in religion he and his family are of the Reformed faith. On Oct. 10, 1902, Mr. Wetzel married Mary Martz, daughter of Jacob and Emma (Snyder) Martz, and they have two children, Geraldine M. and Charles H.

Morris Wetzel was reared in the usual manner of farm boys and obtained a public school education. He worked for his parents until he was fourteen, after which he continued on the home farm as hired man for six years. The next five years he was employed on the railroad, and in the spring of 1905 began farming where he now lives, in Lower Augusta township, on a tract of 100 acres which was formerly the W. H. Swinehart homestead. The farm came into Mr. Wetzel's possession through his marriage into the Swinehart family. He raises general crops, and is adopting the most approved up-to-date methods in his work, which has been highly successful. He is regarded as one of the substantial young citizens of the township.

On Feb. 7, 1905, Mr. Wetzel married Minnie A. Swinehart, daughter of William H. and Sallie (Snyder) Swinehart. They have no children. Mr. and Mrs. Wetzel are members of the Baptist Church.

John Swinehart, great grandfather of Mrs. Wetzel, lived in Little Mahanoy township, on a farm now owned by a Deppen. He was a pioneer settler in that region, and in 1811, when the first triennial assessment of Little Mahanoy was made, was one of the taxable residents of the township. He and his wife Margaret are buried at Little Mahanoy Church, of which he was a Lutheran member. In 1900 Enos Swinehart, a descendant of John, was the only male member of the congregation bearing the name. To John and Margaret Swinehart were born the following children: John, who married Betzy Drumbeller; Samuel, who never married; Daniel; and Mary, who never married. The Little Mahanoy Church records show one

Henry Swinehart, born Oct. 31, 1793, died Sept. 11, 1869; his son Samuel, born in 1823, died in 1875, was a soldier in the Civil war.

Daniel Swinehart, son of John, passed his childhood and early manhood in Little Mahanoy township, coming thence across the mountain and settling in Lower Augusta township, where he passed the remainder of his life engaged in farming. He owned the place which later passed into the possession of his son William and is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Morris Wetzel. He is buried at the Brick Lutheran and Reformed Church. He married Judith Heilman, daughter of Daniel Heilman, and they had these children: Maria, Adam, Hannah, William, Judith, and three who died young.

William H. Swinehart, son of Daniel, lived in Lower Augusta township. He taught school there (except for one term in Lower Mahanoy) until he reached the age of twenty-five years, and in 1866 engaged in merchandising at Fisher's Ferry, where he continued, in that line, until 1871, when he was burned out, his establishment being a complete ruin. In the spring of 1872 he began farming at the place where his son-in-law, Morris Wetzel, now lives, and where in 1876 he built the comfortable dwelling now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Wetzel. He built the barn in 1895. He was a successful man and a most respected citizen, and his death, which occurred Feb. 19, 1906, when he was aged sixty-two years, nine months, six days, was regarded as a loss to the community. He is buried at the Augusta Baptist Church.

On May 31, 1868, Mr. Swinehart married Sallie Snyder, daughter of Thomas and Esther (Randall) Snyder, and they had two children: Edwin Boyd, who died in 1873, aged one year, less three days; and Minnie A., wife of Morris Wetzel.

**SAMUEL L. WEITZEL**, who is employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Sunbury and resides not far from that borough, in Rockefeller township, comes of a family which has been represented in that neighborhood for many years. His great-great-grandfather, John Weitzel, was the first merchant at Sunbury.

John Weitzel was born Dec. 30, 1752, at Lancaster, Pa., son of Paul and Charlotte Weitzel. The following is taken from a history of the county published some years ago: He obtained a fair education at his native town, and was sent to Philadelphia at an early age to learn the business of merchandising. He opened the first store at the site of Sunbury in 1771 in a log building near the bank of the river below Market street, and from that time until his death was prominently and responsibly connected with public affairs. At the organization of Northumberland county in 1772 he was one of its first commissioners. On the 29th of July, 1775, he was commissioned as a justice of

the county court; to this office he was re-commissioned on the 9th of June, 1777, for the term of seven years. At the organization of the committee of Safety for Northumberland county, Feb. 8, 1776, he appeared as a member from Augusta township, and participated in the deliberations of that body until Aug. 13, 1776. In the Provincial Conference of June 18, 1776, he was one of the representatives from Northumberland county; on the 8th of July he was elected to the Constitutional Convention of 1776, and in that body of ninety-six members, "the representative men of the State," he was the youngest delegate; and, as a member of the Council of Safety from July 24, 1776, to March 13, 1777, he participated in its deliberations during the first months of the State government. On the 22d of January, 1776, he qualified as county commissioner, in which office and as justice in the county courts he was actively connected with the conduct of civil affairs in the county during the Revolution. July 7, 1780, he was commissioned issuing commissary for this county, and in 1782-84 served as contractor of supplies for the State troops. In this capacity he furnished provisions for the detachment stationed at Fort Rice and in Buffalo Valley in 1782 and the companies of Captains Robinson and Shrawder at Wyoming in 1783-84, performing the duties of his office with promptness, energy and fidelity. He was again commissioned as a justice of the county courts June 19, 1789, serving until 1791, and in the autumn of 1789 was elected county commissioner for the term of three years. In 1791 he was supported by act of the Legislature one of the commissioners for the erection of public buildings at Sunbury, and in this responsible position acted in a public capacity for the last time, as such, in 1799. He was twice married, first to Tabitha, daughter of John and Rebecca Moore, of Philadelphia, by whom he had four children: John, Paul, Charlotte and Mary. His second wife was Elizabeth S. Samuel, daughter of Paul Lebo, of Lancaster, and sister of Henry Lebo, and by her he had three children: George, Elizabeth and Tabitha. At the time of his death John Weitzel resided at a stone dwelling on Market street, subsequently kept as a hotel by his family many years. In connection with his business as a merchant he operated a mill two miles east of Sunbury; it was built by Casper Weitzel, his brother, who died in 1782, and was run successfully by his son, John Weitzel, Jr., and his grandson, Joseph Weitzel, who was long the eldest living representative of the family.

Casper Weitzel, the brother of John Weitzel mentioned, was the first resident practicing attorney of Northumberland county. He was born in 1748 at Lancaster, was admitted to the bar of Lancaster county in 1769, and in August, 1772, was admitted to practice at Sunbury, where the

early records show that he received a large share of the legal business. His talents and patriotism were early recognized. He was a member of the Provincial Convention of January, 1775, from Northumberland county. On Feb. 7, 1776, he was elected first major of the battalion of the lower division of the county; on March 9, 1776, he was appointed captain of a company recruited by himself at Sunbury, which was attached to Col. Samuel Miles's Pennsylvania Rifle Regiment and was the second company formed in Northumberland county. It suffered serious loss at the battle of Long Island, and in consequence of the great misfortune's met with there was consolidated with other commands in October and thus lost its individuality. Captain Weitzel returned to Sunbury, where he died in 1782.

John Weitzel, Jr., son of John and Tabitha (Moore) Weitzel, was born at Sunbury March 24, 1772. He was a merchant and miller there, and in the last years of his life occupied the farm where his son Joseph Weitzel so long resided. He died there Oct. 9, 1835. In politics he was a Whig, and he served as justice of the peace from 1806 to 1830. He married Elizabeth Walters, of Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, who was born on the same estate as the mother of Germantown was born. They were the parents of five children, among whom were Joseph and William.

Joseph Weitzel, son of John Weitzel, Jr., was born Oct. 5, 1808, and lived to be over ninety, dying in March, 1899. He is buried in the State Fourth street cemetery at Sunbury. A man of strong executive ability and large interests, he was a citizen of more than ordinary prominence throughout his active years in the district where he resided. He was a millwright and a lifelong miller, locating himself on Little Shamokin river, two miles east of Sunbury, in Rockefeller township, along the line of Upper Augusta township, of the present county owned by his grandson, Samuel L. Weitzel. The mill has now been razed, and the ruins marking its site. For fourteen years Mr. Weitzel also ran a distillery, operated a saw-mill for a time, and bought and sold grain and lumber. He was a carpenter as well as millwright. In fact, his versatility and gift of managing various kinds of enterprises made him familiar with many lines. He had a farm of about three hundred acres. A tall, lusty, well proportioned man, he had the physical as well as the mental strength necessary to carry his undertakings to success. In politics he was an old-line Whig, later a Republican, and in his religious views he was a Lutheran.

In 1832 Mr. Weitzel married Sarah Woodruff, daughter of John Woodruff, a native of Middletown, who settled in Rockefeller township. She died July 19, 1884, aged over sixty years. Mr. and Mrs. Weitzel had the following children: Paul R.,



formerly of Scranton, now of Philadelphia; John, deceased; Charles B.; William; Lot B., formerly of Kansas, now living in Rockefeller township; George B., of Philadelphia; Lizzie, Mrs. Ellis Vandling; and Joseph, deceased.

William Weitzel, son of Joseph Weitzel, lived on the homestead of his father, in Rockefeller township, now owned by his son Samuel, and followed farming. He died July 14, 1875, at the age of thirty-nine years, a member of the Reformed congregation at Lantz's Church. Mr. Weitzel married Susan Culp, daughter of Peter Culp, and seven children were born to them: Emma A. (deceased) married S. G. Arnold; Jordan H. is an engineer on the Sunbury division of the Pennsylvania railroad and resides at Rock Glen, Pa.; William E., who lives at Harrisburg, is a passenger engineer on the Eastern division of the Pennsylvania railroad; Samuel L. is mentioned below; David C. is in Cleveland, Ohio; Lizzie J. married William Renn, of Elizabeth, N. J.; Sarah Gertrude married J. H. Cooper, of Sunbury, a conductor on the Sunbury division.

Samuel L. Weitzel was born Nov. 26, 1862, in Rockefeller township, on the Weitzel homestead. There he grew to manhood, living on the farm and working at agricultural pursuits and in his father's mill and sawmill until after his marriage. Leaving the home place Sept. 19, 1889, he went to work in the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's shops at Sunbury, where he has since been employed. Until 1905 he was engaged at car repairing, and has since been a piece work inspector, holding a responsible position, which he has proved himself competent to fill. Except for his interest in the church, Mr. Weitzel has been content to look after his private affairs, having refused offers of local office, and taking little part in politics beyond the casting of his vote. He is a Republican. He has a nice home two miles east of Sunbury, in Rockefeller township, and owns a 112-acre farm, a valuable and well-cultivated tract, which he has rented to his son-in-law. He and his family are Reformed members of the Lantz Church, which he served some years as deacon, is now an elder, and for many years was in the church council. He is also Sunday school superintendent at present.

On April 20, 1884, Mr. Weitzel married Annie E. Bartholomew, daughter of Valentine and Amelia (Houck) Bartholomew, of Rockefeller township, and they have had seven children: Ethel B., Mrs. A. B. Culp; Emma G., Mrs. P. H. Grady; Leo M., who died aged one year, one month, ten days; Naomi D.; A. Elizabeth; Miriam; and a daughter that died in infancy.

**WILLIAM H. HOWELLS**, now living retired in the borough of Shamokin, Northumberland county, was engaged as a miner all his active life, for a period of over sixty years. Mr. Howells was

born Feb. 13, 1840, at Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., son of James Howells.

James Howells was a native of Wales, and on coming to this country landed at Philadelphia, July 1, 1838. He had followed farming in his own country. Locating at Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., he engaged in mining, and remained in that vicinity to the end of his days, dying at Black Valley, near Minersville, at the age of fifty-one years. He married Mary Morgan, like himself a native of Wales, who died at Branch Dale, in Schuylkill county. Twelve children were born to them, only six of whom grew to maturity, namely: Anna, who was born in Wales; Watkins, who was three months old when the family came to America; William H.; Rosser, who died while serving in the Civil war; James, who died in Texas; and Benjamin, who died in Colorado. All the sons of this family served in the Civil war and had creditable army records.

William H. Howells began life at the mines when a boy in the humblest position, picking slate. By diligence and satisfactory work he advanced until he became fire boss, holding such responsible position and others of trust for many years before his retirement, in 1908. He was engaged in the mines for sixty years and for one year at outside work. Coming to Shamokin in 1887, he was first employed here as inside foreman at the Luke Fidler colliery, later going to the Cameron colliery, where he was assistant boss for about eighteen years, until he retired to spend his days in leisure. He is well known in the coal region, among employers and employees, and is a man respected for industry and high character wherever he has been placed.

Mr. Howells is a Republican in political opinion but has never been active in public affairs. However, he was a Union sympathizer during the Civil war, in which he served as a member of Company A, 129th Regiment. Fraternally he is a Mason, holding membership in Swatara Lodge, No. 267, F. & A. M., of Tremont, Pa.; in Chapter No. 221, R. A. M., and in Constantine Commandery, No. 41, K. T., of Pottsville. In religion he is connected with the Mennonite Church.

Mr. Howells married Margaret (Presser) Brown, widow of Owen Brown. All of the six children born to this union died young. Mr. and Mrs. Howells have their home at No. 17 South Seventh street, Shamokin.

**HORACE C. BLUE, JR.**, special agent at Sunbury for the Pennsylvania Railway Company, is a member of a family long identified with Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, and the adjacent territory in that county and in Montour county.

Samuel Blue, his grandfather, was born in Chillisquaque township, son of Isaac Blue, and he lived



at Danville, Montour county, where he conducted the "Mansion House." His wife was Abbie Huggan, and their children were: Mary E., Thomas H., William D., Clarence F. and Horace C. (clerk in the county commissioner's office at Danville).

Thomas H. Blue, son of Samuel, was born Jan. 28, 1847, at Washingtonville, Montour county, and in the fall of 1865 came to Sunbury, where he commenced to learn the machinist's trade. In the spring of 1866 he moved to the borough of Northumberland, where he has since made his home, though he has had interests which have taken him to various places. He continued to follow the machinist's trade for thirty-five years, being engaged at such work in the navy yard at Washington, D. C., for eight years, after which he found employment in that line at Danville and Northumberland. For two years he was located in Shelbyville, Tenn., where he had charge of an ice manufacturing plant, and in the spring of 1910 he took charge of the plant of the Sunbury Ice Manufacturing Company, which has a capacity of twenty-five tons per day of twenty-four hours. He continues to reside at Northumberland. In 1868 Mr. Blue married Adda Eckert, daughter of George and Elsie (Uip) Eckert, of that place, and they have had six children: Charles S., of Shelbyville, Tenn.; Hope E., of Winchester, Tenn.; Horace C., of Sunbury; Robert E., of Northumberland; Mary S., deceased; and Walter, deceased. Mr. Blue and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church.

Horace C. Blue was born March 9, 1877, at Northumberland, and received his early education in the public schools there. Later he was a student at Danville, and in the State Normal school at Bloomsburg, Pa. For about a year afterward he filled a position as traveling salesman in the western part of the State. Returning to Northumberland, he became connected with the Pennsylvania railroad service in 1895 as messenger, later becoming clerk, and in 1906 special agent, in which capacity he is now engaged. He is engaged in the general claim department at Williamsport, his work taking him all over the Sunbury, Lewistown and Shamokin division. Since 1901 he has made his home in the borough of Sunbury, where he is interested in the ice business, he having been one of the organizers, in January, 1909, of the Sunbury Ice Manufacturing Company, which manufactures ice from distilled water, the purest sold in Sunbury. The establishment is conducted along efficient lines, and the business has been a success from the start, seven two-horse teams being kept constantly on the road, serving the large trade which has been built up. Mr. Blue is president and manager of this company, and he also has interests in ice plants in Tennessee. He is an enterprising young business man and thoroughly respected in his community.

On Aug. 27, 1909, Mr. Blue was married to Mary

Cameron Packer, daughter of Cameron Packer, late of Sunbury. Mr. and Mrs. Blue are connected with the Episcopal Church, where he sang in the choir for some years.

DAVID P. RUSSELL, engineer at the Latscha pumping station for the National Transit Company, is a native of Canada, born Oct. 30, 1871, at Port Hope, Ontario. The Russell family hails from Strathaven, Scotland, and its members are people of rank, tracing their line back in Scotland to Lord Patterson.

David Russell, grandfather of David P. Russell, was born in Strathaven, and came to America in 1851, landing at New York. For a few years he lived in New York State, thence moving to Cold Springs, Ontario, and later to Port Hope, seven miles west of Cold Springs. By trade he was a carpet weaver, and he was a prosperous and thrifty man, acquiring considerable real estate. He was interested in public affairs, the leader of a band of Liberals located in a Conservative stronghold. A Scotch Presbyterian in religious faith, he was a worker in the church and choir leader for many years, a man of the highest repute and character. He died in 1887, at the age of sixty-seven, and is buried at Port Hope. His wife, Anne (Cochran), daughter of John Cochran, died Jan. 7, 1907, at the advanced age of eighty-seven. Their children were Joseph and Robert G., the former, now deceased, having lived in Lancaster county, Pa.; he was superintendent of all the Standard Oil subsidiaries in Pennsylvania.

Robert G. Russell, son of David, was born March 12, 1836 or 1837, lived for a number of years at Millway, Lancaster Co., Pa., being foreman for the Standard Oil Company in that region. He held a most responsible position, having at times as few as 125 men under his supervision and again as many as several thousands. On April 1, 1908, he retired and removed to Port Hope, Ontario, where he has since made his home. He married Lena Chislett, whose parents, Robert and Charlotte (Manley) Chislett, of England, came to America before her birth, settling in Port Hope, Canada. Robert G. and Lena (Chislett) Russell had three sons and three daughters: David P.; William C., who is foreman for the Bell Telephone Company, of Newark, N. J.; Robert F., of Millway, Lancaster Co., Pa.; Mertie M.; Anne C.; and Lena C.

David P. Russell received his education in the public schools of his native province, about the equal of a high school course in the Pennsylvania schools. When a youth of seventeen he commenced to learn telegraphy, on Nov. 21, 1888, becoming an employee of the Standard Oil Company, in whose employ he has remained continuously since. Since 1894 he has been an engineer. On Nov. 21, 1889, he came to the Latscha pumping station, in

Jackson township, Northumberland Co., Pa., which is a subsidiary of the Standard Oil Company. Here he met his future wife, Lydia M. Otto, daughter of Washington and Harriet Otto, and they were married Sept. 18, 1893. They have four children, Jesse M., Edith M., Robert Fred and Lena H.

Politically Mr. Russell is a Republican, and though living in a Democratic stronghold was elected a member of the school board of Jackson township. Fraternally he is a member of Lafayette Lodge, No. 194, F. & A. M., of Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH D. WAGNER, of Sunbury, has been in the postal service there since 1897, and at present holds a clerkship in the office. In his early years he was engaged in school teaching for a number of terms in the lower end of Northumberland county and for five years followed that profession in Sunbury.

Mr. Wagner was born Aug. 24, 1861, in Little Mahanoy township, this county, and is a great-grandson of Jacob Wagner, a native of Berks county, Pa., who was born and reared in the Tulpehocken valley. He was there married to Anna Maria Rentschler, a member of an old Berks county family, and this couple came to Northumberland county, settling on a farm in Little Mahanoy township now owned by Daniel Reitz. On this old farm is a graveyard where Mrs. Wagner is buried, the spot being marked by a marble tombstone. Jacob Wagner is buried at Little Mahanoy Church. They were Lutherans in religious faith. They had a family of eight children (several of the older ones born in Berks county), namely: Michael, Jacob, George, Samuel, Catharine (married William Baker and moved to Michigan), Magdalena (married Frederick Latsha and lived at Swabian Creek), Rosina (married Adam Daniel, of Jackson township) and Betzy (married Jacob Reitz and lived at Red Bank, Pa.). Of the sons,

Michael Wagner married Susanna Holshue and they lived and died at Lewisburg, Pa. He was a blacksmith by occupation. Their children were: Adam, Daniel, Jesse, Leonard, Isaac, Polly, Hettie and Betzy.

Jacob Wagner married Sally Seiler, of Jackson township, and they had children: Salinda, Elias, Carolina, Harriet, Amanda, Emanuel and Stephen. About 1845 they moved out to Illinois, making the journey by wagon, and there lived and died. Several of their younger children were born in that State.

George Wagner was a shoemaker. He married Betzy Seitz, of the Swabian Creek section, and they are buried at Little Mahanoy Church. They had children: Samuel, Peter, John, David, Rosina and Bevvy.

Samuel Wagner passed the greater part of his life in Little Mahanoy township, where he owned

a tract of land now the property of Hiram Reed. He was a tailor by trade. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, and he and his wife, Catharine (Ferster), are buried at the Little Mahanoy Church. They had children as follows: Henry died young; Levi is a resident of Washington township, this county; Durrell lives at Geneva, Fla.; George is a resident of Polo, Ill.; Augustus died at Shamokin, Pa.; Isaac F. was the father of Joseph D. Wagner; Moses (deceased) lived in Washington township; Julia (deceased) married Jacob Gass; Rebecca (deceased) married Samuel Feeze; Polly is the wife of Henry Derrick; Anna (deceased) married Benjamin Zartman.

Isaac F. Wagner, son of Samuel, was born Nov. 21, 1843, in Little Mahanoy township, where he died Nov. 22, 1905. He was a shoemaker, following his trade among the farmers of his section for many years, and was a well known man. He was assessor of his township for many years and also served as school director. In politics he was a staunch Democrat, in religion a Lutheran, he and his family being members of the Little Mahanoy Church, where he is buried. He married Esther Derr, daughter of William and Hannah (Reed) Derr, of Little Mahanoy township, and fifteen children were born to this union: Joseph D.; William, who died aged thirteen years, eight months and twenty-seven days; Cassa Miah, wife of Levi G. Knouse, living at Sunbury; Samuel, who died when aged one year, seventeen days; Wilson D., of Shamokin, Pa.; Hannah J., wife of David Furman, of Rockefeller township, this county; Mary Ida, an invalid, who died at the age of twenty-eight years, eight months and twenty-seven days; Edgar D. of Sunbury; Charles L., of Herndon, this county; Tama Cora, who is a sister in the Mary J. Drexel home at Philadelphia; Stephen D., of Sunbury; Francis D., of Pennbrook, Pa.; Isaac L., of Chester, Pa.; Robert D., of Philadelphia; and Esther Gertrude, who died when eighteen years old, at The Training School for Feebleminded, of Western Pennsylvania, Polk, Pennsylvania.

Joseph D. Wagner received the greater part of his education in the public schools of his native township, and for twenty eight weeks was a student at Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa. When twenty years old he began teaching, a profession he followed for a number of years, being engaged in Little Mahanoy township three years; in Cameron township, two years; at Dalmatia, in the normal school and public school one year; at Snyderstown, two years; and at Sunbury, five years—thirteen years in all. On Nov. 1, 1897, Mr. Wagner was appointed carrier No. 1 in Sunbury, after passing the civil service examination with the second best average (89.2) in a class of forty. He was thus engaged for eleven years and one month, at Dec. 15, 1908, being transferred to a clerkship, which he now holds. He is an employee of



the highest efficiency and highly esteemed as a citizen throughout the borough.

On March 17, 1888, Mr. Wagner married Phoebe J. Long, daughter of Samuel C. and Lydia (Dunkelberger) Long, of Little Mahanoy township, and they had one child, William D., born May 14, 1889, who died when six days old. Mr. and Mrs. Wagner reside in their own home at No. 1030 Chestnut street, Sunbury. They are members of Zion's Lutheran Church, and Mr. Wagner belongs to Camp No. 194, P. O. S. of A.; to the Modern Woodmen of America; to the Clerks' and Letter Carriers' Association, and to the Friendship Hose Company of Sunbury.

P. H. TYE, of Mount Carmel, Northumberland county, is engaged in a general blacksmithing business at the corner of Second and Maple streets. He deals in carriages, wagons and sleighs, builds and repairs wagons, does horseshoeing, carriage painting, etc.

**THEODORE TALPASH**, proprietor of the Talpash Cafe and Hotel, located at No. 318 East Sunbury street, Sunbury, has been in business there since 1899 and is a very well known citizen of the borough. He has been quite a prominent worker among those of his own nationality and is very popular.

Mr. Talpash was born Oct. 28, 1859, in Galicia, Austria, son of Louis Talpash, who followed mining in that country and died there. Theodore Talpash received his education in the public schools of his native land and was trained to farming, which he followed until he entered the army at the age of twenty years. He served four years and two months as a soldier, taking part in the local war of revolution between the Turks and the Austrians, and at the expiration of this period returned to his home. But his father came to the conclusion that army life had spoiled the young man for farming, and after three months he determined to try his fortune in America. Leaving his home March 13, 1884, he landed at New York City April 3d, and came on at once to Shamokin, Northumberland Co., Pa., where a number of his fellow countrymen were settled. For about five years after settling here Mr. Talpash followed mining, being engaged by Baumgardner & Douthett at the Enterprise colliery. He then began keeping store on North Shamokin street, but after seven months in that line changed to his present business. His cafe and hotel are well patronized, and he has a profitable patronage, built up by excellent business methods and successful catering to the wants of his customers. His reputation as citizen and business man has always been above reproach.

Mr. Talpash was one of the organizers of the Russian Catholic Church in Shamokin, of which he is still a trustee, and he is one of those devoted

members who by their untiring efforts have brought the parish to its present prosperous condition and made possible the erection of the magnificent church now approaching completion. He has also been active in the various societies connected with the church. He is a member of the Russian Union of the United States and Canada.

Mr. Talpash's wife, Anastaze, is also a native of Austria. They have a family of five children: Ulger, Jennie, Helen, Annie and John.

**DANIEL C. BLANK**, who has been a resident of Sunbury since 1872, has been a railroad man since 1866 and an engineer since 1886, running on the Pennsylvania railroad. He has been in the employ of the Pennsylvania Company for the long period of thirty-eight years.

Mr. Blank is a son of Samuel Blank and grand-son of Joseph Blank, who lived in Berwick, Columbia Co., Pa., whither he came at an early period in the history of the settlement of Columbia and Montour counties. He owned a farm, but was obliged to retire at a comparatively early age, because of rheumatism, which so affected him in his closing years that he could not walk without using two canes. He died at Berwick about 1870, at a very advanced age, and is buried near that place. Mr. Blank was a Methodist in his earlier years, later uniting with the Evangelical Association. He was twice married, and survived both wives. His first wife bore him four children, all born in the first year of marriage: Samuel, and Joseph and Peter, boys, and Jessie, girl, near Berwick. Polly married Jacob Kissner.

Samuel Blank, son of Joseph, was born in 1814 and died in 1868, aged fifty-four years. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, and is buried in the old Lutheran cemetery back of Briar Creek, in Columbia county. By occupation he was a farmer. He married Maria Klinetob, daughter of Christopher and Catharine Klinetob, of Salem township, Luzerne Co., Pa., and she died in 1867, at the age of forty-eight years, the mother of the following named children: One daughter that died in infancy; Katie Ann, who died young; Robertus, of West Pittston, Pa.; Elmina, wife of Benjamin Eveland, living at Jonestown, Pa.; Daniel C.; Malinda (deceased), who married Samuel M. Smith and lived in Forty Fort, Luzerne county; Jennie, widow of Samuel Poet, who was an engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad and was killed at Duncannon, Pa. (she lives at Harrisburg); Sarah, widow of Wilson Stodt, living at Sunbury; Louisa (deceased), who married Webster Gorse, now a resident of Berwick, Pa.; and Annie (deceased), wife of Thomas Poet (brother of Samuel, who married her sister Jennie), who lives in Altoona, Pennsylvania.

Daniel C. Blank was born July 5, 1848, in Sugar Loaf township, Luzerne Co., Pa., and was only a



youth of sixteen when he enlisted, Sept. 2, 1864, from Columbia county, for one year, to serve as a musician. He became a member of Company I, 110th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, which was assigned to the 3d Brigade, 2d Division, 5th Army Corps, Army of the Potomac. He was present at Lee's surrender and received an honorable discharge May 30, 1865, at Arlington Heights, Va., by reason of the close of the war. In 1866 Mr. Blank began work as a railroad man, and has been thus engaged ever since. He first worked for the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Company, later for the Northern Central and then for the Philadelphia & Erie, both the latter being now under the control of the Pennsylvania, for which he has been working thirty-eight years. Since 1886 he has been engaged as an engineer. His efficiency and trustworthiness may be best judged by the length of his service, which of itself would constitute a remarkable record. He is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

On Aug. 25, 1872, Mr. Blank married Emma C. Sensenbach, daughter of Charles and Oradio (Gold—now Gould) Sensenbach, who died at Sunbury, but were earlier of Nazareth, Pa. Mrs. Blank had the following brothers and sisters: Sarah, who died aged twelve years; Cloyde, of Bethlehem, Pa.; Mary E., who is the widow of Daniel Paden; James, of Louisville, Ky. (he was drowned at that place in 1910); August, of St. Louis, Mo.; Charles A., of Sunbury; Elmer, of Lewisville, Pa.; and David G., of Sunbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Blank have had four children: Harry N., of Pittsburgh, Pa.; George W., of Pittsburgh; Bessie A., married to Samuel D. Best, a merchant in Sunbury; and Charles W., at home.

GEORGE W. RUPP, of Marion Heights, Northumberland county, is foreman at the Greenough colliery, where he has been engaged since 1900, and is very well known in the mines, where he has been employed for about fifty years, since early boyhood. His home was in Shamokin until his recent removal to Marion Heights.

Mr. Rupp was born Jan. 1, 1849, in Catawissa township, Columbia Co., Pa., and is a representative of the fifth generation of his family in America, being descended from George Rupp, who came to America from Alsace Lorraine, Germany, in 1750. There is quite a romance in connection with his emigration from his native land and settlement in America. In his native land he had met Countess Ursula von Petersholtz, daughter of John Heinrich von Petersholtz, and her family, being of the nobility, objected to their union, in spite of the fact that young Rupp was a most superior young man. The young couple thereupon married and eloped to America, where they founded a family which has become honored in every

locality in which it has been represented. The following account is mostly from family and church records.

(I) George Rupp was born Aug. 11, 1721, at Wimmern, Lower Alsace, son of Ulrich and Margarette (Holtz) Rupp. On Jan. 27, 1750, he married Ursula von Petersholtz, and came to America, at once locating in Lehigh county, Pa., settling first at Trexlertown, where he took up a large section of land on a grant received from the Penns. Some of the descendants of this couple still live on a portion of the original grant. George Rupp died in Northampton (now Lehigh) county Sept. 13, 1807, aged eighty-six years. Rev. Heinrich Helfrich, the minister who preached at Trexlertown from 1784, baptized and married George Rupp's children, who were nine in number, four sons and five daughters. We have the following record of this family: (1) Maria Clara was born Dec. 4, 1750. (2) Margarette was born Aug. 25, 1752. (3) Anna Margarette was born Sept. 10, 1754. (4) Adam Harmanus, born Nov. 7, 1756, married Barbara Berer, who was of Swiss descent, and they had one son named Jacob, who married Mary Vogel. Jacob Rupp died in 1860. (5) Johann George was born Feb. 28, 1758. (6) Andreas, born March 26, 1760, had a family. (7) Johannes, born July 2, 1762, is mentioned below. (8) Maria was born Jan. 2, 1764. (9) Anna was born in 1766.

(II) Johannes Rupp, son of George, was born July 2, 1762, at Trexlertown, Lehigh county, and died in Philadelphia. He was a blacksmith by trade. His children were: William, Jacob, George and Mary (married Jacob Stein).

(III) George Rupp, son of Johannes, was born May 30, 1790, at Trexlertown, Lehigh county, and died Feb. 8, 1870. He learned weaving and followed that trade for some time. But he was still a young man when he moved to Columbia county, Pa., and settled in what is now Catawissa township, taking up farming, in which work he prospered. He acquired three large farms. He was a Lutheran in religious faith. George Rupp married Elizabeth Moyer, and they had four children, namely: (1) Mary (Polly) married Michael Stein, and their children were: Jacob, George, David, Michael, Jonas, Amanda and Elizabeth. (2) Reuben, who died in Mount Carmel, had a large family, viz.: George, Sally Porger, Jonas (who had children Cora Rorck, Sarah Porger, Kate Mench, Herman, William, Franklin, Albert, Luzetta Cooper and Elizabeth Fahringer), Mary Hershfeld, Harriet Lantz, Harmon, Andrew (who had a son Warren) and Elizabeth Duddinger (who had children William, Lorenzo, Sarah English, Harriet Martin, Clara Klein, Daniel, Flora Conrad, Edward and Irving). (3) John is mentioned below. (4) Jonathan, who died in Mount Carmel, Pa., had children: Frank, Elizabeth Henry, Alfred, Carrie Jane Owens, Charles, Clark and El-

sie Eisenhart, wife of J. H. Eisenhart, of Shamokin.

(IV) John Rupp, son of George, was born Oct. 17, 1819, in Catawissa township, Columbia county, and followed farming in that county, becoming well-to-do and acquiring land there. Retiring, he removed to Shamokin, but his death occurred while he was in Illinois, on a visit to his daughter, July 12, 1890. He married Mary Bachman, of St. Clair, Pa., daughter of Daniel Bachman, and to them were born the following children: (1) Elizabeth married Lemuel Fisher and John Meisberger, and her children are: John H.; George; Margaret, Barbara Ella Zuerns, who has had two children, John and Ella, and Mary Etta Henning, who had Lizzie, Kate and Raymond. (2) Anna married David Eveland and lives at Hagerstown, Md. (3) Daniel, who died in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., had children: Ella Thomas, Mrs. Donlan and Elizabeth. (4) John is a resident of Shamokin. (5) George W. is mentioned below. (6) David lives in Johnson City, near Shamokin. (7) Kathryn married Richard Henley, of Indiana. (8) Ellen married William Cute. (9) Rebecca married William O'Brien.

(V) George W. Rupp received his education in the public schools of Shamokin, but he was a mere boy when he began picking slate at the Cold Run Colliery. He had only worked at that for three weeks, however, when he was made doortender, and later he drove team. He next commenced mining, at the Brady colliery, and later was at the Enterprise, run by Baumgardner & Douty, where he was employed for some time. In 1900 he came to the Greenough colliery, as assistant inside foreman, and there he has since remained. He is an industrious, reliable and intelligent worker, and has a respected name among his fellow employees and among his employers.

On Oct. 17, 1871, Mr. Rupp married Della Lyons, daughter of Thomas Lyons. The latter emigrated from Ireland, and on his arrival in this country first located at Pittsburg, Pa., thence coming to Shamokin, where he was one of the early settlers, among his neighbors being the Weaver, Zuern, Dailey, Fagely and Snyder families. To Mr. and Mrs. Rupp have been born children as follows: John E.; Thomas J., who lives in Shamokin; Catherine M., married to Daniel Hyland, of Philadelphia; George F.; William J., of Philadelphia; Raymond V.; and Mary V. and B. Irene, both of whom are deceased. In February, 1909, the family moved from Shamokin to Marion Heights (Keiser post office). **Mr. Rupp and his family are members of St. Edward's Catholic Church.** Fraternally he is a member of the F. O. E., Aerie No. 533. He is an independent voter.

ABRAHAM REDCAY, foreman of the foundry department of the American Car & Foundry

Company at Milton, and one of the faithful employees of that company, was born in Lewis township Jan. 23, 1817, son of Daniel and Abby (Kint) Redcay.

The name Redcay (Redche, Retge) has been common in Lancaster and Berks counties in Pennsylvania for one hundred and fifty years. (I) Elias Rattge (or Redche), the first of the name here, came to Pennsylvania Sept. 26, 1737, from Germany, and was accompanied by Nicholas Rattge, a relative. Both names were written by a clerk and that of Elias was spelled Ratgen. Tradition says he was related to John Jacob Radge, who arrived in Philadelphia Dec. 3, 1740, on the ship "Robert and Alice," Capt. Goodman, commander. Elias Rattge settled at once in Robeson township, Lancaster county, and Nicholas in Albany township, Berks (then Philadelphia) county, and on Nov. 28, 1750, the latter received a warrant for fifty acres in Philadelphia county. He was a farmer, but little is known of him. He died in 1760, leaving a widow, Maria Ann Ursula, and children Elias (died in Greenwich township, Berks county, in 1773) and Anna Margarete.

In 1750 Elias Rattge (or Redche) secured a warrant from the proprietaries of Pennsylvania for sixty-five acres of land in Robeson township, Lancaster county; in 1752 this township was transferred to Berks county. On Oct. 28, 1765, he purchased 140 acres adjoining the sixty-five, and there he farmed until 1773. On June 12, 1773, he sold his property at Gibraltar to his only son, Elias, Jr., and moved to Chumru (now Brecknock) township, in what was called "the Forest." There he purchased 134 acres, through which ran the Allegheny creek, and on the banks of that stream he erected a sawmill, which he conducted successfully until the time of his death. He also followed farming on this land. He died in 1786, aged about seventy years, and is buried at St. John's cemetery, Gibraltar—a part of his old farm. Elias Redche was twice married. By his first wife Elizabeth he had the following children: (1) Elias, born in 1745, married April 6, 1773, Elizabeth Hunter, of Oley (born in 1752, died Jan. 11, 1816), and died Jan. 3, 1829. (2) Barbara married John Kendall. (3) Mary, born Aug. 5, 1747, married May 28, 1770, Gottlieb Christian, and died in 1832. (4) Catharine, born April 22, 1756, married Sept. 5, 1773, Christian Krauss, and died Feb. 14, 1809. (5) Elizabeth married Frederick Rapp Sept. 20, 1770, and died before 1786. Elias Redche married (second) March 21, 1773, Rosina Zigler, widow of Adam Zigler. They had no children, and at his death in 1788 she married Christian Eschelman, a neighbor.

(II) Elias Redcay, Jr., only son of Elias, lived in Robeson township, where he carried on farming and conducted a sawmill. He carried on operations on the two tracts which he had purchased



from his father in 1773, up to 1804, when he decided to sell out. He was an extensive dealer in land and a large property owner, owning several good farms and a few timber tracts on which he operated sawmills. On April 29, 1791, he and his wife deeded to Valentine Geiger and Herman Umstead in trust for the inhabitants of this section a tract of land containing one acre, ten perches, it being part of the land he had purchased from his father. This land contained the private burying ground of the Redcays, who in later years allowed people of their section to bury their dead there. It was the intention to have a church built there, but this was not done until 1809, and it is known as St. John's Lutheran and Reformed Church. It is said that a log church was on the property before the present church was built. All Christian congregations which contributed to its support were allowed to worship in the building, and they were also to maintain and keep the graveyard. Late in life Elias Redcay lost most of his competency, through disastrous financial investments. He was a member of the General Assembly from Exeter in 1805-1806, and during the Revolutionary war he served as a lieutenant of militia from Pennsylvania in Capt. Adam Beard's Company, 3d Battalion, Lieut. Col. Jonathan Jones. He was a great reader and delighted to tell stories of the war. He died Jan. 3, 1829, and is buried in the old Redcay burying ground. On April 6, 1773, Elias Redcay married Elizabeth Hunter, born 1752, died Jan. 11, 1816, and their children were: (1) Henry, born Aug. 13, 1775, married Mary Catharine Neykirk, of Exeter, born Jan. 25, 1779. He died May 22, 1848, and she Sept. 3, 1842, and both are buried in the Muddy Creek cemetery in Lancaster county. (2) John. (3) Elias, born Dec. 28, 1782, married (first) Jan. 29, 1809, Sarah Harner, of Exeter. She died and was buried in Muddy Creek cemetery, and he married (second) July 16, 1826, Elizabeth Strauss, of Bern, born Feb. 12, 1790. He passed away Jan. 28, 1867, and she died Aug. 19, 1875, and both are buried at Adamstown, Lancaster county. (4) Elizabeth married Samuel Ludwig, of Cumru, and they moved to Missouri in 1832. (5) Maria married June 9, 1805, Jacob Ludwig.

(III) John Redcay, son of Elias, was born in Robeson township, Berks county, about 1779. On April 10, 1810, he, with his father, purchased a farm of John Barr, of Exeter township, which they farmed until 1823, when they sold out. He then moved to a farm near Schwartzwald in Exeter, which had a clover mill on it. There he remained until his death in 1836, and he is buried in St. John's graveyard at Gibraltar. About 1807 he married Esther Rhoads, of Amity township, Berks county, and they had children as follows: (1) Mary, born Oct. 11, 1807, married Thomas Lewis. (2) Betzy, born April 10, 1809, married Pete

Romig, and died Oct. 16, 1851. (3) John, born April 25, 1810, married Phoebe Schrack, born Oct. 31, 1817, died Feb. 13, 1854. He died in July, 1848. (4) Daniel, born Feb. 1, 1812, married Abby Kint, and died June 1, 1890. (5) Jacob, born June 13, 1816, died unmarried Dec. 18, 1898. (6) Catharine married John Lewis.

(IV) Daniel Redcay, son of John, was born Feb. 1, 1812, and died June 1, 1890, and is buried at McEwensville, Pa. He came to Northumberland county in his young manhood, and settled at McEwensville, where in 1859 he built the home in which he resided until his death. He was a contractor and builder, and many of the houses and barns in that district were built by him. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, and in politics was a Democrat. He married Abby Kint, who was born at Brier Creek, Berks county, April 18, 1818, and died April 13, 1904, and is buried at McEwensville. Their children were: William and Christian, who both died young; Angeline, born Dec. 24, 1842, on the old homestead; Henry, born Feb. 1, 1845, living in Watontown; Abraham; and Edward, born in 1861, living at Scranton.

(V) Abraham Redcay, son of Daniel, was born Jan. 23, 1847, and in his youth learned the trade of molder at McEwensville. In 1872 he came to Milton, and became connected with the American Car & Foundry Company, and in 1889 was made foreman of the foundry department, a position he still holds. During the Civil war he served as a private in Company B, 210th Pennsylvania Volunteers, spending nine months in the service of his country. He is a member of Henry Wilson Post, No. 129, G. A. R. He and his family attend the Lutheran Church. They reside at No. 234 Park avenue, Milton, in a home Mr. Redcay built and moved into at the time of his marriage. He votes the Prohibitionist ticket, and takes a firm stand for his party's principles.

Mr. Redcay married Susanna Gold, daughter of David and Maria (Rissmiller) Gold, and they have had children: Edgar P., who died aged thirteen years, four months, twenty-one days; Elizabeth, who married Bert Hill, and lives in Turbut township; Franklin G., a jeweler employed by G. Dal. Fox, at Milton; and Clarence H., a molder, residing at Milton.

CHARLES LEVAN KREMER, of Sunbury, whose business and official activity has gained him a wide acquaintance, has been a prominent contractor and builder, and is now engaged in the real estate business. He is a son of Jacob Kremer, who as sheriff and treasurer of Northumberland county won popularity and friends.

Jacob Kremer, son of Benjamin, was born April 30, 1827, in Albany township, Berks Co., Pa., and was but a child when brought by his parents to Northumberland county. He obtained a liberal



education attending school at the various places in which the family resided during his early life. After reaching his majority he engaged in the stock business at Allenwood, and during the Civil war supplied horses for all branches of the army service. In 1879 he became owner of the "Mansion House," at Watsonstown, where he passed the remainder of his life. Though a resident of Northumberland county for less than twenty years, Mr. Kremer attained unusual prominence. In 1884 he was elected sheriff of Northumberland county, and in 1887, before the expiration of his term, he received the Republican nomination for county treasurer, and was elected. He died March 6, 1892, and was buried at Watsonstown.

On Jan. 6, 1853, Mr. Kremer married Julia Ann Allen, eldest daughter of Isaac and Jane (Pattin) Allen, of Allenwood, Union county, which place was named in his honor. Mrs. Kremer was born Dec. 25, 1829, and died Dec. 29, 1902. She was the mother of nine children, four of whom, George W., Newton, Boyd and John, died in infancy, and the surviving are: Sarah Alice, wife of Charles G. Purcell; Allen L., who married Ada Taylor; Charles Levan, mentioned below; Daniel A., who married Emma Forseman; and Jennie L., married to G. R. Nauss.

Charles Levan Kremer was born Jan. 4, 1857, at Allenwood, Union Co., Pa., and attended the district schools and at Williamsport. He came to Sunbury in 1884-85, at which time he became deputy sheriff under his father. He served during his father's term, 1885-88, and again became deputy when his father took the office of treasurer, serving as such from 1888 to 1891, and then as deputy under Robert Montgomery, Democratic sheriff. In the fall of 1893 he was elected prothonotary of Northumberland county by a majority of 1,100, and at the close of this term he was re-elected, by a majority of 1,399, serving six years in succession. During his service as prothonotary Mr. Kremer was also extensively engaged as a contractor and builder, in which line he was notably successful.

Fraternally Mr. Kremer is a Mason, holding membership in Maclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M.; Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M.; and Mount Hermon Commandery, No. 85, K. T.

On Feb. 25, 1897, he married Mrs. Kate (Finney) Van Horn, the ceremony being performed by Dr. Hamlin, of Washington. Her parents were Hamilton and Catharine Finney, of Kansas City, Missouri.

Hamilton Finney, her father, was a native of Northumberland county and spent his early life here. About the year 1840 he moved to Harrisonville, Mo., and after the Civil war he went to Kansas City, where he took a prominent part in the political life of the city. There his daughter

Kate was born and lived all her early life. She married Robert Van Horn, who died in 1885. In 1895, after the death of Mrs. Finney, Mr. Finney and his daughter came back to Sunbury to live and here she met Mr. Kremer, whom she married in Washington, D. C., in 1897. For twelve years they lived in Sunbury and then bought "Honeywood Farm," on the hill opposite the town, where she lived until her death one year later. Mrs. Kremer occupied a unique place in the life of Sunbury. She was a woman of rare refinement and culture, having had the advantages of extensive travel and study. She was an artist of unusual ability, studying in Paris and New York, where she did some notable work in oils. She was a linguist, and up to the time of her death spent much time in the study of German and French. Mrs. Kremer had a charming personality and possessed to an unusual degree the faculty of making and keeping friends. She was most lavish in her hospitality and possessed gifts which made her some the center of the best sort of social intercourse. She died May 21, 1910, and is buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery at Sunbury.

FREDERIC ANTES GODCHARLES, president and general manager of the F. A. Godcharles Company, of Milton, manufacturers of iron and steel nails, hinges, washers and puddled iron, is at the head of an industry which has done much for the borough's prosperity for over a third of a century. This company is the successor of the C. A. Godcharles Company, which was established in 1875 by the late Charles A. Godcharles, father of Frederic A. Godcharles. Employment is given at present to about four hundred, a fact which conveys some idea of the importance of the Godcharles plant in its relation to the local industrial situation. Mr. Godcharles is one of the young business men foremost in his section of Pennsylvania, and he has not only extensive business interests but also numerous social connections. Moreover, he has been conscientious in the discharge of his civic responsibilities, having served faithfully in public office, for which his ability and experience make him peculiarly competent.

Mr. Godcharles was born June 3, 1872, oldest son of Charles A. and Elizabeth (Burkenbine) Godcharles. His father was one of the constituent members of the firm of C. A. Godcharles & Co., organized in 1875. His mother was the daughter of the late Samuel A. Burkenbine, one of the most prominent newspaper men of his day; she was also the granddaughter of Alexander Hughes, another member of the newspaper profession and at one time State printer, and the great-granddaughter of Col. Philip Frederic Antes, a colonel in the Revolution, a most prominent early citizen, one of the first president judges and for many years

treasurer of Northumberland county. The subject of this sketch was named for this illustrious ancestor.

CHARLES ALVIN GODCHARLES, son of Henry and Esther (Price) Godcharles, was born at Farrandsville, Clinton Co., Pa., Dec. 8, 1843. He attended the public schools for a few years, and learned the trade of nailmaker, under his father, who was a pioneer nailmaker in this country, traveling all the way from his native place in Canada by foot. At a very tender age Mr. Godcharles enlisted for service in the Civil war in Company G, 131st Pennsylvania Volunteers, and reënlisted in Company A, 201st Pennsylvania Volunteers. After the close of the war he followed his trade at Duncannon, Pa., and later removed to Northumberland, where he accepted a similar position with Van Allen & Co. In 1874 he headed a company which built a nail mill at Milton, later one at Towanda, and then a third at Northumberland. He retired from active business a few years before his death, which occurred January 17, 1903. He was a member of the Masonic Fraternity, belonging to all the bodies, and was a prominent member of the Republican party.

On June 25, 1905, the F. A. Godcharles Company, successors to the C. A. Godcharles Company, was incorporated, Frederic A. Godcharles becoming president and general manager; Walter A. Godcharles, vice president; and William B. Godcharles, secretary and treasurer, these officers being brothers.

Frederic A. Godcharles received his preparatory education in Milton, graduating from the high school in May, 1888, after which he took a course in electrical engineering at Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., graduating in 1893. Since that time he has been associated in business as above stated. His principal interest is in the F. A. Godcharles Company, of which he is the title member, but he has also formed other important connections, local and otherwise. He is a director of the Garrett County Coal and Mining Company. He is also interested in other corporations, either because of the advantages they offer, the locality or because they appear attractive propositions for the investment of capital. In short, he is a typical modern progressive business man. In 1910 he bought *The Miltonian*, the only weekly newspaper of Milton, the first newspaper of the place and the oldest in the county, it having been established by Henry Frick in 1816 and published without interruption since. This paper has grown wonderfully in the past year and ranks with the largest and best in this section of the State.

Mr. Godcharles served throughout the Spanish-American war with the 12th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and he has been a captain and inspector of rifle practice in the 12th Regiment, Pennsylvania National Guard. He was

a member of the lower house of the Pennsylvania State Legislature, session of 1901, and in Nov., 1901, was elected to the State Senate; he served on the Inaugural committee, Appropriations, Public Roads and Highways, Military, and as chairman of the committee on Game and Fish. He is a past officer in the Sons of Veterans and Knights of Malta, and a charter member of the Milton Lodge, B. P. O. Elks. He is a prominent member of the Masonic Fraternity, being a past officer in Lodge, Chapter and Commandery and a member of the Council, Scottish Rite (in which he is a thirty-second degree Mason) and Mystic Shrine. He is at present serving his fifth year as district deputy grand master for the Forty-sixth Masonic district.

Mr. Godcharles has just published a history of Freemasonry in Northumberland and Snyder counties, which is the largest work of its kind ever attempted in the fraternity. He is a member of the Harrisburg Club of Harrisburg, the Union League Club of Philadelphia, the Ross Club of Williamsport, the Milton Rod and Gun Club, the Otzinaekon Rod and Gun Club of Clinton County, the Automobile Club of Central Pennsylvania (of which he is president), the Motor Federation of Pennsylvania (of which he is chairman of the touring committee), a director of the Pennsylvania State Sportsmen's Association and a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. When in college he became a member of the Phi Kappa Psi and the Theta Nu Epsilon fraternities. His favorite recreations, as may be gathered from the foregoing, are automobiling, hunting and shooting. He is a Presbyterian in religion and a Republican in politics.

On June 15, 1904, Mr. Godcharles was married, in Washington, D. C., to Mary Walls Barber, of St. Mary's county, Maryland.

ISAAC M. GROSS, of Sunbury, who followed the milling and lumber businesses for a number of years, has been a resident of the borough since 1874 and has been a useful citizen and a respected member of the community during all those years.

Mr. Gross was born in Snyder county, Pa., Aug. 5, 1845, and he is a great-grandson of Michael Gross, an early settler in Berks county, Pa., who lived and died there. Israel Gross, son of Michael, moved thence to Snyder county when a young man, being among the early settlers in his locality. He was a farmer on Blue Hill, just across the river from Fort Augusta, where his grandson, Isaac M. Gross, now lives.

John Gross, son of Isaac, was born in 1833 in Snyder county, opposite Fort Augusta, and died in 1876, being killed in a sawmill. He is buried at Shamokin Dam. He married Mary Gougler, daughter of George Gougler, of Snyder county, and granddaughter of the late Capt. Jacob Hummel, a widely known man in his day, who served as a



captain in the Revolutionary war; he was the second person buried in the cemetery at Selinsgrove. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. John Gross: Milton G.; Olivia J., who married Dr. Bordner (both are deceased); and Isaac M.

Isaac M. Gross received his education in the public schools of Snyder county. In his early manhood he was in the milling business, and before his removal to Sunbury was in the lumber business from 1866 to 1873, at Shamokin Dam. In 1874 he settled in Sunbury, where he continued to carry on the lumber business, retiring from active pursuits in 1893. Since 1895 he has lived at his present home, Fort Augusta, a beautiful place along the river front in Sunbury. He has taken a public-spirited interest in the welfare of the borough, and served two terms in the council, to which he was first elected in the year 1899.

On Jan. 21, 1874, Mr. Gross married Amelia Lucust Hancock, and to them have been born two daughters, Olivia J. and Ella B., the former of whom is deceased. Ella B. Gross married William M. Rossiter, of Sunbury, and they have six children, Jane A., Gertrude B., Monroe C., Mary R., William M. and Marcella G.

Mrs. Gross is a woman of intelligence and of enterprising disposition. Born at St. Blazey, Cornwall, England, in 1849, she learned the millinery business in her native land and came to America with her parents in 1869. The family landed at Castle Garden, and stopped only two hours in New York, continuing their journey at once to Reading, Pa. Hotel accommodations were not so plentiful in those days as at present, and they were obliged to spend the night of their arrival in the railroad station. They settled at Locust Dale, in Schuylkill county, and Mrs. Gross was for three years engaged at her trade in Ashland, that county, and at Mount Carmel, in Northumberland county, before she commenced business in Sunbury, in 1872. She became one of the successful business women of the borough and received her full share of the local patronage. On May 5, 1895, at sheriff's sale, she bought the old Colonel Hunter property at Fort Augusta, well known all over Pennsylvania and in fact to historians everywhere. It has been improved and beautified through the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Gross until it is one of the notably handsome places along the river front.

William Hancock, father of Mrs. Gross, was an expert mining engineer and inspector of mines, and was well known in and around Locust Dale, where he made his home. He died Jan. 21, 1876, and is buried at Sunbury. He married Jane Lucust, daughter of John Locust, and they had a family of eight children: Richard, who came to America in 1852 and fought through the Civil war; Mary J., who died young; Mary, who married Thomas

Stephen and died in England; William, who served three months in the English army before he came to America, in 1853, and served here through the Civil war; John, who died young; Jane; Caroline; and Amelia.

In 1911 Mrs. Gross made a tour of England, setting sail June 27th and returning in September. She visited her old home and many notable places; attended Ambassador Reid's reception on July 4th; and had the honor of touching the original plan—now in the British Museum—of Fort Augusta, which was built in America by the British during the reign of King George III. Among other famous places she visited Westminster Abbey and the Cathedral of Canterbury. She was very proud to visit the Cathedral, as she had been confirmed in 1862 at Tywardreath Church by Archbishop Longlev, who was Archbishop of Canterbury from 1795 to 1869.

EARL M. ROUSH, of Sunbury, a young member of the Northumberland county bar who is gaining a creditable practice and standing in his profession, is a member of an old Snyder county family. His great-grandfather, Simon Roush, moved to that county from Lebanon county and settled near Freeburg. His children were as follows: Charles, Edward, Joshua, Christiana, Amelia, Louisa, Esther and Alexander.

Alexander Roush, grandfather of Earl M. Roush, was born in 1822, and died in 1890. He was a farmer by occupation, and lived near Freeburg, Snyder county. He married Charlotte Mengis, born in 1835, died in 1900, and they had a family of eight children, of whom we have the following record: (1) Wallace is deceased. (2) Jacob M. is mentioned below. (3) Noah married Ella Gundrum, and they had children, Mabel, Nelson and Lucy. (4) Elijah married Ellen Wertz, and they had one son, Simon. (5) Luther. (6) T. Jefferson married Sallie Wert. (7) Mary married John McCreary and had children, Clarence, Isabella and Walter. (8) Esther married William V. Baker.

Jacob M. Roush, son of Alexander, was born in 1848, in Snyder county, where he passed the greater part of his life, in 1891 removing to Sunbury, Northumberland county, where he built a home on Susquehanna avenue and passed the remainder of his life. His death occurred Oct. 31, 1903. Early in life he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed until his death. He was married at Freeburg to Sarah J. Schnee, daughter of Mathias Schnee (whose wife's maiden name was Rine). She survives him with the three children of their union, Earl M., Charlotta and William. The last named is still a student. Charlotta Roush graduated from the Sunbury high school in June, 1902, and subsequently taught school two years before her marriage, in 1904, to John



A. Flick, of the firm of Flick & Leib, Sunbury. Mr. and Mrs. Flick have had two children, Virginia and Bettie.

Earl M. Roush was born in 1881 in Freeburg, Snyder Co., Pa., and there received the beginnings of his education. He graduated from the Sunbury high school with the class of 1900. Being ambitious to gain a college education, but being dependent entirely upon his own resources, he secured the position of assistant secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Sunbury, which he held for one year, meanwhile pursuing his studies under private tutors. He then entered the sophomore class at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., from which institution he was graduated in June, 1905, and in September following he entered the Carlisle law school, where he completed the course, graduating in 1907. In August, 1907, Mr. Roush was elected to fill the chair of mathematics at the Sunbury high school, and was reëlected in 1908. On Nov. 18, 1907, he was admitted to the bar of Northumberland county, and in 1908 opened an office in the Bassler building, in Sunbury, and began the regular practice of his profession. His early efforts, and the obstacles he has successfully overcome in acquiring a thorough education and adequate professional training, are excellent indications of what his future may be.

Mr. Roush's social connections are with the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity, and he is a Mason, belonging to Maclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M. He is a member of Zion's Lutheran Church.

**EMERICK.** The Emerick or Emrich family (early spelling Emrich) has been represented in Pennsylvania since the first half of the eighteenth century. There is record of a number who emigrated to this country during that period, the Pennsylvania Archives, Vol. XVII, showing the following, with name of ship and date of arrival: Johan "Nickel" Emrich (aged thirty-six), "Glasgow," Sept. 9, 1738; Jacob Emrich (aged nineteen), "Patience and Margaret," Sept. 25, 1748; Johan Fried. Emrich, "Chesterfield," Sept. 1, 1749; Anthoni Emrich, "Royal Union," Aug. 15, 1750; Johan Georg Emmerich, "Richard and Mary," Sept. 20, 1752; Herman Emrich (aged twenty-seven) and Carl Emrich (aged twenty-seven), "Louisa," Oct. 3, 1753; Johan Peter Emrich, "Bannister," Oct. 31, 1754; Andreas Emrich, snow "Tryall," Dec. 4, 1764; Johannes Emrich, "Chance," Sept. 23, 1766; Joseph Emrich, "Betsy," Oct. 26, 1768; Johan Theobald Emrich, "Minerva," Oct. 13, 1769; Andreas Emmerich, "Charming Molly," Oct. 22, 1773. One John Bolters Emerick died on shipboard April 22, 1806.

That the family has long been quite numerous in eastern Pennsylvania is shown by the Federal Census Report of 1790, in which, under Emrich,

we find indexed Adam, Andrew, Balser, Herman, Jacob, Jacob, Jr., John, John (Philadelphia county), John, Jr., John, Jr., John George, Leonard, Ludwig (Philadelphia county), Michael, Nicolas (Cumberland county), Philip and William; of the Emrichs, there were George, Henry (of Dauphin county), and Jacob, John, John and Valentine (all four of Montgomery county). Of these, Adam Emrich, of Tulpehocken township, Berks county, had two sons under sixteen and two daughters; Andrew Emrich, of that township, had one son above and two sons under sixteen and four daughters; John George Emrich, of the same township, had four daughters; Balser Emrich, of Bethel township, Berks county, had three sons under sixteen and two daughters; John Emrich, Jr., of Bethel township, had one son under sixteen and one daughter; another John Emrich, Jr., of the same township, had two sons above sixteen; Jacob Emrich, also of Bethel township, had wife but no children; Jacob Emrich, Jr., same township, had one son above and one son under sixteen and two daughters; William Emrich, of Bern township, Berks county, had one son above and one son under sixteen, and two daughters; Leonard Emrich, of Brunswick (Brecknock?) and Mannheim townships, Lancaster county, had one son above and one son under sixteen; Michael Emrich had four sons above sixteen and two daughters; Philip Emrich, of the borough of Reading, Berks county, had two sons above and one son under sixteen, and three daughters; Herman Emrich, of Rockland township, Berks county, had one son above and two sons under sixteen, and three daughters. One Andrew Emrich, of Bethel township, Berks county, died before 1789, leaving a wife Margaret and children Valentine, Julianna (married Henry Moyer), John and Henry. During the Revolutionary war one Jacob Emmerick was a private in Capt. James Todd's company from Dauphin county.

Of the Emerich wills on record the earliest is that of Nicholas Emerich, regarding which we find the following in the register general's office at Reading, Berks county: Letters of administration under the said office with a true copy of a translation from the German original of the last will and testament of Nicholas Emerich, late of the township of Red Land in the County of Berks, aforesaid, yeoman, deceased, were granted to Valentine Emerich of the Township of Whitehall, in the County of Northampton, in the Province of Pennsylvania, yeoman, eldest son in the said testator, no executor or executors being therein named, he having first given bond according to law (Anna Barbara, the widow, relict of the said testator, appearing not to be of sound understanding sufficient to take upon her the burden of the administration of the estate of the said testator; inventory to be exhibited at or before the twenty-

sixth day of July next and an account of his administration at or before the twenty-sixth day of June, which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand, seven hundred and seventy; which will of the said Nicholas Emerich, deceased, was duly proved by the solemn oath of George Oberdorff and Jaque Baral, the Subscribing Witnesses to the said will, but being in the German Language could not be recorded. The will was proved the 16th of June, 1769; letters of administration, the 26th of same month. Examined by James Read, deputy register.

Descendants of Valentine Emerick live in Center county, near Center Hall. One is a doctor, and his sister is married to an attorney who has a number of Emerick family papers.

Other wills recorded are those of Jacob Emerich (1803); Adam Emerich (1809); Balzer Emerich (1810); Adam Emerich (1813); John Emerich (1816); Leonard Emerich (1841); Christian Emerich (1840); Hannah Emerich (1842); Barbara Emerich (1849); George Emerich (1865). Guardians were appointed for John and George Emerich in 1809; for Mary and Catharine Emerich in 1810; for a child of John Emerich (deceased) and for Peter and Joseph Emerich, 1815.

There was a John Nicholas Emerick, born in 1749, who came to this country in 1774, and engaged in the fur trade as a partner of John Jacob Astor, founder of the celebrated New York family. Astor, also a German, born in 1763 near Heidelberg, was engaged in the manufacture of musical instruments with his brother in London, and came to America in 1783, to Baltimore, with the idea of disposing of some of his instruments. He was the first regular dealer in that line in this country. Having exchanged musical instruments for furs, in New York, he accidentally entered into the business upon which his great fortune was founded. Returning to London with his stock, he disposed of it to such advantage that he speedily made another trip. In time he came to invest largely in real estate in New York, where he made his home until his death, in 1848. (See "Frolic and Fun," by Isabel Allardyce, 1907). John Nicholas Emerick, who was his partner in the fur business for thirty years, was stationed in Berlin and was probably the best known agent in Europe in that line of trade. He never married, leaving all his property to the children of two brothers in the United States. According to tradition Astor and Emerick entered into an agreement to the effect that no settlement of their partnership affairs was to be made for a certain number of years after the death of either. So far as the descendants of John Michael Emerick supposed to have been a brother of John Nicholas Emerick are concerned, no settlement has ever been reached. Michael Emerick, late of Lower Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, fa-

ther of the present Dr. M. L. Emerick, of that section, and grandson of John Michael, frequently referred to the family's claim to this estate and his hopes that his children would gain their legacy. The estate was reputed to be so vast as to stimulate the activities of possible beneficiaries. Franklin Square, Philadelphia, is part of the property involved. Some of the money is in banks at Bremen, Germany. On July 28, 1886, there was a press inquiry and notice to the heirs of the estate of Nicholas Emerick, and newspaper articles relating to the matter which have appeared at various times are preserved by members of the family as possible clues. Several Emericks in different parts of the country are reputed to have received money as heirs, and efforts are being made to have the matter closed up.

John Michael Emerick, the ancestor of the Emericks and Emricks of Northumberland county with which this article is concerned, was born Sept. 6, 1757, and had brothers and sisters as follows: Elizabeth, born April 18, 1752 (Mrs. Grace); Anna Catharine, born Sept. 9, 1754; Mary Barbara and John, twins, born July 12, 1760; Rose Elizabeth, born Nov. 20, 1763; Henry Landis, born July 30, 1767; Samuel, born Oct. 1, 1769.

John Michael Emerick, who died Nov. 14, 1835 (this does not agree with family record which says "he died aged thirty-eight years"), is buried on the farm now owned by John Michael Emerick, but which at that time was the property of Balthasar Bordner. A translation of an article of agreement made Nov. 29, 1784, between Martin Kerstetter, of Mahanoy township, Northumberland County, Pa., and Michael Emrich, of Bethel township, Berks Co., Pa., shows that Martin Kerstetter sells to Michael Emrich a tract of land located in Mahanoy township containing 150 acres for 160 pounds: 25 pounds on above date; 25 pounds on May 1, 1785; 10 pounds on Oct. 1, 1786; and 10 pounds yearly thereafter until paid. In article of agreement entered into between George and Michael Emrich, both of Mahanoy township, Northumberland county, and John Weidenhammer, from Richmond township, Berks county, parties of first part bound themselves to pay John Weidenhammer the sum of 166 pounds, 17 shillings, tenpence, lawful money, to be paid April 18, 1821. The same parties of first part agree to pay a like sum in 1822. A like sum they appear to have paid in 1820.

John Michael Emerick married Anna Catharine Pontius, born April 14, 1757, died March 11, 1838, and to them were born the following children: John, who never married, located in Ohio; (John) George is mentioned fully below; Sarah Marie, born April 28, 1789, died about 1871-72, married Jacob Spotts (born June 18, 1788, died June 14, 1852, one of the six children, two sons and four



daughters, of Johannes and Maria Spatz, the former born March 24, 1762, died Nov. 24, 1856; the latter born July 5, 1765, died Aug. 5, 1834); Catharine, born March 11, 1791, married Michael Lenker, and died Sept. 18, 1860; Elizabeth, born Aug. 11, 1785, married a Latsha, and died June 26, 1861; Michael, born in 1794, located on a farm adjoining the homestead, and died in 1873; Anna Mary, born in 1792, was married to Martin Kerstetter (the ceremony being performed by Adam Lenker, J. P., and witnessed by George Emrich, George Wolf and Michael Lenker), and died aged sixty-two years, eight months, eight days.

(John) George Emerick, son of John Michael, born March 9, 1788, died in 1871, and is buried at Zion's (Stone Valley) Church, of which he and his family were Lutheran members. His will, made April 25, 1870, was proved June 7, 1872. He came to Northumberland county in 1813, making the journey with one wagon, and became a farmer in Lower Mahanoy township, cultivating a large tract of land. His wife, Eva Magdalena (Zartman), daughter of Martin Zartman, born Oct. 8, 1795, died in 1876, and she, too, is buried at the Stone Valley Church. They were the parents of thirteen children, born as follows: George, April 23, 1813; Jacob, Dec. 21, 1814; Rebecca, Sept. 12, 1816 (married Charles Brosius); Benjamin, Feb. 1, 1818 (had children); Sarah, Nov. 7, 1819 (married Jonas Snyder); John, Dec. 2, 1821 (died Feb. 18, 1896); Elizabeth, Sept. 9, 1823 (died in infancy); Elias, Sept. 16, 1824 (died March 2, 1898); Catherine, 1826 (married John Stein); Mary, Sept. 2, 1828 (married Isaac Martz); Susannah, Jan. 14, 1831 (died young); Michael, Nov. 27, 1832; Joseph, Nov. 27, 1834.

Michael Emerick, son of (John) George, was born Nov. 27, 1832, on the farm in Lower Mahanoy township now owned by Frank Phillips. He owned and operated the farm which is now the property of his son-in-law, Jonathan Byerly, and in 1863 erected the large brick house now standing on that place, all the brick for which was made on the premises. A man of enterprise and intelligence, he was a useful and progressive citizen in every respect, encouraged public education and took an active part in matters of interest to the community generally. He enjoyed such confidence among his neighbors and friends that he was called upon to settle a number of estates. In politics he was a Republican, in religion a Lutheran, he and his family being Lutheran members of the Stone Valley Church, which he served as deacon and trustee. He died Dec. 21, 1899, and is buried at that church.

On Jan. 25, 1855, Mr. Emerick married Hannah Tressler, who was born Jan. 20, 1832, daughter of Jacob and Mary Ann (Billman) Tressler,

and who, though nearly eighty, is a well preserved woman, her vitality being remarkable. The following children were born to this union: (1) Sarah Minerva, born Jan. 29, 1856, married J. F. Blasser, and they have had a large family, born as follows: Charles Albert, July 10, 1882; John Ezra, born July 10, 1882 (married Nov. 10, 1906, to Crissie P. Dreifelbus); Mabel Saloma, Dec. 3, 1883; Mary Magdalene, May 23, 1885 (married July 27, 1909, Roscoe E. Walborn); Walter Jacob, Nov. 20, 1886; Hannah Henrietta, March 29, 1888; Naomi Susannah, March 14, 1889; Alice Minerva and Julius Abraham, twins, June 16, 1893; Ray Michael, Feb. 4, 1895; and Moses Obadiah, Feb. 27, 1897. (2) Theodore T., born July 22, 1857, married Rosa A. Latsha. They have no children. (3) Mar Magdalene, born Oct. 2, 1858, died in infancy. (4) Louisa Catherine, born Aug. 31, 1859, married Jonathan Byerly, and they have had nine children: Beecher, born Dec. 8, 1881; Naomi Josephine, Jan. 5, 1883; Claude Alveretta, June 27, 1884; Hannah Elizabeth, Oct. 16, 1885; Elias Michael, Oct. 23, 1886; Saloma Ellen, Aug. 10, 1889; Isaac Theodore, Nov. 3, 1892; Maude H., Dec. 6, 1894; Mark Jonathan, Nov. 18, 1900. (5) George Jacob Michael, born in August, 1865, is a farmer in Jordan township, in his native district. He was reared to farm life, working for his parents until twenty-two years of age, when he undertook to farm the homestead on his own account, continuing thus two years. In 1899 he purchased his present well located farm of 150 acres, two and a half miles north of Uniontown, one mile south from Urban, on the road leading to Pillow. This was the homestead of George Brosius, and before him his father, Daniel Brosius, owned it. The barn on this place is a landmark, and the house was erected by George Brosius during the nineties. Mr. Emerick has a fertile tract, in a good state of cultivation, and has prospered in his agricultural work. Politically he is a Republican, and served as supervisor of the township from 1907 to 1910. He and his family worship at Zion's Union Church, Stone Valley, of which he was a deacon three years. He was married Dec. 17, 1897, to Adeline Witmer, daughter of Henry S. and Phoebe (Zartman) Witmer. They have had one son, Michael Henry. (6) Hannah Rufina, born July 19, 1869, died in infancy. (7) Martin Luther, mentioned below, was born Nov. 10, 1872. (8) Ellen Miranda, born June 15, 1874, married Isaac R. Phillips, and has one child, Hannah Harriette, born Aug. 24, 1909.

MARTIN LUTHER EMERICK, M. D., of Hickory Corners, Northumberland county, is one of the notably successful physicians of his section of Pennsylvania. He was born on the farm in Jordan township where his boyhood days were passed, and received his early mental training in the local public schools. Later he attended the State nor-



mal school at Bloomsburg, and for one term taught public school in his home township. He then took a special course in chemistry at the Pennsylvania State College, and later a special course at Susquehanna University, finally entering Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, where he pursued his medical course and graduated in 1896. His special work was in diseases of the eye, a maternity course and optics, and upon the completion of his college work he did practical work in the German hospital at Philadelphia, under the special direction of Dr. Freese, formerly a lecturer in the Royal Medical College at Berlin, Germany. In June, 1896, he passed the examination of the State Medical Council, and returning home commenced practice. He remained at the homestead for two months, since when he has been a resident of Hickory Corners, his home being out from Dalmatia (Georgetown), on the Northern Central railroad. The most conservative admit his success, from the beginning. His practice was at first a typical general country practice, until his office work became so heavy that he was compelled to give up country calls and devote his attention to those who came to him. Few young physicians have attained even local renown so quickly. Dr. Emerick has had to bring his work into the limits of a specialist on chronic diseases and as such enjoys the most extensive practice in the State. He is reputed to have few equals as a diagnostician, and his fame has spread over several States because of the large number of people whom he has cured. Yet he is a most modest, unassuming gentleman, sympathetic, liberal and great-hearted, and has performed many services gratuitously, deserving his reputation as a benefactor of suffering humanity. His patients come from all over the country, especially from the anthracite and bituminous coal fields, and as many as seventy-two people have come on one train to his office in the rural section of Lower Mahanoy township. Dalmatia and Herndon teams and hacks have gained a thriving business through his popularity. Such demands have been made upon him that in one day of twenty-three and a half hours he saw 219 patients. He buys his drugs and supplies in wholesale quantities (medicine bottles in carload lots), his store room and office presenting the appearance of a wholesale drug store. Dr. Emerick himself manufactures a remedy which has considerable fame, the noted "Ginseng Dandelion Compound" for stomach and liver troubles, which has a gigantic sale.

Dr. Emerick is honored in his home community as a citizen who has few equals, for he is a high type of manhood. The business interests he has acquired have made him as influential a factor in the material prosperity of his fellow citizens as his professional work has given him prestige and personal popularity. He owns several fine

farms in the township where he lives, is interested financially in the shoe manufacturing business at Dalmatia, and also in a paint mill and the cement manufacturing industry. His largest investments, however, are in city real estate in Washington, D. C., and Carlisle, Pa. He is a man of large affairs and has accumulated considerable means.

In February, 1897, Dr. Emerick married Catharine Ellen Lenker, daughter of Paul and Catharine (Garman) Lenker, and granddaughter of Jacob and Catharine (Wert) Garman. They have had three children: John Paul Luther, born Jan. 16, 1900, who died May 18, 1902; Myrtle Hannah C. A., born Jan. 5, 1904; and Emma Irene, born Feb. 1, 1909. Dr. Emerick is a member of the Junior O. C. A. M., and the M. W. A. at Dalmatia.

JOSEPH EMERICK, a retired citizen of Sunbury, was born Nov. 24, 1834, in Lower Mahanoy township, son of (John) George Emerick. Brought up to farming, he passed his early years engaged in that work at home and among the neighboring farmers. For two years he followed lime burning. In 1859 he began farming in Lower Mahanoy township, where he lived for three years, at the end of that time moving to Rockefeller township, where he farmed for the long period of thirty-one years, until his retirement in 1894. He has since lived in Sunbury, making his home at No. 17 Fairmount avenue. He has taken some part in public affairs since settling there, having served three years as assessor of the Eighth ward. Mr. Emerick is a Republican in politics, and he and his family are Lutherans in religion.

In 1858 Mr. Emerick married Sarah Wirt, who was born June 12, 1836, daughter of Michael Wirt, of Lower Mahanoy, and died June 19, 1904. She was the mother of ten children, viz.: (1) Henry Morris was born Aug. 29, 1858. (2) Clara Ann, born Nov. 19, 1859, died Oct. 26, 1863. (3) One daughter died in infancy. (4) Sarah Jane, born May 8, 1863, was married Oct. 31, 1886, to J. Edward Ritz, and they have had the following children: a daughter born Sept. 20, 1887, who died the same day; Harrison Edward, born Oct. 19, 1889; Verna Viola, born March 27, 1891; a son born Aug. 29, 1894, who died the same day; Minnie Catharine, born Feb. 17, 1898, who died May 26, 1906; Lillian Martha, born Nov. 26, 1899; Martin Luther, born Feb. 17, 1904, who died March 13, 1904; and Charles Emerick, born Jan. 31, 1906. (5) Mary Magdalene was born Dec. 31, 1864. (6) Charles Lincoln, born June 26, 1866, married Sarah Isabell Raker, and their children have been born as follows: Harry Clarence, Jan. 20, 1893; Willie Charles, Feb. 3, 1895; Elmer Charles, Oct. 25, 1898; Leroy, Aug. 5, 1902; Herbert Roosevelt, Nov. 12, 1904; Wesley Weber, Jan. 21, 1907 (died Aug. 4, 1907); Viola Catharine, April 11, 1908; Minnie Josephine, Oct. 23, 1909. (7) George Wirt, born Aug. 1,

1868, has two children: Ralph Obadiah, born Nov. 3, 1892, and Edith Christanna, born April 26, 1894. (8) Minnie Alice was born May 23, 1872. (9) Joseph Albert, born Jan. 29, 1875, died Feb. 19, 1875. (10) A child born Aug. 22, 1878, died unnamed.

On Sept. 19, 1907, Mr. Emrick married (second) Mrs. Sophronia Elizabeth (Kerstetter) Martz, widow of Daniel B. Martz, of Sunbury, by whom she had two sons, Robert S. and Arthur A. Mrs. Emrick is a daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Gass) Kerstetter, of Shamokin (now Ralpho) township, and granddaughter of Philip Kerstetter, whose wife was a Slack, of Cameron township, this county, who died at Trevorton, in Zerbe township.

**SAMUEL DURELL JORDAN** (deceased), organizer and first cashier of the First National Bank of Milton, was in his day one of the foremost citizens of that borough, where the name of Jordan has been one respected and influential for a century and more. His brother, Alexander Jordan, was presiding judge of the Eighth Judicial district for twenty years.

Mr. Jordan was born in 1812 at Jaysburg (now a part of the city of Williamsport), Lycoming Co., Pa., son of Samuel J. and Rosanna (McClester) Jordan, the latter a daughter of Alexander McClester, a native of Aberdeen, Scotland. His father, born about 1764, lived at Jaysburg for a number of years. He was a boatman and pilot by occupation, and is mentioned by Tunison Coryell as one of the first to introduce sails in the navigation of the Susquehanna. About the year 1802 he removed with his family to Milton, where he owned canal-boats and continued to follow the business. Mr. Jordan died at Milton July 21, 1851, aged eighty-seven years, ten months, and his wife died Aug. 29, 1840, aged seventy-three years, ten months, fifteen days. They are buried at Milton. Mr. and Mrs. Jordan were the parents of three children: Alexander, William and Samuel D.

ALEXANDER JORDAN was born at Jaysburg May 19, 1798, and was a young child when the family removed to Milton, where he was reared. He had the educational advantages afforded by the local schools, but they were none too good and he went to work early. Moreover, though little more than a boy during the war of 1812-15, he accompanied the militia in the march across the State to Meadville, Crawford county, as deputy commissary, being absent several weeks. After clerking for several years in a store at Milton Mr. Jordan entered upon what was practically his apprenticeship to the legal profession, becoming an employee of Hugh Bellas, prothonotary of Northumberland county, for whom he was deputy clerk. During his work in that capacity he did begin the study of law

under Mr. Bellas, but he did not study regularly for some time, as his inclination was toward mechanical pursuits, and his leisure, moreover, was limited. He continued to serve as deputy prothonotary under Mr. Bellas's successors, George W. Brown and Andrew Albright, meanwhile carrying on his law studies with such success that he was admitted to the bar April 19, 1820, having passed an examination by Messrs. Hepburn, Hall and Bradford. He commenced practice at once, opening an office at Sunbury, and rose rapidly in the profession. His diligence as a student, which made his preparation especially thorough, was never relaxed after he entered upon the practice of the law, and much of his success was of the kind that may be won always by industry and patient care. His ability was unquestioned, but he did not depend upon natural talent alone to gain his patronage and prestige or to win his cases. In addressing the court or the jury he used language concise and to the point, and arguments which showed the most painstaking preparation, and his occasional eloquence was the eloquence of conviction, not of flowery but shallow discourse. Several years after his admission to the bar he received his first public honor, and from that time until the end of his days he was an influence in the judicial circles of his section. In 1826 he was commissioned prothonotary of the Supreme court for the Middle district, a connection which was of great value to him, bringing him, as it did, into contact with the leading jurists of the State. When the judiciary became elective in this State his high professional standing combined with his personal popularity made him a desirable candidate of his party—the Democratic, then dominant in the State, and in October, 1851, he was elected presiding judge of what was then the Eighth Judicial district, comprising Northumberland, Lycoming, Center and Clinton counties, by a large popular majority. He took the oath of office Nov. 28, 1851, and continued to serve, by reelection, for twenty years. In 1861 the counties of Northumberland, Montour and Lycoming constituted the district. Such continued honors as came to Judge Jordan were not the result of chance.

“Many complicated questions affecting large personal and property interests, and involving principles not heretofore considered, arose during Judge Jordan's incumbency: in these important cases his decisions have stood the severest scrutiny and will be an enduring evidence of his ability as a jurist. He was endowed in a remarkable degree with the logical faculty, while his analytical powers—keen, decisive and accurate—grasped at once the essential points in an argument, dismembered it of all irrelevant matter. To him the law was an intricate science, and its study was quite as much a source of intellectual gratification as a professional duty. His intercourse with members of the



bar was characterized by uniform courtesy, and his rulings were so given as to leave no unpleasant feelings; to the younger members his manner and words were kind, considerate and encouraging.

"A professor of the Christian religion, seeking to regulate his public and private conduct in strict conformity with the Christian faith, and to exemplify, by justice and diligence, the harmony of religious principles and professions with the diversified, important and dignified duties of a citizen, a lawyer, and a judge, he was for many years an elder in the Presbyterian Church of Sunbury and superintendent of its Sunday school."

Judge Jordan was twice married, his first union, in 1820, being to Mary, daughter of Daniel Hurley. After her decease he married Hannah Rittenhouse, formerly of Philadelphia, who survived him many years, continuing to make her home in Sunbury. Judge Jordan died Oct. 5, 1878, and is buried in the Sunbury cemetery.

Samuel Durell Jordan was one of the leading business men of Milton for many years, noted for his good judgment and executive ability, and he was prominent in the life of the borough generally. He was the organizer of the First National Bank of Milton, and became cashier when that institution opened for business, in February, 1861, continuing in that relation until his death, which occurred April 17, 1875. His opinion in financial matters was sought and followed for many years in this section.

On June 23, 1849, Mr. Jordan married Elisabeth Tharp, daughter of James and Phebe (Vincent) Tharp, who was born in 1823, and died March 24, 1886, at the age of sixty-three. Mr. and Mrs. Jordan are buried at Milton. They were the parents of the following named children: Florence V., who is deceased; Mary Hurley, who makes her home in Milton; Elisabeth M., who married Thomas Wilson and has two children, Elisabeth J. and Harburt L.; Frank, deceased; and Virginia J., deceased. The family are members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Jordan belonged to the I. O. O. F. and was a Democrat in politics.

The Vincent family, to which Mrs. Samuel Durell Jordan belonged, was of noble origin. Louis Vincent, the first ancestor to come to America, was born in 1676 in France, during the reign of Louis XIV. in that country and of Charles II. in England, of an old Huguenot family, and came to America after the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes. The family first settled in Alabama and there became large slave owners, selling their slaves some time before the war and then coming to what is now Chillisquaque, Northumberland Co., Pa.

Bishop John H. Vincent erected a beautiful church at Tuscaloosa, Ala., in memory of the family.

John Vincent, son of Louis, was born Jan. 26, 1709. On Dec. 1, 1733, he married Elisabeth Doremus, and they had children born as follows: Esther, July 2, 1734; Cornelius, April 15, 1737; Rachel, Feb. 24, 1739; Elisabeth, May 27, 1741; Elisabeth (2), Sept. 13, 1743; Jane, Feb. 28, 1746; Mary, March 5, 1748; Benjamin, March 10, 1751; Peter, Jan. 18, 1754.

Cornelius Vincent, son of John, born in 1737, married Phebe Ward, who was born April 8, 1740. They had children as follows: Isaac, born June 20, 1757; Daniel, Jan. 17, 1760; Bethuls, June 3, 1763; Sarah, July 25, 1765; Benjamin, Oct. 5, 1768; John, Feb. 4, 1772; Elizabeth, Jan. 4, 1774; Rebecca, Oct. 27, 1776; Mary, Feb. 10, 1779.

Daniel Vincent, son of Cornelius, born Jan. 17, 1760, became the owner of about four hundred acres of land near Fort Freeland, Northumberland county, lying along Warrior run. In 1790 he built the first mill in the vicinity, becoming particularly well known in this connection. The mill was remodeled in 1818 and is still standing. Daniel Vincent was at Fort Freeland when it was attacked by the Indians and he and his wife were taken prisoner, but she was sent back to her friends on horseback, while he was taken to Canada, where he was held for four years. During this time he acted as Commission Agent for his captors. During his fights with the Indians he sustained an injury in his side which continually grew worse and, finally, caused his death. He and many members of his family are buried in the Warrior Run cemetery.

On March 3, 1778, Mr. Vincent married Angelica Huff, who was born in August, 1760, and their children were born as follows: Phebe, Sept. 15, 1779 (married James Tharp); Isaac, Oct. 21, 1783; Nancy, Dec. 6, 1785; Polly, Oct. 19, 1787; Elisabeth, 1789; Joseph, Sept. 18, 1790; John, Oct. 24, 1793; Lydia, Sept. 6, 1795; Bethuls, Oct. 15, 1798; and Jane, March 7, 1803.

Isaac Vincent, born Oct. 21, 1783, married March 24, 1812, Rebecca Comly, who was born in Philadelphia Nov. 16, 1790. He was born on the old homestead in Northumberland county and early in life took to agricultural pursuits. He was heir to one-half of his father's estate and lived thereon all his life. His children were born as follows: Comly, Dec. 20, 1812; Daniel, Oct. 12, 1814; Nancy, Sept. 9, 1816; Daniel (2), Aug. 16, 1818; Charles C., Jan. 4, 1820; Sarah Caroline, Nov. 25, 1822; Isaac, Oct. 12, 1824; John H., Dec. 2, 1826; Rebecca, Dec. 8, 1829; Hannah M., Aug. 12, 1831.

James Tharp, who died in 1849, at the age of seventy-three years, married Phebe Vincent, who died in March, 1855. They were the parents of Mrs. Samuel D. Jordan.



G. DAL FOX, proprietor of one of the most up-to-date jewelry stores in Northumberland county, is an enterprising citizen of Milton. He was born in Rush township, this county, Jan. 28, 1859, son of Joseph and Hannah (Zehnder) Fox. The emigrant ancestor of this branch of the Fox family settled in Germantown, Pa., and from there entered the service of the Colonies during the struggle for independence.

George Fox, grandfather of G. Dal, settled in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, and there followed farming. He and his wife are buried at Irish creek in that township. Their children were: Jacob; Martin, who served in the Civil war; Joseph; Matilda; Susan; Rachel; and Polly.

Joseph Fox, son of George, was born in 1826, and died in 1904, and is buried at Milton. He was a miller by trade, and followed that occupation at Roaring Creek in Rush township. Afterward he bought the Vastine mill at Catawissa, located four miles east of Danville on the Shamokin road. Later he came to Milton, where he died. He married Hannah Zehnder, daughter of John Zehnder, who was born in Germany. Their children were: Emma, who married W. H. Aten; Clara B., wife of Robert Foresman, of Scranton, Pa.; G. Dal; Sue E., who married Jacob Dreshen, of White Deer, Union county; Josephine, deceased wife of E. P. Hilliard; and James S., business partner of G. Dal, and a resident of Milton.

G. Dal Fox attended the schools of Rush township and Lewisburg College. After leaving school he began his preparation for commercial work by working as a clerk, continuing at this for fourteen years, three of which were spent in a general store, and the rest of the time in a hardware store. In 1902 he engaged in the jewelry business and has a most complete establishment, carrying a fine line of first-class goods. He also deals in fine hammer and hammerless guns, cutlery, fishing tackle and general sporting goods. His brother is his partner and these two young men have a fine patronage—one in fact that is drawn from far beyond the confines of the town of Milton.

Mr. Fox was elected tax receiver of Milton on the Democratic ticket, and served three terms, making nine years in all, and this in spite of the large Republican majority usually polled in the borough. Fraternally Mr. Fox is very prominent, and as well very popular. He is a member of Lodge No. 913, B. P. O. E., of Milton, and represented his lodge at Los Angeles, Cal., in the summer of 1909, his trip and visit to the coast covering a period of six weeks. He is also a member of Castle No. 256, Knights of the Golden Eagle.

SYDNEY H. SOUTER belongs to that class of manufacturers who know their field of work thoroughly. A member of the third generation of

the Souter family to successfully engage in the manufacture of silk, he himself began in a mill as bobbin boy and learned the business from the ground up. His familiarity with every step in the manufacturing process, gained by practical experience as well as through scientific study, and his masterly grasp of the commercial problems of this industry, give him a commanding position not only in local industrial circles but also among silk manufacturers throughout the country.

Mr. Souter is a native of England, born April 1, 1869, at Presbury, son of William Souter, Jr., and grandson of William Souter, both also natives of England. The latter was born near the Scottish border, where he was reared and educated, and where he learned the silk manufacturing business. Coming to America about 1865, he settled in Paterson, N. J., becoming one of the pioneer silk manufacturers of that State, where he made a permanent home. In January, 1906, though he had attained the age of ninety-two, he was well preserved in mind and body, a patriarchal resident of Paterson.

William Souter, Jr., was born and reared in England, and his entire business career was one of prominent identification with the silk manufacturing industry, in which line he was considered an authority, having made an exhaustive study of the business. He traveled extensively, making a special study of the methods of silk making in both China and Japan. At the time of his death he was vice president and manager of an extensive silk manufacturing concern in Whitehall, N. Y. He met his death in October, 1900, when only fifty-three years of age, as the result of an accident, being killed by a trolley car in Newark, N. J. Mr. Souter married Martha Anna Chancelley, who died in 1880. She was born and reared in England, daughter of Robert Chancelley, a prominent contractor. Of the ten children born to William Souter, Jr., and his wife, Annie died in infancy; Sydney H. is mentioned below; Robert William is superintendent of the Littlestown silk mill in Littlestown, Pa.; Charles Harold is in the railroad service at Schenectady, N. Y.; Clyde Douglass graduated in 1907 from Dartmouth College; Ada is the wife of Edward Sargent, a contractor of Newark, N. J.; Jessie, Elizabeth and Margie are all trained nurses, graduates of the training school of the Newark (N. J.) General Hospital; and Edna is the youngest. The parents having emigrated to this country in 1865, the eldest daughter was born in America. But the family returned to England two years later, not becoming permanent residents of the United States until 1879.

Sydney H. Souter obtained his early education in the common schools of his native land, and after the family settled in America he became a student in Latimer's Business College, in Paterson, N. J., and later completed a course in the codes

brated Bryant & Stratton Business College, Buffalo, N. Y. He began his active business career in a silk mill in Paterson, N. J., where he was employed in 1881-82, after which he attended school for one year at Northampton, Mass. He then secured a position in the silk mill in that city, where he was an employee for the next nine years, at the expiration of which period he returned to Paterson, where he continued to be identified with the same line of industry for one and one half years. He next passed a year in the silk mill at Pompton, N. J., and for the following three years was employed in the mill of which his father was manager and vice president at Whitehall, N. Y. During the following two years he was again employed at Paterson, and he then removed to Catsaugua, Pa., where he had charge of the establishing, equipping and placing in operation of a silk mill, ably completing his work, after which he came to York, Pa., arriving in that city Sept. 6, 1900. He there became associated with Henry Musser, until recently the president of the Monarch Silk Company, which they forthwith organized, equipping a modern mill and instituting active operations on Sept. 18th of the same year, the date the company received its charter from the state. Employment was afforded to a corps of about six hundred persons, and the annual business soon reached an aggregate of a million and a quarter dollars, with a constantly increasing demand for the company's products in the markets of New York City, Philadelphia, Chicago, San Francisco, and other commercial centers. As vice president and general manager of the company Mr. Souter showed great administrative and executive ability, while his intimate knowledge of the details of the business largely conserved the phenomenal but substantial growth of the enterprise. So well was this appreciated that on the resignation of President Musser Mr. Souter was the unanimous choice of the directors for president, and he also continued to act as general manager.

But the Monarch Silk Company was not the only vast concern in which Mr. Souter was actively and prominently interested. He and Mr. Musser successfully promoted the Littlestown Silk Company, which was organized in Littlestown, Adams Co., Pa., on July 2, 1903. It was capitalized at \$50,000, and like the Monarch kept running to its full capacity, the demands for its products keeping the mill in operation until midnight. As vice president and general manager of the Littlestown Company, Mr. Souter paid the place a weekly visit; and between this mill, the Monarch and the main office, at No. 27 Spring street, New York, which Mr. Souter also visited weekly, there was certainly no lazier man in York, and yet so systematically did he work that he was ever ready to give courteous attention to those who called upon him. His prominent association with so

important an enterprise of York county makes him one of the leading business men of that section. However, he had not attained the limit of his usefulness even in such high capacity, being identified with other important ventures.

In politics Mr. Souter is a consistent and unswerving advocate of the principles of the Republican party, and his religious faith is that of the Presbyterian Church, in which he has been a zealous worker for many years. Within the time of his residence at Paterson, N. J., he was secretary of the board of trustees of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, and he and his wife became members of the First Presbyterian Church of York, Pa. 'Faternally Mr. Souter has attained degrees of high distinction in Freemasonry, in which he has passed the thirty-second degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He became affiliated with: Zeredatha Lodge, No. 451, F. & A. M.; Howell Chapter, No. 199, R. A. M.; Gethsemane Commandery, No. 75, Knights Templar, all of York; while he is identified with the I. O. O. F., the B. P. O. E. and the Lafayette Club, of York; and the Woll Club of New York City.

On June 25, 1890, Mr. Souter married Margaret Morton McLeod, daughter of Alexander McLeod, a representative business man of Paterson, N. J. To this union have been born two children, Sydney Herbert, Jr., and Martha Catherine.

BURT O. MILLER, of Sunbury, proprietor of the Keystone Steam Laundry, is a young business man who has made a name for himself as one of the most enterprising citizens of his generation in that borough. He undoubtedly inherits his ability in that line, his father, Charles S. Miller, having long held his own as a substantial and intelligent business man of the place, where he has been established since 1893. He does the largest meat business in the locality and is otherwise interested in its material advancement, being an energetic and progressive citizen, of high character and irreproachable standing.

This Miller family has long been settled in Dauphin county, Pa., where Abraham Miller, great-grandfather of Burt O. Miller, was born. He was a farmer, owning land in Mifflin township. His brother John lived at Berrysburg, and another brother, Samuel, also lived in the upper end of Dauphin county. Abraham Miller was twice married, and by his first wife, whose maiden name was Row, had four children: Simon; George, who lived at Gratzi, Dauphin county; Anna, wife of Elias Werner; and Josiah A., who married Polly Cooper and lived in Lykens valley between Berrysburg and Elizabethtown. By his second wife, Anna (Bitterman), he had two children: John N., of Valley View, Pa.; and Rebecca, who married Augustus Lant, of Georgetown, Pa. Abraham



Miller died about 1865, at the age of sixty-five. He and his family were Lutheran members at the brick church below Berrysburg, which he served officially.

Simon Miller, son of Abraham, was born in 1825 in Lykens valley, near Berrysburg, Dauphin county, and met an accidental death in the powder mill explosion at Trevorton, Pa., in March, 1863. He is buried at the Dunkelberger Evangelical Church in Rockefeller township, Northumberland county. Though a comparatively young man at the time of his death he owned his home and was in comfortable circumstances. He married Catharine Kobel, daughter of Frederick Kobel, and she survived him many years, reaching the age of sixty-five; she is buried by his side. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Simon Miller: A daughter that died in infancy; Mary, who died young; Charles S.; Louisa, Mrs. Edw. Fry, of Shamokin; Henry, a butcher, who worked for his brother Charles S. and lived and died at Trevorton, Pa.; B. Franklin, a miner, who lives at Trevorton; and Harriet, wife of Frank Conrad and living at Trevorton.

Charles S. Miller, son of Simon, was born July 29, 1849, at Gratz, Dauphin Co., Pa., and was reared to farm life. When thirteen years old he came to Zerbe township, Northumberland county, where he was employed in the mines for eight years, cutting coal. In 1872 he engaged in the cattle business at Seven Points, this county, and from that line quite naturally changed to the butcher business, in which he now has his principal interest. He was located at Seven Points until his removal to Sunbury in 1893. He has since done business at his present location, on Market street, and has long commanded the bulk of the business in his line in the borough and surrounding territory. Mr. Miller keeps two delivery wagons constantly employed in his city deliveries, and has ten men regularly engaged to handle his large trade. He not only kills the meat for his own establishment, twenty steers weekly, thirty hogs, etc., but also slaughters for dealers at Williamsport and Northumberland. He put up his own slaughter-house, which is the largest in this section, having a capacity of \$1,500 worth of business daily, if necessary, and a switch from the yards connects direct with the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, giving unusual advantages for prompt shipping and handling of all products. In 1890 Mr. Miller erected an ice plant on the extensive property adjoining his slaughter-house, being the pioneer ice manufacturer in Sunbury. His plant has a daily capacity of fifteen tons. An eighty horse-power boiler has since been added to the original equipment. Mr. Miller has not only shown himself progressive in providing the most approved modern appliances for the convenient dispatch of his business, but also in installing all the devices for sani-

tation known to the modern trade. In this respect, he has not only met all the legal requirements, but in most ways has anticipated and exceeded them, introducing many innovations in this line which are a credit to his intelligence and to his disposition to do the right thing, whether it is expected of him or not. Mr. Miller is a member of the Sunbury Board of Trade and of the Business Men's Association. He is a director of the North Branch Fire Insurance Company of Pennsylvania, which was organized in 1909 with a capital of \$300,000 (fully paid), and whose home office is at Sunbury, and is interested in the Sunbury and Selinsgrove Trolley Line.

On Dec. 22, 1871, Mr. Miller was united in marriage with Catharine Dunkelberger, daughter of George and Catharine (Rebuck) Dunkelberger, who lived in Upper Mahantango Valley, and nine children have been born to them: Arthula (wife of Robert Worrer), Harvey (of Sunbury), Katie May (Mrs. H. E. Lobo), Ezra J. (of Sunbury), Burt O., Cora M., Charles M., Calvin E., and Bertha (who died aged six years). Mr. Miller and his family are members of the First Evangelical Church of Sunbury. Socially he holds membership in the Knights of Malta, the Royal Arcanum and the Protected Home Circle.

Burt O. Miller was born Oct. 25, 1881, at Seven Points, in Rockefeller township, this county, and there received his early education in the public schools. Later he attended high school at Sunbury and the Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., graduating from the latter in 1902. Returning to Sunbury he began working for his father as bookkeeper and clerk in the large meat market, but he soon entered business on his own account. Forming a partnership with Harry C. Fasold, who had had five years previous experience in the laundry business, he became interested as one of the proprietors in the Keystone Steam Laundry, which they opened Oct. 25, 1902, at No. 239 South Fourth street, the firm of Miller & Fasold lasting until Dec. 4, 1909, since which time Mr. Miller has conducted the business on his own account. He bought out his partner's interest and is now handling the business alone. The laundry, which is now located at Nos. 16-18 North Fifth street, is a most completely equipped plant, with all the facilities for doing a large amount of first-class work, and twelve hands are constantly employed. Mr. Miller commands the leading trade in Sunbury. His executive talent and enterprise have been well illustrated in the manner he has built up the business, and the fact that he gains trade and holds it speaks well for his methods and standards of honor.

Mr. Miller is a member of Lodge No. 267, B. P. O. Elks, of the Protected Home Circle, of Lance and Shield Conclave, No. 11, of which he has been a high officer, and of the Masonic fraternity, in



the latter connection holding membership in Maclay Lodge, No. 632, F. & A. M., of Sunbury; Northumberland Chapter, No. 174, R. A. M.; Mount Hermon Commandery, No. 85, K. T.; Williamsport Consistory, thirty-second degree; and Zumbo Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Harrisburg.

On June 5, 1906, Mr. Miller married Mary Elizabeth Felton, daughter of George E. and Mary (Clifford) Felton, of Sunbury. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are members of the Presbyterian Church at Sunbury.

DAVID CLOYD MINGLE, owner and proprietor of the "Mansion House," at Watsonstown, Northumberland county, has been engaged in the hotel business ever since he was old enough to be of any assistance, his father having long been a successful hotel proprietor. He has been proprietor of the "Mansion House," the leading hotel at Watsonstown, since 1906. Mr. Mingle was born at Huntingdon, Pa., July 6, 1875, and belongs to a family which has been settled in Pennsylvania since the first half of the eighteenth century, the first of this line having located in Berks county in 1732.

The original spelling of the family name, Mengel, is still used by many of its members, the form Mingle having been used by the branch here under consideration ever since a school teacher spelled Squire Mingle's name that way. The whole family followed the new spelling for the sake of uniformity.

There are also Mingles or Mengels in Lancaster county, Pa. In 1890 David Mingle, father of David C. Mingle, met a "Germán" in Hagerstown, Md., Isaac Mengel, of the "Fountain Hotel," who told that his father's name was Isaac and that the father was a native of Lancaster county, Pa., and a shoemaker by occupation. He also remembered having uncles David and Samuel, and an aunt, which would seem to make him of the same family as David Mingle. This Isaac Mengel had a brother in Reading, Berks Co., Pa., and a son William. There are Mingles at Warriorsmark, Huntingdon Co., Pa., and at Tyrone, Pa., who came from the South, but whether they are related to the Mingles here mentioned or not is unknown. Those of the name at Hagerstown write it Mengel.

The great-grandfather of David Cloyd Mingle, of Watsonstown, lived in Lancaster county, Pa., where all his children were born. His family consisted of at least two sons and two daughters, of whom we have the following record: Samuel was the grandfather of David C. Mingle and is mentioned more fully below. David settled in Mifflinburg about 1823, but later moved to Brush Valley, in Haines township, Center Co., Pa., where he lived until 1854, at which time he moved to Stephenson county, Ill., where he passed the remainder of his life, dying in 1872. He was twice

married, his first wife dying in Center county, and of his twelve children we have record of four by the first union, Samuel (a shoemaker, who lived and died at Lock Haven, Pa.), Henry A. (of Aaronsburg, who died in 1891), Mrs. Samuel Fisher (of Rock Grove, Stephenson Co., Ill.) and Mrs. Susan Motz (who lived on a farm at Woodward, Center Co., Pa., where she died Dec. 11, 1891); and two sons of the second union, who live in the West. The two daughters of whom we have record, sisters of Samuel and David Mingle, were Mrs. Reigle and Mrs. Fox; the latter's son George married a Miss Reigle, his cousin, and lived at Woodward, Center Co., Pa., but nothing further is given concerning the children of either Mrs. Reigle or Mrs. Fox, both of whom lived near Hartleton, Union Co., Pa. The great-grandfather was evidently a shoemaker, and both the sons mentioned followed that trade.

According to one account of this family, "David, who was still quite young, accompanied by a brother, joined the army during the war of 1812, David becoming a member of Capt. Henry Miller's company, stationed at Marcus Hook. At the close of the war he learned the art of shoemaking, and later married a Miss Grove, of Union county, a member of the family noted for their prowess in battling with the Indians."

Samuel Mingle, brother of David, was a shoemaker by occupation. He lived at Aaronsburg, Center Co., Pa., and died at Millheim, that county, in 1849. He married Elizabeth Bonhoffer, of Geneva, N. Y., and to them were born nine children, of whom David Mingle (1900) the only survivor. The family lived for a number of years in Union county, Pa., where four of the children were born, moving to Center county in 1835 and settling at what was then called Motz Bank, now Woodward. We have the following record of the family: Hannah married Henry Dinges, of Millheim, and later moved to Orangeville, Stephenson Co., Pa., and had one son, Frank, and two daughters, Libbie and Sarah; Absalom married Susan Roup, of Millheim, and had six children, two sons, David and Alfred, and four daughters, Annie Swartz (of Lewisburg), Libby (whose husband, Mr. Boltz, is a farmer below Aaronsburg), Kate and Rosie; Mary married Henry Ano, of New Berlin, Union Co., Pa., a coachmaker, and they have six living children, Johanna, Charlie, Jennie, Tim, Harry and Durben; Manda died in young womanhood; David was fifth in the family; Jeremiah died in infancy; Catherine married Levi Caver, a farmer of Stephenson county, Ill. (no children); Elizabeth died in infancy; Samson Q. married Rosie Bower and had three children, Bertha, Elizabeth and Harry, of East Orange, New Jersey.

David Mingle, father of David Cloyd Mingle, learned the trade of coachmaker. If his father had not died when he was so young he would undoubt-

edly have learned his trade, shoemaking. In 1886 he entered the hotel business as proprietor of the "American House" at Lancaster, Pa., which he conducted until 1889. From there he went to Mount Joy, same county, where he ran the "Red Lion Hotel" for a year, after which he was at Greencastle, Franklin county, where he conducted the "Crowl House" for six years. He was then at Danville, Pa., for four years, conducting the "City Hotel," after which he lived retired at Lancaster for about two years. His next location was at Newport, Perry Co., Pa., where he had the "Mingle House" for a period of six years, until his retirement. He still makes his home at that place, now (1910) in his seventy-fifth year enjoying the fruits of his active days in well earned leisure. In politics Mr. Mingle is a Democrat, with independent inclinations.

In January, 1863, Mr. Mingle married Catherine Mutherbaugh, who is now over seventy years old. Nine children were born to this union: Flora married Thomas Pendergast, an engineer, of Lancaster, and had four children, Dolly (deceased), Claudy (deceased), Harold (who has a daughter, Margaret), and Mildred; Carrie, Mildred and Myrtle are unmarried; Minnie May married Joseph Henderson and died April 28, 1910, leaving one daughter, Catherine; one son died in infancy; David Cloyd is mentioned below; Sanford Bruce is a resident of Harrisburg; Jennie Alice married Samuel Myers, and they live at Newport (they have no children).

David Cloyd Mingle received a good education in the elementary and high schools of Lancaster, Mount Joy and Greencastle. He was trained to the hotel business from early youth, assisting his father, and when he engaged in the business on his own account took the "City Hotel" at Danville, which he conducted for four years. He then became proprietor of the well known "Cocalico Hotel" at Ephrata, Pa., which he carried on for two years, later going to Newport, where he ran the "Mingle House" for five years. Thence he moved to Milton, Northumberland county, where he had the "Mingle Cafe," now known as Summers Cafe, for two years, until he bought the "Mansion House," the leading hotel of Watson-town, in 1906. This hotel has twenty-four rooms, and is a modern structure of fine appearance, surrounded with spacious porches and well equipped and appointed. It is well kept up and conducted along modern lines, and Mr. Mingle has made a success of the establishment from the beginning, his thorough understanding of the business insuring his patrons that everything possible to efficient management may be expected of him. He is a member of the Hotel Protective Association and the Commercial Travelers Association. Externally he is an Elk and a member of the Improved Order

of Red Men, belonging to Lodge No. 663, of Lewistown.

On Nov. 9, 1905, Mr. Mingle married Laura M. Gast.

JOHN H. JOHNSON, merchant of Milton, Northumberland county, is engaged as a dealer in iron, stoves and tinware, and has also built up an extensive patronage in tinsmithing, roofing, spouting and sheet metal work. Since 1903 he has also done contracting, and as his business interests reach out beyond Milton to surrounding towns he bids fair to become one of the most successful men in this section of the county. He has made his home in Milton from boyhood.

Mr. Johnson is a native of Center county, Pa., born July 25, 1867, at Milesburg, and his family is of Swedish origin, but has long been settled in this country. His ancestors first emigrated from Sweden to Scotland, from which country his great-grandfather, John Johnson, came to America, settling in New Jersey, where he built the first forge along the coast. The records show that he was an expert mechanic, and he was thus engaged until his death.

John Johnson, grandfather of John H., was born in New Jersey, whence he removed in young manhood to Center county, Pa., being one of the pioneers in the iron business in that region. He was engaged in that line of work all his life, finding a market for his iron at Pittsburg, whither he hauled it from his own forge with mules. He died at Milesburg, Center county. His wife was Margaret Bryson, and among their children were: Elizabeth, who married Daniel McKinnis, and died at the advanced age of ninety; George, Elia, who married Henry Elbert; Peter, who was killed before Petersburg, while serving in the Civil war; and Charles, who was killed in the same battle. Four sons and two sons-in-law of this family were killed while serving in the Civil war.

John Johnson, father of John H., was a native of New Jersey and very young when he moved with his father to Center county, Pa. Like his father he also followed the iron business of his life, and after coming to Milton, in 1882, was employed in the old rolling mill. He died in 1891. During the Civil war he served as a member of Co. H. of a Pa. regiment, Volunteer Infantry, and contracted typhoid fever while on duty as a soldier, suffering from poor health for a long time after leaving the service. But he eventually recovered. He married Rebecca Croft, daughter of John and Rebecca (Irington) Croft. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are buried at Milton. Five sons were born to their union: John H., Samuel, William, Elmer and Morris, all residing in Milton with the exception of William, who lives in Chicago, Illinois.

John H. Johnson received his education in the



public schools of Milesburg and at Bellefonte Academy. He removed to Milton with his father, and like the members of his family generally early became interested in the iron business. For three years he had charge of the nail department of the C. A. Godcharles Company's plant, and then engaged in the scrap iron business on his own account, a line in which he has continued with profit to the present time. His main office is on South Front street, Milton, and he has warehouses at both McEwensville and Milton. It was in natural order that tinsmithing and similar work should come his way, and he has built up an extensive trade in general work of that kind and in roofing, spouting and sheet metal work, his customers being found all over Milton and adjacent towns. Since 1903 he has also done contracting, and he was engaged on the excavation for the Souther Silk Company's mills at Milton. Mr. Johnson has proved his ability to keep up with the times and to lead progress in his chosen line of work, which undoubtedly accounts for the success he has made. His personal and business standing is irreproachable.

Mr. Johnson married Florence E. Krock, daughter of John and Emma (Whitman) Krock, and they have had one daughter, Elizabeth. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, a Republican in politics and in fraternal connection a Mason, belonging to Danville Lodge, No. 224, F. & A. M., to the Chapter, R. A. M., and Calvary Commandery, K. T.

**PATRICK B. HIGGINS** was engaged in mining work for over forty years before his recent retirement therefrom in 1909, and he is now devoting his activities to farming, having bought his present farm in Ralpho township in 1900. He was born Nov. 1, 1846, near Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., son of Thomas Higgins, a native of County Kilkenny, Ireland, who came to America with his wife and two children when a young man. Locating near Pottsville, he there passed the remainder of his long life, dying at the age of seventy-two years. He made a trip to California, but did not remain long in the West. By his first wife, Mary (Brennan), he had a family of fifteen sons, only six of whom, however, grew to maturity: Barney, Thomas, Martin, John, James and William. To his second marriage, with Sarah Born, came the following children: Patrick B., Joseph, Bridget, Elizabeth, Mary, Ellen, and Margaret. Mrs. Sarah (Born) Higgins died Dec. 23, 1919, at the remarkable age of 102 years, and was buried Dec. 27, 1919, in the Springfield cemetery.

Patrick B. Higgins was reared near Pottsville. When a boy he commenced work at the mines in Schuylkill county in the usual way, picking slate, but was employed thus only two and one half days, when he went to the Williams mines at Mount

Laffer, same county, where he was hired to blow a fan and drive a team. Later he became a loader, and for some time he was a loader boss. His next work was cutting coal, driving gangways, chutes and headings. When he came to Shamokin, this county, in 1868, he assisted in opening the Lancaster colliery, then owned by John and William Gabel, and at this colliery, later known as the Gimlet colliery, he remained for the long period of thirty-nine years and eleven months, until he retired from that line of work in 1909. He served in various capacities, for many years as outside foreman, in fact he was the only incumbent of that position at the Gimlet until he gave up the work. Mr. Higgins had bought a farm of eighty-five acres of good land in Ralpho township in 1900, and there he now resides and follows agricultural operations, which he has found a congenial change. A hard-working and reliable man, he was well known in the coal fields and bore an excellent reputation throughout his career as a miner. He is a citizen of sterling worth and esteemed by all who know him. In politics he is independent, voting for the candidate he prefers, regardless of party ties. In religion he is a Catholic.

Mr. Higgins married Margaret Maderia, daughter of George and Mary (Rhoads) Maderia, and they have had children as follows: Mary married Frank Long; Catharine married William Haines; Thomas is living at Coal Run, Pa.; George makes his home in Shamokin, Pa.; Ellen, Patrick and John are deceased; James lives at home; Diana is the wife of Harry Hornberger; Thursa is deceased.

**JOHN F. HESSER**, who has been outside foreman at the Hickory Swamp colliery, in Mount Carmel township, since 1898, is one of the respected citizens of this region. His father was a boss at this colliery at the time of his death. The Hesser family is an old-established one in this section of Pennsylvania, and we give something of the early general history of the family, contributed by Mr. W. Reiff Hesser, of Reading, Berks Co., Pa., a descendant of the same stock:

In 1732 two brothers, John Hesser and Frederick Hesser, made the voyage to this country in "The Loyal Judith," coming from the Palatinate in Germany. They were young, no doubt, probably boys of fifteen and seventeen years, and in course of time married. One of them (maybe both) settled at the "Trappe," in what is now Montgomery county, Pa., and reared a family. We have record of only two sons, John, born about 1760, and Frederick, born in 1763, both of whom were well known in the lower counties of Pennsylvania. Both served in the Revolutionary war, John (who never married) enlisting as a fifer, remaining in the army throughout the period of the Revolution and continuing in the regular service until the close of



the war of 1812-15. He was with Jackson at the battle of New Orleans, Jan. 8, 1815. His army service covered over fifty years, and he died at the age of about seventy at Orwigsburg, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he is buried; the date of death appears on his tombstone there.

Frederick Hesser (2), recorded above as having been born in 1763, was the grandfather of Mr. W. Reiff Hesser. He enlisted as a drummer in Washington's army in September, 1776, and the terms of enlistment being frequently short in the Revolution, subsequently enlisted three times. He was present at and took active part in the battles of Trenton and Brandywine, was in the reserve at Germantown, and saw active service at various other points. A Hessian musket given him after the fight at Trenton is now in the possession of the family. A British prisoner drummer taught him to drum according to army regulations, and he proved such an apt pupil that he was a drum major in the service when still quite young. Removing to Schuylkill county while it was still a part of Berks county (divided in 1811), he remained there the rest of his life, living at Orwigsburg until his death about 1854. He was high sheriff of that county in 1815 and was court crier for several years, in those days assembling court by roll of the drum in the large open square where the old courthouse still stands. He was a brother-in-law of Francis R. Shunk, who became governor of Pennsylvania, and was himself a man of substance and importance in his section.

Frederick Hesser (2) had four sons of whom there is record; it is probable there were no others. These sons were: Frederick Hesser (3) removed to Fort Madison, Iowa, where he became a prosperous merchant; it is thought he died about 1880. Another son, whose name we do not know, left home when young and was never afterward heard from. Charles Hesser became a prominent bishop in the Evangelical Church; we have not the exact date of his death, but it seems to have occurred about 1845-48. Henry Hesser (father of W. Reiff Hesser) was the youngest of the sons of Frederick Hesser (2), who had also two daughters: Catherine, who became Mrs. John Schoener, and Rebecca, who became Mrs. Fraley. Both are now deceased. Mrs. Fraley was the grandmother of Dr. Herbert Erb, of Orwigsburg.

Henry Hesser was born July 2, 1815, at Orwigsburg, which was then the county seat of Schuylkill county. About 1844 he removed to Schuylkill Haven, Pa., and entered the service of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, in which he remained about forty-five years, holding responsible positions to the end of his life, in 1890. His family consisted of four sons and two daughters, namely: Albert A. has for many years been in the service of the Philadelphia & Reading Ry.

Company, for a long time as superintendent of the Mahanoy & Shamokin Division, and still holds a position with that company; Charles F. was a prominent business man of Cincinnati, Ohio, where he died Dec. 20, 1907; W. Reiff was for twenty-three years in the service of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company in important positions, and is now in Reading, Pa., where he is serving as probation officer; H. A. was in the service of the Philadelphia & Reading and other companies for many years before his death, in April, 1910; Elizabeth S. lives at Schuylkill Haven, Pa.; Emma R. married H. B. Zulick and resides at Schuylkill Haven.

The exact connection between the branch of the Hesser family to which John F. Hesser belongs and that whose history is given above is not clearly established, but it is certain they were of the same stock, as Frederick Hesser, father of John F., was a cousin or second cousin of Henry Hesser, son of Frederick (2). The grandfather of John F. Hesser settled in Schuylkill county, where he died.

Frederick Hesser followed a seafaring life for some time. In 1861 he located at Coal Run, in Northumberland county, where he found employment at the collieries, and for some time he was engaged as slate picker boss at the Hickory Swamp Colliery. He was murdered Dec. 19, 1874, in the engine room of that colliery, by the "Molly Maguires." Mr. Hesser was an intelligent and respected citizen, well known in this section in his day, having been elected coroner of the county in 1872, for a term of three years. He was a Republican in politics, in religion a member of the Evangelical Church. He married Elizabeth Swenck, a native of Schuylkill county, and to them were born five children: Mary A., Elizabeth (who died young), John F., Charles H. and George F.

John F. Hesser was born in 1853 in Schuylkill county, son of Frederick and Elizabeth (Swenck) Hesser. He came to Northumberland county with his father and attended the local schools until he commenced work as a slate picker at the Coal Run colliery. When he became older he was employed as a miner about four years, and then went to Pearson, Lebanon Co., Pa., where he was engaged for two years at the carpenter's trade. Returning to his home district he followed his trade and assisted in the construction of the Mahanoy Railway breaker, having charge of part of the work. Upon its completion he remained there eleven years, as breaker boss, in 1898 taking his present position at the Hickory Swamp colliery. He has sixty-five men in his charge as outside foreman, and he holds their respect and good will to a gratifying degree. Mr. Hesser is a member of the Independent Americans at Shamokin, and he is a Republican in his political views.

Mr. Hesser married Elizabeth Moll, and they have a family of six children, namely: Frederick E., Charles Henry, Emma F., Mary E., Albert Quay and Laura B.

HENRY CAMERON, of No. 604 West Spruce street, Shamokin, has lived in that borough for almost fifty years, and throughout that long period has been employed at the mines. For over twenty years he has been engaged at the Cameron mines. Mr. Cameron was born May 25, 1852, in Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where his father, Charles Cameron, a native of New Jersey, located before the Civil war. His paternal grandfather had a family of six children, those besides Charles being: Daniel, Eckbud F., John, Eliza and Lydia A.

Charles Cameron was a plasterer and bricklayer by occupation, and followed his trade all his life. He lived for some time at Shamokin, but eventually returned to his native State, where he died. He married Mary A. Murkel, a native of Berks county, Pa., and a member of an old family of that county, and to them were born seven children: Emeline is the widow of David Reed; Mary E. married Henry Bessert; Henry is mentioned below; Charles lives in Shamokin; Simon is a resident of Jamestown, N. Y.; Wallace lives in Rochester, Pa.; Elizabeth married Emanuel Leiser.

Henry Cameron commenced work at the breaker when a mere boy and has followed mining all his life. He has been a stationary engineer during the greater part of his forty-eight years at the mines, and commenced work with the Cameron colliery about twenty-five years ago, Sept. 15, 1886. He is now one of the trusted employees at the Cameron mines, bearing a deserved reputation for trustworthiness and reliability. He is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle and of the Shepherds of Bethlehem, in politics a Republican, and in religion an adherent of the Reformed faith.

Mr. Cameron married June 21, 1873, Harriet Rhoads, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Kerstetter) Rhoads, of Northumberland county, and they have had four children: Sallie E. died at the age of thirty years, the wife of Charles Settelmoyer; Mary C. died in infancy; Jennie F. is the wife of John Young, of Shamokin, and has one child, Joseph Henry; Caroline M. died at the age of twenty-four years.

ABRAHAM C. BOYER, a young business man of Sunbury who is engaged in the manufacture of buggies, carriages and wagons, was born Aug. 30, 1884, in Upper Augusta township, this county, son of Elias D. Boyer. The Boyers are a branch of an old family of lower Berks county, Pa., established in Northumberland county in 1831 by Peter Boyer, great-grandfather of Abraham C. Boyer.

The emigrant ancestor of the Boyer family was

John Philip Beyer, who came from the Palatinate to Philadelphia in 1731, with a number of children. He settled in Frederick township, Montgomery Co., Pa., but later lived in Amity township, in the lower end of Berks county, where he died in the spring of 1753, at a ripe old age. He belonged to the Swamp Lutheran Church, and was buried by the pastor, Rev. Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, who reports the matter fully in the "Halleschen Nachrichten." His will is on record at the Philadelphia courthouse, and in it some of his children are named. Among his sons were: Jacob, the ancestor of the Boyertown branch of the family; and Johann Heinrich.

Johann Heinrich Boyer was born in 1714, in the Pfalz, Germany, and died May 2, 1814, in the one hundredth year of his age. In 1743 he was married to Magdalena Kuehnert, and among his children—six sons and one daughter—were Philip and Heinrich.

Philip Boyer, born Dec. 14, 1754, died July 31, 1832. His wife, Christiana, who was born in 1754, also died in 1832, and both were buried in the old graveyard at Amityville. Philip Boyer made a will the year before his death, while a resident of Amity township, and in it he mentions the following children: Michael; Jacob, who had a son Philip; John; Peter; Mary, married to George Koch; and Daniel, born in 1792, who died in 1825.

Peter Boyer, son of Philip, was born in Amity township, Berks county, and in 1831 came to Northumberland county with his wife and family, which then consisted of twelve children, the youngest two having been born in Lower Mahanoy township, where they settled. His 170-acre farm in that township is now owned by one Frank Phillips. Later he moved to Dauphin county, where he owned a valuable farm and mill property for which he paid \$12,000, and he died in that county about 1850-51, at the age of sixty-five years. He is buried at Hoffman's Church, in Lykens township, Dauphin county. Though a stonemason by trade, he was engaged principally in farming, in which he was very successful and prosperous. He was a strong man, noted for his courageous disposition, and was known locally as "Wammas" Boyer. His wife, Catharine Herb, also of Berks county, lived to the age of eighty-four. They were the parents of fourteen children, as follows: Benjamin, Sally, Elias, Isaac, Rachel, Mary, Hettie, Gabriel, Abraham, Catharine, Josiah and Bennerville (twins), John and Leah, the two last named born in Northumberland county.

John Boyer, probably an uncle of Peter Boyer, above, served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

Abraham Boyer, son of Peter, was born in Amity township, Berks county, and came with the family to Lower Mahanoy township, where he passed the

remainder of his active and successful life with the exception of the years he was at Millerstown, Perry County. Like the Boyers generally, he was noted for his industry and thrift, and he became one of the most extensive farmers in Lower Mahanoy township, owning about five hundred acres of land. He died in Lower Mahanoy township. Abraham Boyer married Catharine Anderson, daughter of John Anderson, and to them were born six children, namely: S. Pierce; Amelia, who married Henry Kieffer, of Dauphin county, Pa.; John, deceased; Elias D.; Hannah, married to John Lahr, of Pillow, Pa.; and Peter, of Pillow.

Elias D. Boyer, son of Abraham, was born April 19, 1857, in Lower Mahanoy township, and was there reared to farming, in which he has continued to be interested up to the present time. After living in Stone Valley, in Lower Mahanoy, for five years, he moved in 1882 to Upper Augusta township, where he has since made his home. He is extensively engaged in general farming, owning a number of farms—two in Upper Augusta township, one of 168 acres and one of seventeen acres; and three in Lower Augusta township, of sixty-one acres, eighty-nine acres and 105 acres, respectively. As a lumber dealer he has interests all over the county, employing from six to twenty men in this line, as business demands. Mr. Boyer has also engaged in contracting, having put up about forty houses in the borough of Sunbury, where he has invested heavily in real estate. The farm in Upper Augusta township upon which he makes his home is an attractive and valuable property, with a valuable farm stock and well equipped throughout. A good manager, and possessing excellent judgment in business matters, Mr. Boyer has been very successful, and by his own efforts has accumulated considerable property.

In 1878 Mr. Boyer married Catharine Peifer, daughter of Isaac and Eve (Yerger) Peifer, who lived in Jackson township, and nine children have been born to them: William, now of Fisher's Ferry, Pa.; John, who died in infancy; Hannah, married to Gordon Neidig, of Lower Augusta township, this county; Abraham C.; Eve, who died in infancy; Amelia M., who died in infancy; Edward C.; Katie; and Emma V. Mr. Boyer and his family attend the Hollowing Run Union Church, of which he is a Reformed and his wife a Lutheran member. In political conviction he is a Democrat.

Abraham C. Boyer received a public school education. In September, 1906, he came to Sunbury and established his present business, having a factory on the corner of Woodlawn avenue and Gas Alley for the manufacture of buggies, carriages and wagons, and facilities for all kinds of repairing, of which he makes a specialty. He also acts as agent for Swab's wagons. Mr. Boyer has gained a lucrative patronage, and gives em-

ployment to four men. He is one of the enterprising young business men of the borough and has high standing among his associates and all with whom he has dealings.

On Dec. 21, 1905, Mr. Boyer married Josephine Drumm, daughter of John Drumm, and they have three children, Helen C., Mary A. and Elias D. He and his family are members of the Reformed Church, and fraternally he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America.

JACOB S. ROHRBACH, of Shamokin township, at present engaged at the carpenter's trade, was born April 4, 1850, in Locust township, Columbia Co., Pa., son of David Rohrbach and grandson of Jacob Rohrbach.

The Rohrbach family is an old one in Pennsylvania, of German origin, being descended from John George Rohrbach, who emigrated to America about the middle of the eighteenth century. He settled in Eastern Pennsylvania, in Berks county, in the territory now embraced in District township, and the family is now quite numerous in the eastern end of that county. The ancestral homestead is still owned by one of his descendants. He was twice married, and by his first union had a son Lawrence, who had five sons, Daniel, George (who had eight children), Christopher (or Stophel, who had eleven children), Jacob and Henry. By his second wife, Christiana Moser, he had five children, George, John, Simon, Eva and Christiana. Those of the name now living in Berks county are descendants of Lawrence and John; Simon is said to have moved to Catawissa, Columbia county; George to have gone West; Eva married Jacob Finkbohner, who after her death married her sister Christiana.

The ancestor of a number of the name now living in Northumberland county devoted himself to his business affairs and was a successful and influential man of his day in the section of Pennsylvania referred to, where he lived and died. For many years he conducted a charcoal furnace in conjunction with farming. He had no aspirations toward public honors and took no part in anything outside of his private interests. He married Catharine Fenstermacher, and to them was born a large family. Their son George, born in 1808 in Columbia county, Pa., was the father of the late Lloyd T. and William H. Rohrbach, both prominent citizens of Sunbury.

David Rohrbach, son of Jacob Rohrbach and father of Jacob S. Rohrbach, was born in Oley, Berks Co., Pa., and moved with his parents to Columbia county. He followed farming, owning 100 acres along the Roaring creek, where he spent the rest of his days, dying in 1867, at the age of forty-six years. His wife, Sarah (Shuman), died in Catawissa and is buried there. They had children as follows: Jacob S.; Jane, Mrs. William



Beckendorf; Albert, living in Sunbury; Sarah, Mrs. William Witengruver, living in Oklahoma; Clara S., Mrs. Lafountan, living in Scranton, Pa.; Reuben, who died in Shamokin; William, living at Newport News; and Annie, who died young.

Jacob S. Rohrbach learned the trade of carpenter with Christ Hartley, at Roaring Creek, Columbia county, and followed it for four years at that time. He then became a fireman on the railroad, where he eventually became an engineer, on the Catawissa line, continuing in this work about four years. Locating in Snyderstown, Northumberland county, he was employed at his trade four years, at the end of which time he located upon the farm in Shamokin township which he still owns, the old Muench homestead, a valuable tract of 110 acres. For the next twenty-two years he was engaged in farming, from which he retired a few years ago to resume his trade, at which he is now engaged. His farm is fertile and productive land, and he has rented it since he took up carpentry again. Mr. Rohrbach has been successful in the management of his own affairs to such an extent that he has been called upon to assist in the administration of public matters, and he has served his township two years as treasurer and ten years as school director. He is a Democrat in politics.

On Dec. 23, 1875, Mr. Rohrbach married Mary E. Muench, who was born Oct. 13, 1856, daughter of Jacob E. Muench and granddaughter of William H. Muench. She died July 12, 1904, and is buried at St. Jacob's (Reed's) Church. Two children were born to this union: (1) Edward M., born Nov. 28, 1883, who learned the telegrapher's art and has been station agent at Paxinos since 1908; he married Susan B. Persing and they have had three children, Virginia Estella (died in infancy), Clyde Edward (died in infancy), and Emanuel P. (2) Mary M. is at home. The family are members of the Lutheran Church.

The emigrant ancestor of the Muench family was Charles E. Muench, a descendant of a French noble family of the name of Beauvoir. He probably crossed the French line into Germany prior to the French Revolution, and took the name of his patrimonial estate, "Munchhofen." He was born Jan. 7, 1769, at Mellenheim, on the Rhine, and was educated at Heidelberg, where he spent fourteen years preparing for the ministry, learning five different languages. He inherited a large fortune and a landed estate. Marshal Jourdan, under orders of the French Directory (then the ruling power in France), invaded that section, and Charles E. Muench, in defense of his country, raised a company of dragoons. In an engagement with the French his left arm was so terribly injured that it became partly useless. His portion of Germany being overrun, and in the possession of the French troops, he gathered together his

personal property, abandoned his landed estate and sailed for America. The vessel on which he sailed was overtaken by a French privateer and the passengers robbed of all their valuables, so that he landed at Philadelphia penniless. His wife, Margaret (Bieser), and eldest daughter were with him. Unable to obtain employment, he drifted to Shaefferstown, Lebanon Co., Pa., and subsequently lived at different points in Pennsylvania, eventually locating in Lykens Valley, near Berrysburg, in Dauphin county, Pa., where Mr. Muench engaged in school teaching. He died at Lykens Valley in 1833, and his wife passed away in 1834, both reaching the age of sixty-four years. Their family consisted of seven children: Juliana, born in Germany, who married Jacob Wolf; William Henry; Charles F.; Susan, Mrs. Jacob Reigle; Jacob D.; Daniel A., of Harrisburg; and Margaret, Mrs. Peter Miller.

William Henry Muench, eldest son of Charles E. Muench, was born Feb. 10, 1799, at Shaefferstown, Lebanon Co., Pa., and as he was born a cripple his parents gave him as good an education as possible, their lack of means making it necessary to limit him to instruction in English and German. In 1819 Rev. J. P. Shindel proposed that he come to the Shamokin valley to teach those branches, and he located at Reed's station, where he taught for twenty-four years, at the same place. He became widely acquainted and was an early friend of Gen. Simon Cameron. He served as county commissioner and held all the township offices, and was appointed justice of the peace for Shamokin township by Governor Schultze, which position he filled thirty years, during which time he married eighty-nine couples, becoming known as the "marrying squire." Shamokin township at one time had a much wider area than at present, including what are now Shamokin, Ralpho, Zerbe, Coal, Mount Carmel and Cameron townships, so that he became well known over a large territory, and being an expert and elegant penman, an accomplishment none too common in those days, he was often called upon to make out deeds and mortgages, transacting a large amount of business of that kind. He died Sept. 8, 1885, aged eighty-six years, and his wife Elizabeth (Reed), daughter of Jacob Reed, whom he married in 1820, died in 1866, aged sixty-six. They are buried at St. Jacob's (Reed's) Church. William H. Muench was an elder and leading supporter of the German Reformed Church. He had two children, Margaret and Jacob E.

Jacob E. Muench, son of William Henry Muench, was born at the old homestead Sept. 20 or 29, 1823, and died in 1900. During his young manhood he taught in the township schools for a number of years, but his principal occupation was farming, which he carried on extensively. In his early life he was prominently connected with

the State militia, of which he was a member fourteen years. He was appointed first lieutenant by Governor Johnston, and was subsequently elected major, and in 1853 was appointed brigadier-general by Governor Bigler. He was a Republican and active in politics, serving several terms as auditor of his township, from 1873 to 1875 as auditor of Northumberland county, and for many years as school director, being secretary of the township school board for eighteen consecutive years. The public schools always had a warm friend in this public-spirited citizen. In 1886 he was elected justice of the peace. He was a member of the German Reformed Church, and served as elder five years.

On Dec. 3, 1854, Mr. Muench married Lavina Scholl, who was born in 1825 at Fleetwood, Berks Co., Pa., and met her husband at the home of Conrad Yost, who lived in Shamokin township, this county, while on a visit. Mrs. Muench died Sept. 1, 1862, aged thirty-seven years, the mother of three children: Mary E., deceased, who was the wife of Jacob S. Rohrbach; William F., who died aged seventeen years; and Emma E., who married Reuben F. Martz, of Shamokin township, and died Jan. 7, 1902, aged forty-two years. On Nov. 28, 1878, Mr. Muench married (second) Hattie S. Cooper, daughter of John Cooper, of Upper Augusta township. She is now living at Snyderstown, Pennsylvania.

**JOSIAH R. RISHEL**, station agent at Turbutville and merchant at that place, is an enterprising young business man of his community and in the several years of his residence there has become one of its respected citizens. He was born Sept. 29, 1883, at Danville, Montour Co., Pa., son of Peter A. Rishel, and is a descendant of Michael Rishel, the ancestor of this branch of the family now represented in Montour, Columbia and Northumberland counties.

Michael Rishel was born in Bucks county, Pa., and about 1790 came with his family to Columbia (now Montour) county, settling not far from Danville. He had a number of sons, among whom was Solomon.

Solomon Rishel, son of Michael, lived in Montour county, where he died in 1872.

Washington Rishel, son of Solomon, lived in Montour county, on the road leading from Danville to Bloomsburg. He died about 1894, at the age of about seventy-five, and is buried at Danville. He owned a farm of about one hundred acres, and followed farming. His children were: H. Clarence; Charles, who lives in Montour county; Edward, who lives at Danville; Anthur, who lives in Union county, Pa.; Peter A.; Sarah, who married Alfred Thompson and lives at Benton, Pa.; and Lizzie, wife of Michael Leighow.

This family were Lutherans in religious faith.

Peter A. Rishel, son of Washington, was born in 1842 in Montour county, and still resides there, at White Hall, in Anthony township. He has followed farming all his life, and has a tract of 100 acres. In his earlier years he learned the trade of carpenter, at which he also worked for some years. He married Margaret Roberts, daughter of David and Fannie Roberts, of Montour county, and a family of seven children was born to their union: William C., who married Blanche Dewalt and has four children; Dorence R., station agent at Ottawa, Pa., who married Jennie Evert and has one child, Ruth; Essie M., wife of Samuel Campbell; Leroy L., who lives in Hollidaysburg, Pa.; John G., of Jerseytown, Pa.; Josiah R.; and George. Mr. Rishel and his family are Methodists in religion; he is a Republican on political questions.

Josiah R. Rishel received his education in the public schools of his native township. Until he reached the age of seventeen he spent his summers in work upon the farm. At that time he went to learn telegraphy at Ottawa, Montour county, and in March, 1902, he was stationed at Jerseytown, on the Susquehanna, Bloomsburg & Berwick (formerly the Central Pennsylvania & Western) road, between Watsonstown and Berwick. After two years at that location he was transferred to Berwick and clerked in the office there two years, at the end of which time he went to Detroit, where he worked for the Grand Trunk Railroad Company three months. Leaving there he worked for the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad Company the next three months, after which he returned to Pennsylvania, taking his present position as station agent of the Susquehanna, Bloomsburg & Berwick road at Turbutville, one of the main stations along the line. He has been agent there continuously since 1905. Mr. Rishel has found excellent business opportunities in his present location, and he has been specially interested as a coal merchant, having a well equipped yard, with a capacity of about five thousand tons, and handling some fifty carloads of coal annually. The yard is enclosed and under roof. Mr. Rishel has also established a profitable trade as a dealer in grain, hay and farm implements, and these lines increasing steadily under the application of first-class business methods and attention to the wants of his customers.

Mr. Rishel is active in the local fraternal bodies, being a member of Watsontown Lodge, No. 401, F. & A. M., of the L. O. O. F. (Warrior Run Lodge, No. 645, at Turbutville), B. P. O. E. Lodge No. 943, of Milton, Pa., and of the Modern Woodmen's and Macabees' organizations at Turbutville. In religion he is inclined toward the Methodist Church.

AUGUST C. HERR, of Shamokin, inside foreman at the Cameron colliery, has held that responsible position since 1899, and he has been identified with the local coal field since 1873. He is one of the best known miners in the region.

Mr. Herr was born May 5, 1855, at a place about three minutes' walk from Lohé, near Bremen, Germany, son of Louis and Sophia (Willis) Herr, and grandson of Nicholas Herr, who was a miner in Germany, where he lived and died. Louis Herr passed all his life in Germany, dying in 1866, at the age of forty-five years. His children were: Johanna (who lives in Germany), Louis, Charles and August C.

August C. Herr attended school in Germany until he reached the age of thirteen years. He then went to sea on a vessel of the North German Lloyd line, remaining with the company until 1870. He was in England when the war between Germany and France was declared, and from that country he took passage for America, landing at Hoboken, N. J., having secured leave of absence from the ship on which he was employed, with the understanding that he would go back as soon as the ship returned. However, he did not do so, going to St. Marys, Elk Co., Pa., where he found work in the soft coal mines, remaining there until his removal to Shamokin, Northumberland Co., Pa., in March, 1873. Here he first obtained work at the Luke Fidler colliery, as miner, for a period of about three months, after which he became a miner at the Cameron colliery. Fifteen years of faithful service brought him promotion to the position of assistant foreman, and he served as such five years, thus rounding out a term of twenty-six years in the employ of the Mineral Railroad & Mining Company. In 1893 he became inside foreman at the Luke Fidler colliery, but after six years in that position he returned to the Cameron colliery, in 1899, as inside foreman, and there he has since been engaged. Some idea of the extent of his responsibilities may be gained from the mere statement that he has eight hundred men under his direction. Mr. Herr is a man of substantial worth and keen intelligence, a good judge of men and their capabilities and a trustworthy person whose value in his present incumbency has been proved in long years of service.

Mr. Herr is widely known in the fraternities, being a member of Shamokin Lodge, No. 664, I. O. O. F., of which he is a past grand, and of the Encampment; of the F. O. E.; of Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; of Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M.; of Shamokin Commandery, No. 77, K. T.; and of Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading. He is a director of the Home Union and of the Citizens Building and Loan Associa-

tion, and is serving as vice president of the Union Company.

In 1875 Mr. Herr married Minerva Hilbrand, whose parents were lost at sea on the voyage from the old country to the United States. Children as follows have been born to this union: Charles Augustus, born Aug. 10, 1875, who married Mary E. Kerstetter and lives in Shamokin; Minnie, born April 19, 1877, who died when five days old; Clara Wilhelmina, born April 21, 1879, who is the wife of Harvey C. Kerstetter; Ludwig C., born June 16, 1880, who married Lillian Llewellyn; William, born Oct. 26, 1882, who married Clara Miller; Ida, born Dec. 21, 1884, who died Sept. 5, 1908; Franklin Monroe, born July 30, 1884; John Alfred, born Sept. 15, 1889; Edward Benjamin, born March 22, 1892; and Annie, born Oct. 8, 1895.

C. E. RAUP, formerly of Milton, Northumberland county, is now located at Galt, Ontario, as manager of the Canadian branch of Samuel J. Slater & Sons, of Milton, Pennsylvania.

WALTER J. LEONARD, of Sunbury, engaged as yardmaster with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, is a native of that place, born Feb. 21, 1876, son of George S. Leonard. The Leonard family is of German origin, his great-grandfather, George Leonard, having been born in Germany, whence he came to America over a century ago. He located at what is now the borough of Northumberland, in Northumberland county, Pa., later going to Liverpool, Perry county, this state, where he died at the age of eighty-seven years. He is buried there. He was a land owner, and at one time conducted a hotel at Northumberland borough. He served as a soldier during the war of 1812. His children were: Lewis, who died at Liverpool; John; Susan, who married David Deckert and lived at Mount Patrick, Perry Co., Pa.; and Polly, Mrs. Slear.

John Leonard, son of George, was the grandfather of Walter J. Leonard, of Sunbury. He was born in Northumberland borough, and died Nov. 22, 1894, at Shamokin Dam, Snyder county, at the age of seventy-six years. He is buried there. In his earlier manhood Mr. Leonard was a merchant at Centerville, Snyder county, for several years, and he was engaged as a pilot on the Susquehanna river for some time. He married Sarah Sampsel, a native of Centerville, Snyder county, and their children were: George S.; Thomas M., who lives in Shamokin, Northumberland county; and Alice, wife of Newton Hartman, living at Shamokin Dam.

George S. Leonard, son of John, was born Feb. 14, 1845, in Liverpool, Perry Co., Pa., where he lived until he was thirteen years old, meantime



attending the public schools. Removing three miles above Liverpool, he was employed for the next seven years tending locks upon the Pennsylvania canal, except for the time he was in service in the Union army. In June, 1863, he enlisted from Harrisburg, becoming a member of Company I, 208th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, 9th Corps, and was out about two years, his command being attached to the Army of the Potomac. He was never wounded. In 1866 he located at Shamokin Dam, Snyder county, where he continued to work for the canal company until 1870, since which year he has made his home at Sunbury. For thirty years after settling there he was in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company (at the time he entered the service it was as an employee of the Northern Central Railway Company), retiring in 1900. He married Mary Lower, daughter of Michael Lower, and they have had four children: Edward (living at Sunbury, Pa.), Della, Minnie (who died aged twenty-four years) and Walter J.

Walter J. Leonard obtained his education in the public schools of Sunbury, graduating from the high school in 1898. He commenced railroad-ing the same year, starting as a messenger, and was promoted from time to time until in 1900 he became master of the freight yard at Sunbury, where he has charge of fifty men. Mr. Leonard has won his promotions on merit, having made a record for trustworthiness and capability by a consistent career of faithful and reliable service.

On Nov. 25, 1896, Mr. Leonard married Clara Day, daughter of Noah Day, and to them have been born five children, two of whom died in infancy; the survivors are Dorothy Ruth, J. Edward and Sidney. Mr. Leonard has a home of his own at No. 126 South Fourth street. He and his family attend the Methodist Church, and socially he is identified with several organizations, holding membership in True Cross Commandery, No. 112, Knights of Malta, Lodge No. 416, Knights of Pythias, Lodge No. 267, B. P. O. Elks, the Y. M. C. A. and No. 1 Fire Company, all of Sunbury. In politics he is a Republican.

Jackson Day, grandfather of Mrs. Walter J. Leonard, was a native of York county, Pa. For a number of years he lived at Millersburg, Dauphin Co., Pa., where he conducted the work train, and he died at the age of sixty-five, in about 1891, at that place, where he is buried. He was a member of the United Evangelical Church. He and his wife Jane (Beck), who was also of York county, had a family of eight children.

Noah Day, son of Jackson and Jane (Beck) Day, was born May 1, 1851, at Shrewsbury, York Co., Pa., where he received his education. He began railroading at the early age of fifteen years on the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's

work train at Millersburg, and after serving as flagman and fireman in turn became engineer, being engaged in that capacity for thirty years before his death. He was yard engineer at DY. Mr. Day was well known among railroad men, was a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, of the Pennsylvania Relief Fund Association and of the Veteran's Association. He held membership in the First United Evangelical Church at Sunbury, and in politics was a staunch Republican.

Mr. Day's first marriage was to Alda Gilbert, who is buried at Millersburg. By that union he had two children: Frederick, who lives at Stone Harbor, N. J.; and Jennie, who married Samuel Kobel and lives at Millersburg, Pa. On Oct. 12, 1876, Mr. Day married (second) Margaret Yeager, daughter of Christian Yeager, a native of Germany, who lived at Georgetown (Dalmatia), Pa. Mr. Yeager married Sarah Burrell, who was from Lower Mahanoy township, this county, and they had children: George, Alexander, Sarah, Peter and Margaret (wife of Noah Day). Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Day: Clara, Mrs. Walter J. Leonard; Cora M., wife of Jonathan Kunkel, of Sunbury; Jackson, who died in infancy; Virgie V., wife of Ralph Bailey, of Williamsport, Pa.; Daisy, who died in infancy, and Verlin E., wife of Charles B. Smith, a railroader, who has a daughter, Geraldine Elizabeth (they reside with Mrs. Day).

PATRICK F. KEARINS, of Shamokin, proprietor of the "Market Street Hotel," has succeeded his father in the business. The latter was one of the early hotel-keepers of the borough, and in his day was a well known man and regarded as one of the public-spirited citizens of Shamokin.

Patrick Kearins, the father, was born in 1833 in Ireland, and was a young man when he came to America. He located at Shamokin among the early residents of the place, and for some time followed mining, later engaging in the hotel business, which he continued until his death. He took a great interest in the welfare of his adopted town, and was respected by the many with whom he came in contact in his business and social relations. He died in 1898, at the age of sixty-four years, and is buried at Shamokin. He was a member of St. Edward's Catholic Church. Mr. Kearins married Bridget Kelly, who died when still a young woman, the mother of five children: Mary, who married Joseph Simmons; Katie, who married Peter Fehlig; Thomas, who died when seventeen years old; John, who is living with his brother Patrick; and Patrick F.

Patrick F. Kearins was born at Shamokin Jan. 18, 1871, and received his education there in the public and parochial schools. For about two years he was employed at the mines, and then

learned the printer's trade, at which he was engaged for about seven years in all, until he became associated in the hotel business with his father, about two years before the latter's death. After that event he continued the business on his own account, buying the property in 1903. The location, at Nos. 22-24 North Market street, is a favorable one for hotel purposes, and Mr. Kearins has held the trade which his father established and increased it by his own good management. He has a wide acquaintanceship and is a substantial and respected man.

In April, 1902, Mr. Kearins married Margaret Jones, daughter of Herbert M. Jones, the latter a native of Wales who came to America and settled in Shamokin. Mr. and Mrs. Kearins have had the following children: Mary, Marguerite (deceased), Patrick and John (the latter deceased). Mr. Kearins is a member of St. Edward's Catholic Church and a member of the Foresters, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and the Red Men. He is an independent voter, supporting the best man, regardless of party.

**EZRA R. JACOBY**, of Northumberland, now serving as assistant yardmaster for the Pennsylvania Railway Company at that point, has been in the employ of that company continuously for the long period of forty-three years, and for over a quarter of a century held the responsible position of general yardmaster. Mr. Jacoby is of German descent, his great-grandfather having been one of the five Jacoby brothers who came from Wurtemberg, Germany, to this country, one settling in Philadelphia, on what is now Jacoby street, so named in his honor; he conducted what was known as the "Black Horse Hotel." One settled at Valley Forge, and participated in the Revolutionary war. Another settled on Durham creek, in Bucks county, Pa., and during the war sold his wheat to the Colonial Government, being paid in Continental money, some of which is still treasured by members of the family, Mr. Ezra R. Jacoby, of Northumberland, having part of it. The fourth brother settled near Allentown, Pa., and the fifth in Bucks county, at Bursonville. The last mentioned had a son John Jacoby, who in time became judge of the county. His homestead was near Bursonville, on Durham creek, where he had a stone mansion of Colonial architecture. He was twice married, his second wife living to the age of 104 years.

Samuel Jacoby, son of John Jacoby by his second marriage, was born May 8, 1806, at the homestead. In 1824 he moved to near Masonville, in the State of New York, and continued to reside in that State until 1846, when he removed to Pennsylvania. Settling first at Trout Run, in Lycoming county, he farmed there for some years, and then moved to Loyalsock, same county, where

he passed the remainder of his days, dying at Warrensville March 6, 1901, in his ninety-fifth year. He is buried at that place. Though a hearty, rugged man all his life, he had lived retired for the last thirty-five years, enjoying the fruits of his early industry. At the time of his death the flag on the local schoolhouse was placed at half-mast as a mark of respect and in recognition of his useful citizenship and high character. His parents were members of the German Reformed Church, but he and his family were Methodists. Mr. Jacoby was married in New York State to Clara H. Biels, who was born April 12, 1809, daughter of John Biels, and died March 16, 1890. They were the parents of eight children, four sons and four daughters: Sarah (deceased) married Abraham Abker; Mary Augusta married Robert Abker, nephew of Abraham Abker; Chester (deceased) lived in Cascade township, Lycoming county; William is a resident of Loyalsock, that county; Lucy died young; Abraham is a farmer of Cascade township; Ezra R. is mentioned below; Rachel died when fourteen years old.

Ezra R. Jacoby was born Oct. 16, 1845, near Masonville, N. Y., and was six months old when brought by his parents to Pennsylvania. He attended public school for a short time during his early boyhood, but his educational advantages were limited, and he read and studied in his mature years to make up for early deficiencies. After working on the farm until he was fourteen years old, he was later employed in the lumber woods until the fall of 1862, at which time he enlisted, from Williamsport, Pa., in the Union army, becoming a member of the 3rd Regiment, Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, Volunteers, with which he served until August, 1865. He was in the engagement before Petersburg.

On Nov. 27, 1867, Mr. Jacoby entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Company, with which he has since remained. He began as brakeman, was conductor in Williamsport for eighteen months, and then, in March, 1870, came to Sunbury to take the position of yardmaster, being thus engaged for five years. From that time until 1903 he was general yardmaster, his service in this capacity being highly creditable. Since relieved of this responsibility he has been assistant yardmaster at Northumberland. During his more active years he had charge of much important work, and had as many as eight hundred men under his supervision at times. He attained his high position through his own efforts, and he has held the esteem of his associates and employers throughout his long career.

On Nov. 12, 1865, Mr. Jacoby married Florence M. Brown, daughter of Heman and Anna Belle (Snyder) Brown, and to them have been born six children: Harry, now of Oil City, Pa.; Drucilla, who died when fifteen years old; Dora Belle, Mrs.

Charles H. Dodge; Charlotte, Mrs. Samuel Todd; Charles, who died in infancy; and Augustus K., a railroad man, who makes his home at Northumberland.

Mr. Jacoby and his family have occupied the present home on Front street, Northumberland, since April, 1884. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church there, and socially he belongs to Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., of Sunbury; Chapter No. 174, R. A. M.; Danville Commandery, No. 37, K. T.; and Bloomsburg Consistory, thirty-second degree.

JOHN D. SWANGER, photographer and art dealer, and one of the busiest and most popular of the younger citizens and business men of Milton, Pa., is a native of Franklin county, born at Lurgan, in 1883, son of Daniel D. and Mary E. (Long) Swanger.

Daniel D. Swanger is one of the prominent and best known men in Franklin county. For many years he taught school, for twenty-five years filled the office of justice of the peace, and for several years was president of the Lurgan Mutual Fire Insurance Co. At the present time he is engaged as a merchant at Lurgan. He married Mary E. Long, and their children born to them are: Libby, Bruce, Harry, Ellis, Anna, Thomas and John D.

John D. Swanger attended the schools in his native town, and for a time was employed by his father. He then left home, going to Shippensburg, Cumberland county, where he learned photography under C. A. Goodhart. In 1902 he opened a studio at Reynoldsville, Jefferson county, and for two and a half years carried it on successfully. He then came to Milton, and accepted a position with H. B. Montgomery, and later bought out his employer. Since then he has carried on the business alone, and so well has he succeeded that he has little time for anything but his work. He studies constantly to perfect himself in all the new and most scientific methods, and he has won an enviable reputation. He is a member of the State Photographers' Association. Fraternally he belongs to the Woodmen.

Mr. Swanger married Carrie E. Billmeyer, daughter of Henry Billmeyer, of an old and prominent family of Northumberland and Montour counties. They attend the Trinity Lutheran Church. Mr. Swanger has been a resident of Milton but, comparatively speaking, a few years, yet he has shown himself a citizen of genuine worth. He is a member of the Board of Trade, and takes an interest in its work as well as in all movements that look to the growth and development of the borough.

EMORY L. MILLER, a young business man of Shamokin who is making a success as a contractor and builder, was born Dec. 29, 1883, at

Augustaville, this county, son of Hiram R. Miller. His grandfather,

George Miller, who is commonly called "Hunter George," immigrated from Germany some time in 1700. He settled near Hamburg, Berks Co., Pa. He had several children, but nothing is known of them by his descendants with the exception of John Miller, who settled in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, prior to 1785. He owned about thirteen hundred acres of land situated upon the Centre pike. He built his log house on the south side of the road opposite where George W. Miller later made his home. In 1785 he married Catherine Raber, who was born Sept. 26, 1769, and by whom he had two sons and two daughters: George and David, both deceased; Elizabeth, who was twice married, first to a Mr. Rockefeller and later to a Mr. Wilbour; and Sarah, who married a Mr. Miller. Before his death John Miller divided his property between his sons, David taking the land on the south side of the valley and George that on the north side.

David Miller, son of George, lived in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, and followed farming. He married Grace Jones, and their children were: Solomon, Jefferson, Maria (married Reuben Kline), Rosania (married Farnsworth Reed), Louisa (married Jacob Gonser) and Hiram R.

Hiram R. Miller, born July 14, 1835, died May 4, 1894, and is buried at the Augustaville stone church. He was a miller by trade. His wife, Lucy A. Startzel, born Jan. 31, 1846, now resides in Sunbury. They were the parents of five children, namely: Maria A., born Sept. 15, 1866; George V., June 15, 1868; Herbert A., June 28, 1872; Bertha, Nov. 19, 1885 (died young); and Emory L., Dec. 29, 1883.

George Startzel, father of Mrs. Lucy A. (Startzel) Miller, lived near Paxinos, in Shamokin township, this county, and died at Snyderstown, that township. He married Ellen Adams, daughter of Casper Adams, and to them were born the following children: David, Daniel, Peter, George A., Mary, Lucy A. and Harriet.

Emory L. Miller received his early education in the public schools and later attended Bucknell Academy, at Lewisburg, after which he took a course at Syracuse University, graduating from that institution in 1906. Meantime, however, he had learned the carpenter's trade with William Simpson, of Sunbury, and followed that line of work for some seven years before he entered college. After his graduation he located in the borough of Shamokin, where he has since been established in business as a contractor and builder. He has had the contracts for a number of substantial and important buildings in the locality, having erected the S. O. Reed and C. M. Adams residences in 1909; the "Ross Hotel," the Marbach building



and the residence of J. C. Brown, all in Shamokin. He drew the plans for the Kleckner business college at Sunbury, and drew the plans for the I. O. O. F. building at Trevorton, which he also constructed. His reliability and fitness for the work are best shown in the nature of the contracts intrusted to him, and his best recommendation is his work itself.

On March 21, 1910, Mr. Miller married Maudie S. Crone. They reside at No. 510 North First street, Shamokin. He is a Lutheran in religion, a member of the I. O. O. F., and belongs to the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity of Syracuse University.

T. Herman Crone, father of Mrs. Miller, was born at Trevorton, Northumberland Co., Pa., was a butcher by occupation, and died in Shamokin, this county, Sept. 1, 1896. He married Emma Switzer, daughter of John Switzer, a native of Germany, and to their union were born three daughters: Mary, who is at home; Minnie S., Mrs. Miller; and Bessie, at home.

BENJAMIN L. EVANS, of Mount Carmel, Northumberland county, inspector of the Fifteenth Anthracite Inspection District of Pennsylvania, holds a responsible relation to the eight thousand mine workers employed in the twelve collieries over which he has jurisdiction. He has been a mine worker all his life, practically, and is well versed in the duties of his position, the importance of his work and the obligation under which it puts him to serve his fellowmen to the best of his ability.

Mr. Evans is a native of Wales, born in 1862, and was eighteen years old when he came to America. His first location was at Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he followed mining for about ten years, after which he became foreman of the colliery at Mahanoy Plane. He occupied that position about five years, and his next experience was at Buck Mountain, Schuylkill county, also as foreman, whence he changed to the Maria colliery, at Mahanoy City, for two years. He came to Mount Carmel in September, 1903, and has since made his home in that borough. Mr. Evans took the examination to qualify for State mine inspector in 1902, at Pottsville, and passed with a high grade. He has since passed other examinations, in 1903, 1906 and 1908, continuing to hold his position through merit and eminent fitness for its duties. He is thoroughly conversant with its responsibilities and has proved himself competent to inspect and report upon the twelve collieries in his care, in which a total of about eight thousand people are engaged. His integrity and fairness, and a high sense of honor, have marked his performance of the trust he has so long held, and he is not only well but favorably known throughout the local coal field.

Mr. Evans was married to Charlotte Baer, and to them has been born one daughter, Elizabeth A., now the wife of Frederick Persing, of Mount Carmel. They reside at No. 24 North Maple street, Mount Carmel, where Mr. Evans maintains his office also. Socially he is a member of the Elks and Odd Fellows, and in politics he is a Republican.

WILLIAM H. DUNKELBERGER has been established in business at Sunbury for only a few years, but his store has a wide reputation, being the largest of its kind in central Pennsylvania and carrying a stock noted for completeness. Mr. Dunkelberger is located at No. 437 Market street, in the heart of the business district of the borough, and is engaged as a dealer in floor coverings, tapestries and upholstery goods of all kinds. He is one of the younger element, having been born April 8, 1880, at Middleburg, Snyder Co., Pa., and is of Northumberland county stock, his grandfather, John Dunkelberger, having been a farmer in Little Mahanoy township. John Dunkelberger was married three times, and had six children by one union, namely: Cornelius, Henry, Lewis, Samuel, Lillian (who never married) and Mrs. Henry Pecker.

Cornelius Dunkelberger, father of William H. Dunkelberger, was born in 1839 in Little Mahanoy township, and spent a number of years in Northumberland county. Later he moved to Snyder county, where he has since made his home, having long been a resident of Middleburg and one of the influential citizens of that place, active in business, political and church circles. In fact, he has been an enthusiastic worker and a leader in every line which has claimed his interest. For a number of years he was a prosperous grain, coal and lumber merchant. Since 1884 he has been connected with the United States internal revenue service at that point. In the year named he was appointed storekeeper and gauger, later deputy collector, and has been in the Government service since 1888. He has long been active in the Republican party in his locality, having been committeeman from Franklin township, Snyder county, for some years, county chairman, and frequently delegate to county and state conventions. For many years he has been one of the most energetic workers in the United Evangelical Church of Middleburg, in which he holds membership, having been long superintendent of the Sunday-school, a class-leader, exhorter, etc., in fact, one of the pillars of the congregation. He married Harriet Sechrist, daughter of Henry Sechrist, who lived near Port Trevorton, Snyder county, and they have a family of six children, namely: Ella married J. I. Acher and they live near Port Trevorton; Elizabeth married J. R. Kreeger, of Middleburg; Mary married Dr. J. G. Sallada, of Benton,

Pa.; Gertrude and Lillian are unmarried; William H. is a resident of Sunbury.

William H. Dunkelberger received his education in the public schools of Middleburg. At an early age he began clerking in a general store at Lewistown, Mifflin Co., Pa., and was thus engaged for thirteen years, laying a thorough foundation for his future career, becoming familiar with the details of merchandising and business methods and gaining an insight into the executive branch of the business which has proved most valuable to him in his independent venture. In 1907 he commenced on his own account at his present location in Sunbury, and he made a success from the start. He has worked hard to place his business on a substantial foundation, and he deserves the large share of patronage which has come to him.

On Feb. 3, 1903, Mr. Dunkelberger married Nellie Crawford, daughter of Albert and Margaret (Sheep) Crawford, who lived near Milton, Northumberland county, and they have had one son, William Crawford. The family are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Sunbury. Specially Mr. Dunkelberger unites with Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., of Sunbury, with Northumberland Royal Arch Chapter, No. 114, also of Sunbury, and the B. P. O. E. Lodge No. 267, of Sunbury.

JOSEPH ERASTUS A. SOWERS, of Shamokin, foreman for the Mount Carmel Iron Company, was born Aug. 19, 1842, in Spring City, Chester Co., Pa., in which county the family has been established for some time. His grandfather, Joseph Sowers, was a native of Germany, and came thence to America many years ago, settling near Spring City. He followed farming, and continued to reside there until his death. His children were Erastus, Mahlon and Abner.

Abner Sowers, son of Joseph, was born on his father's farm in Chester county. He lived principally at Royer's Ford, Montgomery county, where he followed farming for some years, later working in a mill. He died in 1860. Mr. Sowers married Elizabeth Taney, also a member of a Chester county family, of French descent, and to them were born three children: Joseph Erastus A.; Charles, who died young; and Annie, now deceased, who was the wife of Rev. Henry Chapman, an Episcopal minister. After the death of her husband Mrs. Sowers married William Wilcox, who is now also deceased, and by that union had two children, William and Annie, the former now a resident of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Joseph Erastus A. Sowers attended public school at Norristown, Montgomery county, and commenced to work in the rolling mills there. Thence he went to Pottsville, where he learned the molder's trade, continuing to follow it until he enlisted for service in the Civil war. In 1861 he enlisted in Company I, 96th Regiment, Penn-

sylvanian Volunteer Infantry, from which he was transferred to the 52d Pennsylvania regiment, and he held the rank of sergeant throughout his service. He was under General McClellan and took an active part in the Peninsular campaign, and in the operations in North and South Carolina, the battles in which he was engaged including Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, Seven Pines, Bolten Bridge, Malvern Hill, White Oak Swamp, James Island, Fort Sumter, Yorktown, Fort Wagner, Morris Island, Bull Island, and Fort Johnson, where he was captured July 3, 1864. He was taken to Charleston and thence to Andersonville, where he was held three months, from there going to Florence, where he was kept two months before receiving his parole. He was discharged Nov. 27, 1864, after three years and five months of service.

Returning to Pottsville, Pa., Mr. Sowers worked there one year and then went to Port Carbon, where he took charge of the foundry for J. R. Boyer. He held that position for several years, at the end of which time he had a chance to better himself, becoming foreman of the molding department in the establishment of John Mullen & Son, at Shamokin, Dec. 21, 1875. He remained with this firm for the long period of thirty years, and has since held his present position, being now foreman for the Mount Carmel Iron Company. Intelligent, faithful and conscientious, Mr. Sowers stands high among his fellow workmen as well as with his employers, and he is a respected citizen of the borough in which he has so long made his home. He is a well known member of the Masonic fraternity, holding membership in Shamokin Lodge, No. 255, F. & A. M.; Shamokin Chapter, No. 264, R. A. M.; Shamokin Commandery, No. 77, K. T.; Williamsport Consistory, thirty-second degree; Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading (to which he transferred in 1911 from Irem Temple, of Wilkes-Barre); and the Temple Club, of Shamokin. He also belongs to Lincoln Post, No. 140, G. A. R. In politics he is a Republican.

On Oct. 25, 1866, Mr. Sowers married Ella Lord, daughter of Henry Lord, of Pottsville, Pa. Their home is at No. 1101 Vine street, Shamokin. Five children have been born to this union, four surviving, namely: Harry, a machinist, in the employ of John Mullen & Son (he married Kate Miller and has two children, Essie and Frank); Elizabeth; Harvey B., a molder also in the employ of John Mullen & Son (he married Frances Burner); and Ella May.

CLARENCE K. MARTZ, blacksmith and wheelwright at Paxinos, Northumberland county, belongs to a family which has been settled in this county for over a century, being a son of Frank Lin Martz and grandson of David Martz.

David Martz was born Oct. 15, 1802, in Lower



Augusta township, Northumberland county, and died Nov. 11, 1855. Shortly after his marriage he located at Paxinos and owned and operated a fulling mill there, being quite successful in business. He was a respected man, and for many years was chosen to serve as justice of the peace at Paxinos. His wife, Hannah (Evert), born Oct. 6, 1804, died June 9, 1880, and they are buried at the Blue church in Ralpho township. Their children were: Eliza died unmarried; Henry, who was a teacher, died unmarried; Margaret married David Adams; Sarah married Emanuel Artman; Franklin is mentioned below; Mary married Albert Fisher; David P. is a resident of Ralpho township, this county; John, twin of David, is deceased; Hannah married Jackson Hoffman; Susan died young.

Franklin Martz, son of David, was born Dec. 12, 1835, in Northumberland county, was reared upon a farm and learned the carpenter's trade, following both farming and carpentry. He died near Paxinos, on his farm, in July, 1887, and is buried at the Blue church. His wife, Margaret (Fisher), a native of Northumberland county, daughter of John Fisher, still survives, residing at Paxinos. She is a member of the German Reformed Church, as was also Mr. Martz. They were the parents of a large family, five of whom are living: Edward H.; William, who lives in Shamokin; Bertha M., married to Frank Wertley; Catherine A., married to William Kneibbaum; and Clarence K.

Clarence K. Martz was born April 9, 1873, received his education in the schools of the home locality and was reared upon the farm until he reached the age of nineteen. At that time he went to Elysburg to learn the trade of blacksmith with Joseph Lynn, remaining there for a period of five years, after which he went to Shamokin for a year. After that he carried on a farm in connection with his trade for some time, and in 1902 began business at his present stand, in Paxinos, where he has been doing business continuously since. It is a fine location, and he has built up a profitable custom, doing a general blacksmith and wheelwright business. In 1907 he admitted William E. Fisher to a partnership in the business, the firm being known as Martz & Fisher. Mr. Martz has served his township in the capacity of supervisor, which office he has held for three years. He is a Republican in politics and in religion a Lutheran, belonging to St. Jacob's (Reed's) Church. Socially he holds membership in the P. O. S. of A. and in the Modern Woodmen of America.

Mr. Martz married Julia A. Epler, daughter of Amos Epler, of Shamokin township, and to this union have been born two children, namely: Clara and Fred.

PETER F. CULP, now of Sunbury, made his home on his farm in Rockefeller township from

1891 until his recent removal to the borough. He is employed as car inspector in the yards of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Sunbury, his service with the company covering over thirty years—since 1877. Mr. Culp was born Nov. 14, 1859, in what was then known as Augusta township, Northumberland county, son of Peter Culp, grandson of Henry Culp (or Kolb) and great-grandson of Conrad Culp, who was born in the year 1761 and died April 8, 1846, aged about eighty-five years. He lived in Augusta (now Upper Augusta) township, where he had the farm now owned by a Mr. Haas. His wife, Magdalena, born in 1761, died Feb. 9, 1849. Their children were Mrs. Stophel Sterner and Henry.

Henry Culp (or Kolb) was a native of one of the lower counties of Pennsylvania, born March 10, 1791, and was one of the pioneer settlers in his section of Northumberland county, where he located on what is known as the old Pike (Tulpehocken) road, about two miles east of Sunbury. He owned a farm in Augusta (now Upper Augusta) township, which has since been divided into several tracts. He lost considerable of his estate through the shrinkage of Continental currency. His death occurred Sept. 11, 1833, and he is buried at Sunbury. He was a member of the German Reformed Church. His wife, Saloma, born in February, 1790, died April 15, 1835. They were the parents of the following children: Benjamin lived in Crawford county, Pa.; William lived in Millersburg, Elkhart Co., Ind., and there are still many Kolbs, Kolbs, Colbs and Colps in that county, descendants of this family; Samuel died at Shamokin, Pa.; Charles lived at Ashland, Pa., where he conducted a hotel; Hettie (Esther) married a Mr. Brobst and they lived at McEwensville, Pa.; Sarah married Henry Kniss (who had a brother Peter), of Rockefeller township, where he followed farming; Peter is mentioned below.

Peter Culp, son of Henry, was born April 22, 1811, and lived and died in what is now Upper Augusta township. His birth and death occurred on the same farm. He followed farming all his life, and died at a comparatively early age, Sept. 5, 1859. He is buried in the Union cemetery at Sunbury. His wife, Gertrude Lantz, was a daughter of Samuel and Magdalene (Martz) Lantz, her father a foremost citizen of Rockefeller township. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Culp had the following children: Susan, who married William Weitzel (both are deceased); Henry, late of Sunbury; Samuel, of Sunbury (he was a soldier in the Civil war); David, who died while serving in the army during the Civil war; Richard, also a soldier in the Civil war, who lived and died in Sunbury; Albert S.; and Peter F.

Peter F. Culp was trained from boyhood to farm life, and has always retained his interest in agricultural pursuits. Since 1877 he has been an employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.



being engaged as car inspector at the Sunbury yards. In 1891 he settled on his ninety-acre farm in Rockefeller township, which was formerly the old Judge Abraham Shipman homestead, and for ten years he owned and operated the Judge Shipman grist and saw mill, which stood on his property. He is an energetic and active man, and though occupied with his business interests has found time for public service and social pleasures. For twenty-three years he held the office of school director, serving over fifteen years as secretary of the board. He has long been a working member of the Democratic party, and has served a number of times as delegate to the county conventions. He and his wife are members of the Reformed Church, and he was choir leader of the Lantz Church (named after his grandfather) for over twelve years. Recently he and his wife took a month's trip through the West. They came to Sunbury April 3, 1911, and reside at No. 1273 East Market street.

In 1873 Mr. Culp married Anna Heilman, daughter of Daniel and Margaret (Smeltzer) Heilman, and they have had a family of eight children: Gertrude, who married Jacob Drumm; Margaret, wife of Ed. Bartholomew, of Sunbury; Creighton Glenn, who married Gertrude Reader, and resides in Sunbury; Peal Vernon, who married Mary Hewitt, and lives in Sunbury; Royal Palmer, who married Stella Lytle and farms the homestead place in Rockefeller township; Albert Bernard, who married Ethel Weitzel and lives in Rockefeller township; Bessie Blanche, and Bryan Darlington.

Daniel Heilman, father of Mrs. Culp, was born Jan. 26, 1795, in Northampton county, Pa., and came to Northumberland county about 1820, settling in Lower Augusta township on the farm now owned by his granddaughter, Margaret Anna (Heilman), wife of Robert Charles. Here he died April 29, 1875. He served as a soldier during the war of 1812-15. Mr. Heilman was employed as a cabinetmaker, carpenter and undertaker. In politics he was a Democrat, in religious connection a devout member of the Lutheran Church, serving many years in the church council. His first wife, Gertraut (Diehl), born Jan. 18, 1793, died Oct. 22, 1846, and his second wife, Margaret (Smeltzer), of Lower Augusta township, daughter of Daniel Smeltzer, who came from Stone Valley, and widow of Christopher Ummel, died Jan. 5, 1888, aged seventy-three years, three months, sixteen days. Mr. Heilman and both his wives are buried at the Augustaville Lutheran and Reformed Church. Mrs. Heilman was a member of the Reformed congregation. Ten children were born to the first marriage: Lydia, Mrs. Henry H. Malick; Hannah, Mrs. William Malick; Gertrude, Mrs. Henry Savage; Jeremiah, of Nebraska; Daniel D.; Maria, Mrs. Hiram Bloom;

Esther, Mrs. Andrew Hauck (they live in Kansas); John; and two who died young. There were two children by the second union: Anna, Mrs. Peter F. Culp, and Isaiah A., of Kansas.

Daniel D. Heilman, son of Daniel, was born in Lower Augusta township Dec. 25, 1829, and died on his farm there June 30, 1904. He was a farmer, but also followed the carpenter's trade and undertaking. In 1856 he married Elizabeth Hauck, who was born Nov. 15, 1831, daughter of David and Anna (Lantz) Hauck, and died Oct. 11, 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Heilman are buried at the Augustaville Church. They had four children: Margaret Anna, wife of Robert Charles; Clara Elizabeth, Mrs. A. J. Smith; Dr. D. Franklin, of Northumberland; and John Calvin, who was accidentally killed in Indiana, when twenty-five years old.

ALBERT S. CULP, son of Peter and brother of Peter F. Culp, was born Nov. 29, 1848, and lived near the Lantz Church, in Rockefeller township, where he owned a piece of property. He was a car inspector for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Sunbury, where he was accidentally killed, while on duty, March 16, 1882. He is buried at Lantz's Church. His wife, Annie K. (Hower), now (1910) fifty-eight years old, survives, making her home with her sons. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Culp: Samuel E., who is unmarried; Charles L.; Sarah G., who died aged twelve years; and Mary K., who married Rev. E. L. Kistler, a Lutheran minister located near Sunbury, who died in the spring of 1911.

Charles L. Culp, son of Albert S. Culp, was born Sept. 10, 1874, in Rockefeller township. For over fifteen years he was in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, in the spring of 1909 commencing farming on his own account in Rockefeller township, he and his brother Samuel E. purchasing the 116-acre tract formerly known as the George M. Kelly farm. They are cultivating this land, and Mr. Culp makes a specialty of dairying, selling his milk wholesale in Sunbury. He is an enterprising and progressive young man, and has accomplished considerable even in the short period he has devoted himself to agricultural work. In 1897 he married Henrietta DeWitt, daughter of David DeWitt, and they have one son, Albert David.

JOHN O'GARA, of Shamokin, member of the firm of O'Gara & Dooley, who conduct a hotel at No. 322 Independence street, opposite the Reading station, is well known in that connection and also as the leader in central Pennsylvania of those who encourage and support clean sports. His activity in this direction has won him many friends.

Mr. O'Gara was born at Trevorton, this county, Dec. 24, 1861, son of Patrick O'Gara, who was

born in Ireland in 1829 and came to America in 1845. He landed at New York City but did not remain there long, proceeding to Beaver Meadows, Carbon Co., Pa., where he found work at the mines. Later he made his home at Trevorton, Northumberland county, where he continued mining to the end of his active days. He died in 1896, at Shamokin. Mr. O'Gara married Margaret Donlin, a native of Ireland, who came to this country with her parents in 1845 and lived at Beaver Meadows, where she was married. She died in 1900. Seven children were born to this union, Catherine, Thomas, Mary, Bridget, John, Michael and Daniel.

John O'Gara attended school at Trevorton and began work as a slate picker, working as such for a short time. He then drove team in the mines and in time became a miner, following mining for about twenty years, during which time he was employed at the North Franklin, Sterling, Burnside and Bear Valley collieries. After abandoning mining he was for six years engaged as a clerk for J. E. Hornold, at the "Exchange Hotel," at Shamokin, Pa., where he became proprietor at the end of that period, conducting it successfully for six years on his own account. In 1908 he became associated with his brother-in-law, J. W. Dooley, under the firm name of O'Gara & Dooley, and they have since conducted the hotel at No. 322 Independence street, opposite the Reading station. The location is particularly favorable, and they have a large patronage, which they retain by fair treatment and attention to the welfare of their patrons.

Mr. O'Gara's connection with the promotion of clean sports has made him a well known figure throughout central Pennsylvania. He is an authority on such matters and well fitted for leadership. Fraternally he holds membership in the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He is a Democrat in politics and a Catholic in religion, being a member of St. Edward's Church at Shamokin.

On June 25, 1884, Mr. O'Gara married Ella Mansfield, who died June 19, 1891, the mother of four children: Frank, Mary (married George F. Mullen), Morris and Arthur. His second wife was Jennie Dooley, daughter of Michael and Catharine (Kerstetter) Dooley, and they have had eight children: Edwin, Warren, Hilda, Ruth, Martha, Leon, Helen and Elizabeth.

PETER ROOS, outside foreman at one of the largest collieries in Northumberland county, the Locust Spring colliery at Locust Gap, in Mount Carmel township, has been engaged in mining ever since he commenced work with the exception of a comparatively short time spent at the blacksmith trade. He has had about twenty years' experience as assistant foreman and foreman.

Mr. Roos was born in 1860 at Thomaston, Schuylkill Co., Pa., son of Peter Roos, a native of Germany who came to this country in his young manhood and passed the remainder of his life in this section of Pennsylvania. He settled in Schuylkill county, where he worked at the mines, and died at Mahanoy City, in that county, at the age of forty-five years. His wife, Catherine (Ecker), lived to the age of seventy-two, dying in 1908. They were the parents of nine children: Catherine, Mary, Peter, George, John, Anthony, Barbara, Philip and Christine.

Peter Roos received his education in the public schools of Mahanoy City. He was only a boy when he began picking slate at the breaker, and he was thus employed until he reached the age of fourteen, when he commenced to learn the blacksmith's trade, following that occupation for some time. He then became employed at the Boston Run colliery, in the capacity of assistant foreman, continuing to hold that position for about ten years, until he came to Locust Gap to take the position of outside foreman at the Locust Spring colliery. Three hundred and fifty men and boys are employed at this colliery, and Mr. Roos's long service there attests his value as an intelligent and faithful workman. He is familiar with all the details of successful mining in this section and a man to be relied upon to do his duty well.

In 1884 Mr. Roos married Elizabeth Becker, daughter of Mathias Becker, a Frenchman, and seven children have been born to them, namely: George, Barbara, Mary, Lena, Christiana, Elizabeth and Catherine. Mr. Roos is a member of the Catholic Church. He has not affinity to any political party, voting independently, as public questions and candidates appeal to him. He is one of the most esteemed residents of Locust Gap, a citizen whose influence is considerable and always exerted in favor of the most worthy objects.

HARRY F. CONRAD, one of the younger merchants of Sunbury doing a thriving business there, was born April 21, 1882, in Penn township, Snyder Co., Pa., son of Aaron A. Conrad. He comes of a family which has been identified with this part of Northumberland county for several generations. Jacob and Adam Conrad are shown by the records to have been taxables in Augusta township in 1774. In the early accounts of the Conrads we find that John Conrad, the great-grandfather of Harry F. Conrad, owned a farm of some four hundred acres east of Sunbury. This John Conrad, born March 18, 1777, died June 11, 1839. He married Julia Cooper, and they had children as follows: Daniel married a Miss Wolfe; William married Susan Huey and (second) a Mr. Bartholomew, and had a son George; Eli married Polly Gerlinger; George married Esther Reeser;



Julia Ann married Henry Gass and had William, Jacob, George, Maria, Susan, Louise and Harriet; Kate married Mr. Cooper; Sarah married Charles Gehrlinger; Ann Maria married Decadon Herb and had Julia, Maria, Daniel, Decadon (married Mrs. Maria Dietrich) and Samuel; Susan married Samuel Herb.

George Conrad, son of John, born Aug. 26, 1808, died May 17, 1877. He owned a large farm, comprising some two hundred and fifty acres, upon which what is now the eastern portion of Sunbury is built. He married Esther Reeser, born July 26, 1811, died Nov. 11, 1886, and they became the parents of the following children: Catharine married Albert Buckley and had four children, Florine (married Charles Zerbe), Clara (married John Evert), Alice (died young) and Hattie; William died young; Harriet married Philip Eckman and had a daughter Esther; Henry married Sophia Fasold; Aaron A. is mentioned below; Gideon was the next in the family; Silas married Ellen Clark.

Aaron A. Conrad, son of George, was born May 9, 1852, in Upper Augusta township, and received his education there in the common schools. He was reared to farm life, but has not been engaged in agricultural pursuits for many years. In 1877 he engaged in merchandising in that part of Upper Augusta township which later became East Sunbury, and is now included within the limits of the borough of Sunbury, his store being located at the southeast corner of Tenth and Market streets. There he did business until 1880, when he moved to Penn township, Snyder county, and became interested in milling. In May, 1886, he moved to Selinsgrove, this county, where he has since made his home. For some time he carried on a general gristmilling business at an old mill locally known in the earlier days as Snyder's mill, and later as Conrad's mill; the establishment is over one hundred years old, and is one of the landmarks of Lower Augusta township. For eight years Mr. Conrad did an extensive business shipping fruit to New York, Pittsburg and the West, in the fall season. He is now living retired. Successful and energetic in his business undertakings, he has also been active and useful in his relations to the community, having served as school director six years, during which time he was president of the board four years and treasurer one year; as street commissioner one year, and as assessor three years, in spite of the fact that he was a Democrat in a Republican stronghold. He has been prominent in local fraternal organizations, having been first president of Washington Camp No. 736, P. O. S. of A., of Selinsgrove (he has passed through all the chairs); and is a past grand of Selinsgrove Lodge, No. 197, I. O. O. F., and active in the work of that body. He served fourteen years

as a trustee of the Reformed Church of which he and his family are members.

On Dec. 10, 1877, Mr. Conrad married Mary E. Weis, daughter of Urias and Sarah (Duke) Weis, farming people of Washington township, Snyder county, and they have had two children, Roberta (who lives with her parents) and Harry F. In March, 1911, Mr. Aaron A. Conrad returned to Sunbury, where he now makes his home.

Harry F. Conrad received a public school education at Selinsgrove, and during his earlier years took an active part in local athletic affairs. When he started out for himself he became a traveling salesman for the Witnian, Schwartz Company, wholesale grocers of Harrisburg, Pa., in whose employ he continued for six years, from June 17, 1904, to May 1, 1910, his territory being in Juniata, Mifflin, Huntingdon and Bedford counties. Meantime, he had gained considerable familiarity with the trade and wide experience, so that when he started in the business on his own account it was not as a novice. On May 1, 1910, he purchased the stock, good will and fixtures of J. E. Berlow, a grocer located at the corner of Market and Tenth streets, Sunbury, and there he has since been established in business, handling a complete line of fancy groceries and fresh meats. He employs four clerks, and has a large trade, making deliveries all over the town. Personally Mr. Conrad has a high reputation, and he has every prospect of making a substantial place for himself among the prosperous business men of the borough.

On Sept. 19, 1905, Mr. Conrad married Anna M. Miller, daughter of Joseph A. and Mary J. (Fry) Miller, of Lewistown, Pa. Their only son, Joseph Miller Conrad. Mr. and Mrs. Conrad are members of the Lutheran Church.

WILLIAM PHILIPPI, of Shamokin, Northumberland county, has made his home in the city ever since he came to this country from his native Germany, and he has conducted his present business since 1901. His home and place of business are at the corner of Sunbury and Pearl streets.

Mr. Philipp was born Sept. 5, 1867, at Rastbach, Neunkirchen, Germany, son of Nicholas Philipp, who for many years was the postmaster at Neunkirchen, where he died. William Philipp learned the trade of baker in his native country. He came to America in 1891, landing at Philadelphia June 24 of that year. After six weeks in that city he proceeded to Pittsburg, Pa., where he remained three weeks, in September, 1891, arriving at Shamokin, which has since been his home. Not finding employment at his trade immediately, he went to mining, which occupation he followed for three years before he commenced baking again. By 1901 he was in shape to go into business on



his own account and he established the bakery at Sunbury and Pearl streets which he has since conducted. His thrift and thorough understanding of the business have brought him deserved prosperity and held a large and increasing patronage. In 1908 he built the fine home at Sunbury and Pearl streets which he and his family now occupy, a two-story brick house 25 by 50 feet in dimensions. The bake house is on the rear of the lot.

On Nov. 3, 1903, Mr. Philippi married Mrs. Sarah A. (Markle) Tretter, daughter of Martin Markle, a prominent citizen of Shamokin, and widow of Charles Tretter, who died in 1894; he was a jeweler by trade. By her first marriage Mrs. Philippi had three children, namely: Ferdinand M., who lives in Schuylkill county; Lena A., at home; and Catharine, who died in infancy. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Philippi. The family are members of St. Edward's Catholic Church.

**FRANKLIN A. BERGSTRESSER**, of Locust Gap, Northumberland county, who is engaged as machinist at the Locust Spring colliery, was born Aug. 3, 1866, at Shamokin, this county, son of Asa Bergstresser, and comes of an old family which has long been established in eastern Pennsylvania.

John Jacob Bergstresser, his emigrant ancestor, was born in Germany, came to this country in 1731 and made his home in the eastern part of Pennsylvania. Later, with his three brothers, he removed to Union county, where they were among the earliest settlers.

Philip Bergstresser, son of John Jacob, was born in Montgomery county, Pa., was a farmer by occupation, and a pioneer in Snyder county, where he died.

John Bergstresser, son of Philip, was born Oct. 8, 1775, in Union county, and there made his home for a number of years. Eventually he removed to Dauphin county, Pa., where he died March 27, 1852. He was a millwright by trade and also ran several saw and grist mills, in 1817 building one at Fisher's Ferry, Northumberland county, where he operated successfully for nine years. He then removed to Berksburg, Dauphin county, where he followed his trade in connection with farming until his death. He served as captain of a company of American volunteers in the war of 1812. He married Ann Auchmuty, and they had a family of ten children: Jacob, William, Mary (Mrs. Joseph Shipman), John, Lot, Phebe (Mrs. Jonathan Hoffman), Samuel A., Hannah (Mrs. Daniel Rumbarger), Asa and Julia (Mrs. A. B. Sprout), the last survivor of this family being Samuel A. Bergstresser.

Mrs. Ann (Auchmuty) Bergstresser was of Scotch Presbyterian stock. Her father, Samuel

Auchmuty, was born near Selinsgrove, Pa., and resided at Fisher's Ferry, Northumberland county, as early as 1772. He passed all his life in that neighborhood, living in Northumberland county until his death. He served four years on the Colonial side in the Revolution, from 1776 to 1781, being a private in Capt. Stephen Chambers' company of the 12th regiment; was transferred to the 3d Regiment in July, 1778, and was discharged Jan. 25, 1781. He was at Valley Forge, at the battles of Monmouth, Long Island and Germantown, and saw other service under Washington. He married Ann McMahan.

Asa Bergstresser, son of John and Ann (Auchmuty) Bergstresser, was a tanner by trade, but upon locating in Shamokin, this county, engaged in the butcher business. He was killed on the railroad, at Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill county, in May, 1899, when sixty-nine years old. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Rehr, died in Shamokin in 1892. They were the parents of eleven children, namely: Dora, now the wife of William Roth; Lena, married to James Götter; Mary, married to William Haupt; Jennie, married to William Simmers; Minerva, married to William Seitz; Lillie, married to Jacob Conrad; Clara, who died young; Franklin A.; William; Charles, and John.

Franklin A. Bergstresser was but three years old when taken by his parents to Helfenstein, Schuylkill county, where he attended public school. When ten years old he began picking slate at the Helfenstein colliery, and in 1881 he came to Locust Gap, Northumberland county, where he began as a slate picker at the Locust Spring colliery. In time he became breaker, oiler and then fireman and running engineer, later acting as assistant foreman at the breaker for two years. In 1900 he took his present position at the Locust Spring colliery, where he has charge of the mechanical department, having eight men under him. His work is responsible, and he has been efficient in every respect and found reliable under all circumstances, having the good-will and respect of his employers and those associated with him in his work. He is one of the best known men in this district.

On Aug. 26, 1887, Mr. Bergstresser married Ida May Klinger, daughter of George A. and Janie (Sharp) Klinger, and they have three children, Grace E., Gertrude I. and Jennie M. Mr. Bergstresser is a member of the Methodist Church, and fraternally he holds membership in the I. O. O. F. (also Rebekah degree) and Royal Arcanum.

**JOHN A. GRAY**, track foreman of Division No. 16 on the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad, at Milton, Pa., and one of the substantial men of the borough, was born in Lewis township, Northumberland county, Sept. 20, 1866, son of Fred-

erick Gray, and great-great-grandson of Robert Gray, an English emigrant.

Robert Gray came from England in Colonial times with his wife, Mary Reese, and settled on a farm near Jerseytown, Pa. At the outbreak of the Revolutionary war he joined Washington's army and fought with the Colonies in freedom's cause.

Lieut. Samuel Gray, son of Robert, was born in Montour county, Pa., in 1792. He was a Whig in political faith, and his patriotism was evidenced by his service as an officer in the second war with the mother country in 1812, he being stationed at Black Rock. He was a noted contractor and the canal between Watsonstown and Dewart, Pa., was constructed by him. He also engaged in teaming. His death was caused by accident June 4, 1831, he falling under the wheels of a wagon, while driving a six-horse team. His wife, Isabella Watson, born Nov. 11, 1800, died Sept. 5, 1863. Both she and her husband were members of the Presbyterian Church. Her parents, John L. and Elizabeth (Mann) Watson, came from Dublin, Ireland, at an early day and located in Columbia county, Pa., on a farm. They were staunch patriots in the Revolution, and John Watson was taken prisoner by the British on account of his sentiments, and chained to the floor. His wife rescued him, her devotion, no less than a regard for her physical weakness, touching the hearts of the guards and her plans were not interfered with. Lieut. Samuel Gray and wife had seven children: Joseph H., born Jan. 4, 1818, died in August, 1876; John G., Dec. 12, 1820, Feb. 2, 1861; Catherine, Oct. 22, 1822, in 1856 (married Samuel Gray, a relative); Robert, Oct. 5, 1824, May 9, 1848; Mary Y., July 8, 1827, in March, 1880 (married William Kissner, deceased); Phoebe, March 28, 1829, in 1871 (married Jesse Hill, a farmer in Montour county); and Samuel Russell, March 24, 1831.

John G. Gray, born Dec. 12, 1820, son of Lieut. Samuel, died Feb. 2, 1861. His early days were passed in the home in Lewis township, Northumberland county, but later he removed to Danville, where his death occurred. He followed farming in Montour county. He married Phoebe Walizer, for his first wife, and the children born to this union were: Samuel, Frederick, Isabella, John and George. He married (second) Mrs. Lottie Colwell, and three children, Stephen, Phoebe and Jane, blessed this marriage.

Frederick Gray, son of John G., was born in August, 1844, and now lives near Watsonstown, Pa., in what is known as the Thomas addition. For many years he was employed on the Pennsylvania Railroad as trackman, and in 1890 was retired from active work. He gave twenty months' of service to his country in the Civil war in Rickett's Battalion, Pennsylvania Light Artillery.

He married Sarah Lehes, daughter of Samuel Lehes, and their children were: John A.; William R.; Catharine, who died in infancy; Ellen, who married Daniel Nicholls; Frederick, who died young; Ida, who married Charles Linn; Mary, who married Harry McDonland; James, who died young; Samuel; Henry; Alice, who married Charles Newton; Maude, who married Charles Miller; Bessie; and Pearl, who married George Brown.

John A. Gray attended the school at Black Hole Valley, near Muncie, Pa., and the Rising Spring public school and the Spring Mills high school in Center county for two summers and three winters. During the summers when not in school he worked on the track, and this has always been his business. He began training for it at the age of fourteen, and was but eighteen when he was made foreman of sub-division No. 1, with five and one-half miles of track in his care. His present division, No. 76, which he has had since 1899, has three miles of track. He has from twelve to twenty men under him. Mr. Gray has been careful of his resources, and he is the owner of two fine farms, one the old Fetzer farm of seventy-five acres in Chillisquaque township, and the other the 140 acre farm in Lewis township that formerly belonged to his great uncle, Samuel R. Gray.

Mr. Gray married Catharine Zettle, daughter of Emanuel Zettle, of Spring Mills, Center county, and they have become the parents of children as follows: Frederick E., a member of the class of 1912 Pennsylvania State College; Mary R.; Sarah; John A., Jr.; Harry, who died aged six months, and Edna M. The family home is at No. 27 Railroad avenue, Milton. Fraternally Mr. Gray is a member of the Sons of Veterans. Mr. Gray has been faithful in the performance of his duty, and has won the high regard of the officers over him. In every relation of life he has proved his worth, and he has the well earned esteem of the people of Milton and Northumberland county.

HENRY B. MEYER, a blacksmith of Shamokin, where he has established a profitable business, has resided in the borough since 1876, but he is a native of Schuylkill county, and comes of a family which was established there by his grandfather, John Meyer.

John Meyer came from Germany with his family and settled at Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa. He was a carpenter, and followed his trade for many years, later engaging in the dairy business, selling milk and yeast. A well known man of his day, he had many friends. His children were: Conrad, Catharine, Martin and Louis.

Conrad Meyer, son of John, was the father of Henry B. Meyer. He was born in Germany in 1827 and was seven years old when brought to America. After beginning work he followed mining



ing for some time, and later was engaged in different kinds of mechanical work, following the trades of carpenter, stonemason and clockmaker. He made his home at Ashland, Schuylkill county, where he died Feb. 1, 1908, at the age of eighty-one. His wife, Wilhelmina (Fient), came to America from Germany when eighteen years old, and they had children as follows: Kate, Sophia, John (who died when thirteen years old), Henry B., Richard (who died Jan. 1, 1910), Mary, Elizabeth, Thressie (who died aged eight years), and Minnie.

Henry B. Meyer was born Sept. 17, 1857, at Ashland, Schuylkill county, and there attended the public schools. He began work as a slate picker, and continued to follow mining until he reached the age of nineteen, since which time he has been engaged at blacksmithing. Coming to Shamokin in 1876, he was with the late J. B. Zimmerman for the long period of twenty-four years, four months, until, in 1901, he commenced business on his own account. His shop is at No. 13 East Walnut street. Mr. Meyer is a fine mechanic, as his long continuance with one employer would indicate, and he does a thriving business, getting a gratifying share of the patronage in his locality. He is conscientious and honorable in his work, a fact which holds his customers.

On Aug. 18, 1880, Mr. Meyer married Ida H. Lott, daughter of John T. and Debrah (Hopper) Lott, and a member of a well known Northumberland county family. They have a fine home at No. 547 North Sixth street. Mr. Meyer holds membership in the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

**JOHN H. GLASS**, county detective of Northumberland county, was born Jan. 11, 1882, in Coal township, son of Samuel Glass. His father was a native of County Meath, Ireland, born in 1838, and came to America when nineteen years old, settling in Shamokin, Pa., where he made a permanent home. He worked as a miner, in the employ of the late Thomas Baumgardner, being thus engaged for thirty years, and was known to all as an industrious, upright citizen. He died April 1, 1902, and is buried at Shamokin. Samuel Glass married Maria Richards, a native of Wales, who came to America in girlhood. She now makes her home with her son Richard in Shamokin. To Mr. and Mrs. Glass were born children as follows: John (deceased), Richard (deceased), Samuel, Reese, William, John H. and George.

John H. Glass attended public school in Shamokin and when a boy began work at the Buck Ridge colliery, picking slate. He was thus engaged for a period of three years, after which he drove team in the mines for two years and then cut coal for two years. For another two years he ran

pumps and an engine, this being his last work at the mines. Becoming proprietor of the "White Hotel," located at No. 117 North Shamokin street, in the borough of Shamokin, he conducted it until 1907. In 1908 he was appointed county detective by District Attorney A. K. Deibler, and he has served in that capacity since, with great efficiency, discharging the duties of his office intelligently and faithfully. His first duties in this incumbency took him among the "Black Hand" offenders at Marion Heights, in this county, and he has made many important arrests, leading to conviction, in that and other fields.

On Aug. 31, 1901, Mr. Glass married Gertrude Irene Shroyer, who was born at Dalmatia in 1884, daughter of Jacob and Bena Shroyer, and died April 1, 1907, leaving two sons, Robert and John, who are living with their uncle Reese in Philadelphia.

Socially Mr. Glass unites with the Fraternal Order of Eagles (Shamokin Lodge), and in religion he is a member of the Episcopal Church. In politics he is quite prominent in the Republican party and he has served as committeeman from the Second ward. He is a well known athlete and was one of the star players on the old Shamokin football team.

**MICHAEL J. WHALEN**, inside foreman at the Locust Gap colliery, has been a miner all his life, and his father and grandfather before him were also engaged at mining in this region.

Michael Whalen, the grandfather, came from Ireland when a young man and settled in Schuylkill county, Pa., at "Black Sam's" farm, near New Philadelphia, about one and a half miles from Middleport. He followed mining and became a well known man of his day, serving as tax collector of his district. He was a Democrat in politics. He died at Pottsville, Schuylkill county, at the home of his youngest son, John F. Whalen, Esq. He and his wife had a family of six children: Patrick, Joseph, Thomas, Michael, Mary and John F.

Michael Whalen, father of Michael J. Whalen, was born in Schuylkill county, and died there in 1891. He was engaged as engineer at different collieries, and in 1863 came to Locust Gap, Northumberland county, but later returned to Schuylkill county, locating at Mahanoy City. His death occurred two miles east of Shenandoah. He married Dora Glenning, who was born in Ireland, daughter of Patrick Glenning, and came to America when five years old. She died Oct. 5, 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Whalen had children as follows: Michael J., Bridget, Mary A. (Mrs. John O'Brien), John, Andrew, Joseph and Thomas.

Michael J. Whalen was born Aug. 29, 1862, at Silvercreek, Schuylkill county, and received his schooling in his native county. At the age of nine he began picking slate at the breaker, doing



such work until he reached the age of fourteen, after which he was employed at the mines in different capacities. When seventeen years old he had charge of the sinking of the Greenridge slope, No. 2. He was engaged as a miner until 1885, when he moved to Mount Carmel, Northumberland county, there following mining. In July, 1897, he came to Locust Gap to take the position he has since held, inside foreman at the Locust Gap colliery. He was foreman at the Marion colliery for two years, 1897-99, prior to his removal to Locust Gap. Mr. Whalen has charge of three hundred and fifty men, among whom he is respected and well liked, and he is favorably known in the community where he has so long made his home.

On Aug. 24, 1880, Mr. Whalen married Alice Debor, daughter of Peter Debor, who was of French ancestry. Thirteen children have been born to this union, four of whom died young. The survivors are: Rev. William (priest, who was ordained in 1911), Don, Joseph, Andrew, Albert, Thomas, Helen, Michael and John.

Mr. Whalen is a member of the Catholic Church, and of the Knights of Columbus. He is independent in politics.

GEORGE W. HAAG, deceased, was in the employ of what is now the American Car & Foundry Company, of Milton, for over thirty-six years, having entered the establishment when a young man. He was in charge of the air brake department (of which he was the head; at the time of his death) before the present company assumed ownership of the plant. He was a skilled mechanic, a master in his line, as his long continuance in a responsible capacity with one place proves.

Hans Haag, the progenitor of this family in America, came to this country prior to 1734, and settled in Maxatawny township, Berks county, where he paid tax and quit rent in 1734. In 1759 he was still a taxpayer, his assessment then being eleven pounds. At the same time Andreas Haag was a taxable, paying twenty pounds, and when the Maxatawny Church at Bowers was built, in 1759, he gave one acre of land to the church to be used, as he said in the deed, "as long as the sun and moon shines." The latter's son, Andrew Haag, also contributed to the church; he was then a young man. He was the father of John, grandfather of George W. Haag.

John Haag, son of Andrew, was born near Bowers, in Berks county, Feb. 12, 1794. In 1836 he moved to Northumberland county, settling in Turbut township, where he purchased a farm of 160 acres from the Keldner estate. There he made his home and followed farming until his death, which occurred Jan. 17, 1861. He married Mary Knauss, also of Berks county, born Jan. 21, 1795, who died March 21, 1869. Mr. and Mrs.

Haag were members of the Paradise Lutheran Church, of Turbut township, and they are buried in the cemetery of that church. Seven children were born to them: John; Catharine (deceased); Beneville K.; Elizabeth, Mrs. Jacoby Hartman, deceased; Rebecca, who married William Balliet and lived in Montour county; Hettie, who married William Gouger and also lived in Montour county; and Sarah, deceased.

John Haag, eldest son of John, was born in Berks county March 20, 1814, and came to Northumberland county with his father. He, too, followed farming, upon the death of his father purchasing the old homestead, which he cultivated. He was a prominent Democrat in his day, and served many years on the local school board, part of the time as treasurer of that body. In 1874 he was elected county treasurer, in which office he served one term, until 1876. Mr. Haag married Margaret Leinbach, born Feb. 7, 1820, who died May 2, 1892, surviving Mr. Haag a number of years; his death occurred Dec. 12, 1876. They were members of the Lutheran Church at Paradise and are buried at the Paradise cemetery. Eight children were born to their union: Marv E. married Franklin Hoy; Sarah J. married John Baker; Susan married William Kummerer; Margaret E. married Jacob Seidell; George W. is mentioned below; John; B. Franklin lives in Kansas; E. Newton is an attorney in Philadelphia.

George W. Haag was born June 16, 1842, and was a pupil in the public schools of Turbut township in his early boyhood, later attending the McEwensville Academy and also the Milton Academy. He worked on his father's farm until 1873, at which time he came to Milton and entered upon his apprenticeship to the machinist's trade, which proved to be his life work. He began his employment at this line with Murray, Dougal & Co., and when the plant was sold to the American Car & Foundry Company, its present owners, he continued in charge of the air-brake department, in which capacity he was engaged until his death.

During the Civil war Mr. Haag served in the Union army as a member of Company B, 131st Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was twice wounded, being shot in the breast and side at the battle of Fredericksburg; he was taken to Point Lookout hospital. He was a member of Henry Wilson Post, No. 129, G. A. R., of Milton, and of the Royal Arcanum at Milton. Mr. Haag died Aug. 27, 1910, and was buried at the upper cemetery, Milton, Pa.

On Dec. 8, 1864, Mr. Haag married Susan Leinbach, daughter of John B. Leinbach, of Lewis township, Northumberland county, and they were the parents of two children: George W., who married Rae Mervine (she died Aug. 23, 1907, leaving one son Burritt); and Margaret, at home. Mrs. Haag and her children are members of the Re-

formed Church at Milton, but Mr. Haag held membership in the Lutheran Church.

JOHN B. LEINBACH, father of Mrs. George W. Haag, was born Sept. 9, 1815, in Northumberland county, and his family was also settled in Berks county from an early day. His grandfather, Henry Leinbach, a native of Berks county, came to Lewis township, Northumberland county, in 1800, and purchased a farm. Henry Leinbach, son of Henry, was born Oct. 5, 1784, and died Feb. 7, 1829. He married Mary Barnhart, born March 15, 1789, who died Sept. 30, 1846. They reared a family of eight children: Daniel, Henry, John B., Benneville, Sarah (married George Hittle), Mary (married F. H. Carver), Elizabeth (married Simon Cameron) and Rebecca (married C. Sworney).

John B. Leinbach was a prominent man of his day in Lewis township, where he engaged in farming until 1861, when he was appointed agent for the American Life Insurance Company of Philadelphia, holding that position five years. In 1867 he became manager of the Union Mutual Fire Insurance Company for the central part of Pennsylvania, continuing in that capacity also for five years, until in 1872 he became agent for the Northwestern Life Insurance Company. He was a staunch Democrat in politics and a member of the Reformed Church, belonging to the church at McEwensville.

On Oct. 2, 1858, Mr. Leinbach married Mary Dunkel, and to them were born the following named children: Fannie; Elizabeth, who married S. S. Alexander; Susan, wife of George W. Haag; Sarah, wife of J. P. Dentler; John F.; Calvin R., of Kansas; Mary, wife of P. E. Maus; Gertrude, Mrs. Frauntz; and Oliver, who married Jennie Smith.

Benneville K. Haag, son of John and Mary (Knauss) Haag, was born in Berks county Jan. 9, 1817. He received his education in the subscription and public schools of his native county, and came with his parents to Northumberland county in 1836. By the time he had spent two years on the farm his father bought here he had attained his majority, and he began clerking in the general store of Geddes, Green & Walls, at McEwensville. He was employed there for four years, during which time he gained considerable valuable experience in that line, as a large business in grain as well as in general merchandise was done at the store. The grain was hauled to Port May, near Watsonstown, and shipped by canal. In 1842 Mr. Haag became clerk in a general store in Lewisburg, continuing there until 1847, when he came to Milton and formed a partnership with T. S. Mackey & Son under the name of Mackey & Haag, dealers in dry goods and hardware. In 1849 this firm was dissolved and Mr. Haag formed

a partnership with Montgomery Sweeney, with whom he did a general dry goods and grocery business for one year, under the name of Sweeney & Haag. His next association was as senior member of the firm of Haag & Caldwell, which lasted one year, at the end of which time the stock was divided, Mr. Haag taking the stand on what is now the site of the Milton Bank. In 1853 he established the firm of Haag & Brown, dealers in hardware and books, which did business until 1857, when he took entire control, continuing the business for many years. In time his son-in-law, John Buoy, became a partner in the concern. In 1863 Mr. Haag purchased a lot on Front street from Elizabeth Miller, and in 1865 he erected a building on that property. In 1875 this block was burned, but he at once rebuilt it and continued the business. In the disastrous fire of May 14, 1880, which swept nearly all the business district of Milton, Mr. Haag's stores were again destroyed. He began rebuilding immediately, putting up the block now owned by his son-in-law, John Buoy. After this fire Mr. Haag invested in a number of lots on Front street, south of his business block, and on his newly acquired land put up other business places. In 1889 he erected the "Haag Hotel," now known as "The Milton," which was opened to the public April 1, 1890. This is still the largest building in Milton and one of the finest hotel buildings in the city. Mr. Haag was a director of the National Bank of Milton from 1865 to 1875.

On Feb. 20, 1852, Mr. Haag married Sarah Schuck, who was born July 19, 1821, in Union county, Pa., daughter of Philip and Catherine (Diebert) Schuck. Six children were born to this union: William A., deceased; Mary E., who married John Buoy; Charles H., deceased; Sallie, deceased; Thomas T.; and Hettie, wife of C. A. Chapin.

While at McEwensville Mr. Haag was postmaster, and he was also a trustee of the academy. After the great fire of 1880, in Milton, he was appointed a member of the distributing committee which handled the relief funds.

ARTHUR B. WETZEL, senior member of the firm of Wetzel & Gass, electrical contractors and dealers of Sunbury, is a young man of enterprise and energy, and by hard work has won a substantial place in local business circles. He was born in Sunbury July 11, 1883, and received his education there, leaving high school just two months before his class graduated to engage in business. He served his apprenticeship to the electrical business in Sunbury and Shamokin, and for a brief period was also employed by the Westinghouse Electrical Manufacturing Company at Pittsburg. He has been in business for himself from a comparatively early age, and the firm of

Wetzel & Gass are the leading contractors in their line in Sunbury, where they have built up a large trade. They have equipped many important structures in and around the borough, including the Northumberland county jail, the courthouse, the Mary M. Packer hospital, the Hooven Mercantile Company's building, the plant of the Sunbury Ice Company, the Clemmer building, the "Aldine Hotel," the Presbyterian Church, the Baptist Church, the "Neff House," the Burial Case Company's building, the William H. Rohrbach mansion, the Blank & Gottshall mill, the Rohrbach school building, the Francis E. Drumbheller school building, the J. C. Packer residence and No. 1 engine house, all in Sunbury; as well as the Milton Realty Company's building, at Milton, this county. Four regular men are employed besides the two members of the firm, both of whom bear high reputations as skilled electricians. Wetzel & Gass also deal in electrical supplies, their store at No. 141 Market street, Sunbury, having the largest and most complete line of such goods to be found in Northumberland county. Their reliable work, up-to-date in every particular and bearing the tests of time well, has won them the extensive patronage they now enjoy.

Mr. Wetzel is a member of B. P. O. Elks Lodge No. 267, and in religion is identified with the Episcopal Church, of which he is a communicant. On Thanksgiving Day, 1906, he married Elizabeth Downs, daughter of Joseph O. Downs, of Sunbury.

Jacob Wetzel, of Hereford township, Berks Co., Pa., made his will May 8, 1785, and it was probated Nov. 9, 1785. This document mentions his wife Writly Maria, and shows the oldest son to have been Jacob. To the son Conrad was given the large Baseler Bible. The children were: Jacob, Johannes, George, Philip, Catarina, Peter, Heinrich, Conrad and Maradiths.

Jonathan Wetzel, born in 1804, was a farmer and lived near New Berlin, Snyder Co., Pa.; he is buried at the New Berlin Church, of which he was a Lutheran member. To him and his wife, Esther Hoffman, were born children as follows: Jonathan, who was killed while serving as a soldier in the Civil war; Samuel, Solomon and William, all of whom were soldiers in the Civil war; David; Elizabeth, wife of Daniel Wenner; Hannah, wife of John Gilbert; and Polly, wife of Emanuel Haslett.

David Wetzel, son of Jonathan, born March 3, 1838, in Union County, Pa., was engaged as a farmer for many years during his earlier life, until his removal to Middleburg, Pa., in about 1893. Previous to that time he had several good farms in Jackson township, Snyder county, and he still owns a considerable amount of real estate. For more than a quarter of a century he has been agent

for several fire insurance companies. Mr. Wetzel married Elizabeth Spangler, daughter of Elias Spangler, and they have had eight children: Calvin, Harry, Jennie, Elsie, Clayton, Eva May and Olive Rae (widow of Dr. Charles Woodruff), twins, and Vincent. Mr. Wetzel and his family are Lutherans in religious matters.

James Wetzel was born in March, 1832, in Lower Augusta township, was engaged as a laborer, and died July 27, 1909, at Sunbury. He was a member of the Lutheran Church. His widow, Lavina (Clement), daughter of Peter Clement, lives in Sunbury with her son Edwin. Mr. and Mrs. Wetzel had a large family, viz.: Frank is deceased; Amanda, Cornelius and Hannah died when small; one daughter died in infancy; Nathan, born July 14, 1857, at Fisher's Ferry, came to Sunbury in June, 1873, and since 1877 has worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and is a member of the Relief Association (on Dec. 9, 1878, he married Katie Eyster, daughter of Conrad Eyster, and they have five children, Daisy, Harry, Lillie, Alice and Walter; the family are Lutherans); William, of Sunbury, an electrician, is married and has a family; Edward, of Sunbury, is an electrician; Angeline married William Ray; Emma married William Mautz.

William R. Wetzel was born near Fisher's Ferry and is an old railroader, being now engaged as conductor on a freight train on the Susquehanna division. He married Mary Thomas, and they have an only son. The family live at No. 233 Source street, Sunbury.

JOHN W. SCHABO, fire boss at the Excelsior colliery, operated by the Excelsior Coal Company, of Excelsior, Northumberland county, has been in the employ of that company for a number of years and is one of the substantial and respected citizens of his locality.

Mr. Schabo was born at his parents' old home in Columbia county, Pa., Aug. 29, 1864, son of John Schabo, now a retired citizen of Shamokin, Northumberland county, ex-county treasurer, and otherwise well known in this section. He came to Shamokin with his father and began work as a slate picker, later being employed at mining. He then supplemented his early education by study at St. Vincent's College, where he studied at Lumbago, Westmoreland Co., Pa., graduating from that institution in 1882. Returning to Shamokin, he was engaged in the shoe business for some time, and then for seven years was an employee of the Shamokin & Edgewood Railway Company. He has since been employed at the collieries.

On May 6, 1886, Mr. Schabo married E. Armbuster, daughter of Edward Armbuster, of March Creek, Pa., and of the two children born



to them one is living, John Edward, who is foreman for the East End Lumber Company of Shamokin, is married to May Hower and has two children, Tryllis and Rea. The other, Harry, is deceased.

Mr. Schabo is a Democrat and has been somewhat active in local party matters, having served on the election board for about fifteen years. He is at present acting as councilman of his ward, the Third. Like the rest of the family he is a member of St. Edward's Catholic Church of Shamokin, and fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Columbus and the C. K. of F.

**WILLIAM J. LINDER** has been brewmaster at the Eagle Run Brewery in Shamokin for several years and is a man well known in his line all over the United States. He has increased the output of the plant with which he is now connected materially by his improvements in the quality of the product.

Mr. Linder was born at Baden, on the Rhine, Germany, Oct. 4, 1873. His father Adolph Linder was also a native of Baden and became a civil engineer. Coming to America in 1880 he settled in New York City, where for a number of years he was engaged in contracting and building, doing the frame work on buildings. In 1886 he bought out the bottling business of the Star Brewery in New York City and also became a member of the firm of the Star Brewery, continuing in this connection until 1892. He has since had no active business associations. He married Mary A. Gerold, and they had children as follows: Anna, Charles, Adolph, Theodore, Eugene, Annial and William J.

William J. Linder was a child when he came with his father to America. He received a public school education, and has been engaged at the brewing business from boyhood, having begun work in that line Aug. 15, 1889, at the Star Brewery in New York City. He began at the bottom and learned the trade thoroughly, and after leaving the Star Brewery enlarged his experience by service with various other establishments, being in the George R. Alley Brewery for two years and later in the Atlantic City Brewery for two years. While at the latter place he made a special brew of Würzburger which was very successful. For a year after leaving the Atlantic City Brewing Company he was with Jacob Hornung, in Philadelphia, and then spent short periods in various cities, getting different breweries in satisfactory running order. In February, 1907, he came to Shamokin to take the place of brewmaster at the Eagle Run Brewery, which he has improved in many ways by his progressive and intelligent methods of manufacture, its output having an excellent reputation in the locality, where the demand has widened considerably within the past few years. Mr. Linder has always been a scientific brewer,

familiar with the most approved and up-to-date processes in the production of beer, and encouraging the various movements which have been made to place its manufacture on the basis which modern hygiene demands. He is a member of the Brewmasters' Association and was one of the seventeen charter members of the American Brewing Institute.

Mr. Linder married Amelia Utgen, a native of Germany, and they have two children, Helen and Catherine.

Socially Mr. Linder holds membership in the I. O. O. F. He is a baseball player of some note, having played with some of the strong teams while in New York City.

**ALEXANDER LONG**, of Shamokin, Northumberland county, is one of the old and respected residents of that place, where he is living in retirement after many years of industry. He followed mining throughout his active years after coming to this country.

Mr. Long is a native of County Donegal, Ireland, born Aug. 15, 1842. His father, Charles Long, was foreman in a slate quarry in Ireland and also had a farm of forty acres which he cultivated, being thus in quite prosperous circumstances. He and his wife, Margaret (Boyd), lived to advanced age, he dying when eighty-eight years old and Mrs. Long when one hundred and one. Their children were: Charles (who died in Canada), Abraham, James, Anna, Catherine, Amelia, Margaret, Alexander, Jane and Susan.

Alexander Long was reared in his native country, remaining there until after his marriage. He was twenty-one when he came to America with his wife and young family, landing in New York City. Their first location was in Carbon county, Pa., and Mr. Long also spent some time in Chester county and at Pittsburg before settling in Shamokin, in 1871. Here he followed mining for twenty-five years, until he met with a serious accident, in 1906, which incapacitated him for the work in which he had been engaged; from that time until his retirement he was employed at other work in the colliery.

Mr. Long was married in Ireland to Jane Love, a native of that country, who died Dec. 31, 1909, aged seventy-three years, at Shamokin, and is buried there. They had a family of seven children, namely: Charles L., assistant road foreman for the Philadelphia & Reading Company, is now located at West Milton, Pa., and is well known at Shamokin, which he still calls home; Maggie is the wife of William Metz; Patrick, born in 1868, a skilled well and shot driller, died March 4, 1909, and his widow and family still reside at Shamokin (he married Jennie Thompson, and they had three children, Alexander, Charles and Jennie); James is a conductor on the Pennsylvania

railroad; Mary married Draper Lewis; John is fireman at the "Windsor Hotel," Philadelphia, Pa.; Annie married William W. Smith.

Mr. Long is a member of the Episcopal Church, and fraternally he is an Odd Fellow.

GEORGE KLINGER, engineer at the Locust Spring colliery, at Locust Gap, in Mount Carmel township, this county, was born Dec. 4, 1872, at Mount Carmel, and has passed practically all his life at Locust Gap, having come to this place when but four years old. He belongs to a branch of the Klinger family now numerous represented in Schuylkill and adjoining counties.

The ancestors of the Klinger family in America emigrated from Holland. Alexander Klinger sailed in the ship "Albany," Robert Brown, master, from Rotterdam, last from Cowes, Isle of Wight, England, and landed at Philadelphia Sept. 2, 1749. He settled in Reading, Berks county, and was in the first list of taxables on record of Reading, 1759. His name also appears in the first United States census of Reading, taken in 1790. He was a real estate owner in the city of Reading, as appears by patents taken for lots in 1753. He served as a private in the Revolutionary war, in Capt. Conrad Shirman's company, of Berks county volunteers. He died in the city of Reading in April, 1802. His son George Adam Klinger had previously settled in Mahantango, which at that time still was territory of Berks county.

The great-grandfather of George Klinger lived in Dauphin county, Pa., and followed farming. He died upon his farm near Klinger's Church. His children were: Andrew; William, who died in Dauphin county, and Daniel, who died at Seven Points, Northumberland county.

Andrew Klinger, grandfather of George Klinger, was born in 1801 in Dauphin county, and coming to Northumberland county was here engaged in mining for many years, being a boss at Shamokin, Mount Carmel and Locust Gap. He died at Mount Carmel in 1866. His wife, Mary (Helwich), died in Shamokin, and they were the parents of eight children, namely: Catherine married William Starr; John died in Mount Carmel; Sarah married John Kleiser; Reuben died in Mount Carmel (he was a soldier in the Civil war); George A. is mentioned below; Mary died unmarried; Bella married Daniel Delcamp; William was killed while serving in the Civil war.

George A. Klinger, son of Andrew, was born in Dauphin county, June 21, 1841, at the lower end of Deep Creek Valley, near Klingerstown, and was only two years old when brought by his parents to Shamokin. He began working in the mines when a boy, being first employed at the "Water Gap," now the Cameron colliery. He also followed mining at Mount Carmel, in 1875 coming to Locust Gap, where he has since been engaged. In 1903

he was made assistant foreman of a gang of men outside, which position he still holds at the Locust Spring colliery. During the Civil war Mr. Klinger was in the Union army, enlisting at Ashland in Company G, 129th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and receiving his discharge at Harrisburg. He was in the service nine months, and took part in the battles of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville.

Mr. Klinger married Jane Sharp, daughter of John Sharp, and to them have been born children as follows: A daughter that died in infancy; Emma, now Mrs. Abraham Morgan; George; John, who is an engineer; Thomas, a fireman; Ida M., wife of Frank A. Bergstresser; Bella; William, who died aged twenty-three years; Raymond; Hattie; Margaret, wife of August Zimmerman; and Albert, a teacher in Mount Carmel township.

George Klinger received his education in the public schools of Locust Gap, and began work like most boys around the mines, picking slate. He followed this for three years, after which he tended door inside and then drove inside. Later he was employed outside at the self-acting plant before he commenced firing. In 1900 he was promoted to engineer and has since been engaged as such, in his present position at the Locust Spring colliery. He is an industrious and efficient worker, respected as a good citizen and a man of excellent habits.

On June 1, 1899, Mr. Klinger married Clara Bergstresser, daughter of William Bergstresser, of Helfenstein, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and they have a family of five children: Hazel, Clayton, Alfred, Catherine and Jennie.

Mr. Klinger is a member of Mount Carmel Lodge No. 630, I. O. O. F., and of Washington Camp No. 116, P. O. S. of A., of Mount Carmel. He is a Methodist in religious connection, but has no political bonds, voting independently.

EBERHARD GROSS, one of the foremen at the Cameron colliery, where he has been stable boss since 1907, has been a resident of the borough of Shamokin since 1892, and with the exception of three years during which he was in the hotel business has been engaged in the mines ever since.

Mr. Gross is a native of Cologne, Germany, born July 31, 1857, son of Bertotele Gross, who followed farming in Germany, where he died in June, 1857. His wife, Anna Mary (Rosenthal), daughter of Broel Rosenthal, died in March, 1890, at the age of seventy-two years, and they are buried in the same churchyard. They were Catholics in religious faith. They had five children, as follows: John, who served in the Franco-German war of 1870-71, is still living in Germany; Anthony died in 1867 at the age of twenty-two years; Charles, who served in the Franco-German war, lives in Germany; Joseph is a resident of Germany (he



served in the German army); Eberhard is mentioned below.

Eberhard Gross attended the public schools and was reared upon a farm, also following mining during his early life. He served three years as a private in the German army, from 1877 to 1880. From that time until he came to America he followed farming and mining. Taking passage at Antwerp, he crossed to Montreal, in the Province of Quebec, Canada, landing June 29, 1891, and remained there for six months, after which he was in Massachusetts, working at the Davis mines, about five months before coming to Shamokin, in 1892. He went to work as a miner at the Cameron colliery for several years, and for three years, 1899 to 1901, was engaged in the hotel business as proprietor of the "Franklin House." He has since been employed at the Cameron colliery, where he was made stable boss in 1907. He is trustworthy and efficient, and has the confidence of his employers and the respect of his fellow workmen.

On May 10, 1881, Mr. Gross married Lena Hafer, daughter of Henry and Annetta (Schmidt) Hafer, and they have become the parents of ten children, five of whom survive, namely: Mary A., wife of E. C. Keller; Joseph, superintendent for the Metropolitan Insurance Company at Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Frank, Herman and William, all at home. The deceased were Charles, Henry, Lena, John and Elizabeth. Mr. Gross has had his own home, at No. 817 East Commerce street, Shamokin, since 1905. The family are Catholics in religious faith, belonging to St. Edward's Church. Mr. Gross is a Democrat and interested in local party affairs, having served as committeeman of Shamokin.

JAMES H. McBRIDE, of Shamokin, has made his home in that borough since 1888. For a number of years after settling here he was employed at the collieries and since 1898 has been an employee of the Croninger Packing Company.

Mr. McBride was born May 9, 1863, at Scranton, Lackawanna Co., Pa., son of James McBride and grandson of Michael McBride, a native of Ireland who came to America when a young man and settled at Paterson, N. J. Later he moved to Bridgeport, Conn., where he died. His family consisted of eight children, namely: James, Henry, John, Charles, Susan, Mary, Rosie and Sarah.

James McBride, son of Michael, was born at Paterson, N. J., and there spent his early life. He learned the trade of engineer and ran the first passenger train on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western; he was also the first to run a coal burner on the New York, New Haven & Hartford road. He served in the Union army during the Civil war, was a sergeant in the 2nd New Jersey Cavalry, and was promoted three times for gallantry. In 1866

he went to Florida, where he has since made his home. He had worked as stationary engineer for a number of years, and upon going to Florida became engineer on a vessel. His wife, Sarah (McGee), died in 1865 at Shamokin, Pa., the mother of three children: Michael, who lives in Shamokin; Susan, wife of Fred Rock; and James H.

James H. McBride was only two years old when brought from Scranton to Northumberland county, and his mother dying when he was very young, he was reared by Solomon Klase, at Snyderstown, this county. He attended public school there at Snyderstown, and since 1888 he has made his home in Shamokin, where he first found employment as engineer at the collieries, continuing to work at the mines until 1898, when he took his present position with the Croninger Packing Company. He holds the responsible post of chief engineer. He is a reliable and industrious worker, and has the respect of employers and fellow employees.

On Dec. 22, 1888, Mr. McBride married Ida Rowe, daughter of Joseph and Catherine (Jury) Rowe, of Lykens, Pa., and they have had three children: A daughter that died in infancy, Albert S. and Susan E. The family reside at No. 630 West Spruce street, Shamokin. Mr. McBride is a member of the I. O. O. F. and the Knights of Pythias, and in religious connection is a member of the Methodist Church.

WESLEY VAN GASKEN, a veteran of the Civil war now living retired at Shamokin, Northumberland county, was engaged for many years as a blacksmith in the collieries in this vicinity, and he is a son of Henry Van Gasken, who in his day was one of the best known men about the coal regions. He was born July 28, 1838, in Philadelphia, Pa., and belongs to a family which originated in Holland and which has been established in America from Colonial times. The emigrant ancestor came from Holland and landed at Lewes, Delaware.

John Van Gasken, Sr., and Sarah, his wife, are the first of the line of whom we have record. Their son John was born March 4, 1744, and their son Nicholas was born Sept. 10, 1760.

John Van Gasken, Jr., born March 4, 1744, was twelve years old when the Revolution broke out and he must have known Caesar Rodney and many of the Delaware patriots, for he himself served in the war and was with Washington at the famous crossing of the Delaware. He married Susanna Hill, who was born Aug. 31, 1752, daughter of Thomas and Susanna Hill, and they had children as follows: (1) John, born Aug. 15, 1774, was married June 18, 1802, to Hannah Hill, and had children: Susanna, born June 15, 1805, and John, born Feb. 5, 1807. (2) Sarah was born Feb. 1, 1776.



(3) Thomas, born Sept. 29, 1778, died March 9, 1795. (4) Joseph was born March 11, 1781.

Joseph Van Gasken, born March 11, 1781, died Jan. 24, 1828. He followed farming in Delaware. He married (first) Ann Barnet, who was born March 15, 1786, daughter of Solomon and Rachel Barnet, and died in December, 1822. On March 8, 1823, he married (second) Rodie Morris. His children, all by the first union, were as follows: (1) Rachel, born Nov. 7, 1808, was over ninety when she died, and though in her advanced years both sight and hearing were impaired she continued to visit her children, unattended, traveling considerable distances by railroad, and like her brother John, who lived to advanced years, but not to such a great age as she attained, remained active and intelligent to the end. (2) John, born Nov. 12, 1809, died Sept. 19, 1811. (3) Henry is mentioned below. (4) William, born Dec. 18, 1813, died Dec. 28, 1813. (5) Sarah Ann, born Sept. 16, 1816, died Nov. 8, 1816. (6) Mary, born July 27, 1818, died Oct. 6, 1818. (7) John (2), born Aug. 1, 1820, died young. (8) Barnet, born Nov. 29, 1822, died Sept. 22, 1824.

Henry Van Gasken, father of Wesley Van Gasken, was born Aug. 24, 1811, in Delaware, and died Feb. 10, 1874. He followed contracting, in which he was engaged at various places, being located for a time at Detroit, Mich., returning later to Philadelphia. He was one of the "forty-niners" to go out to California, where he remained four years, working as a carpenter, in the course of which time and pursuit he put together the boat "Swan," which was built at Wilmington, Del., and shipped to California in sections. He became captain of this boat when it was put into service, running between Sacramento and San Francisco. Returning East, he located in Shamokin in 1852, and there took contracts in the building of the first collieries. He subsequently became superintendent of the Carbon Run colliery, now known as the Bear Valley colliery, and for a time was division superintendent of the Reading Coal & Iron Company, in the Shamokin District under Franklin B. Gowen, president, in these various capacities becoming widely known throughout the coal regions, and among all classes.

On July 24, 1834, Mr. Van Gasken married Mary Fearer, who was born June 13, 1815, in Philadelphia, daughter of John and Elizabeth Fearer, and died Nov. 4, 1862. They were the parents of four children: Rachel, born July 12, 1836, who married Edward Farrell, of Sacramento, Cal.; Wesley; Henry Clay, born April 16, 1846; and Mary F., born Dec. 15, 1848, who married Frank Bowman, and (second) Frank Warren (both her husbands are deceased and she resides in Chicago, Illinois).

Wesley Van Gasken came to Shamokin with his father in boyhood and remained here until seven-

teen, when he went to Lancaster to learn the blacksmith's trade in the locomotive shop. After three years there he entered the Baldwin shops at Philadelphia, where he was employed at the time of his enlistment in April, 1861, for service in the Civil war, in Company D, 61st Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. He served to the close of the struggle, with the Army of the Potomac, taking part in the battle of Gettysburg and many other important engagements. Though he saw hard service he himself escaped with only a flesh wound upon his left hand. Mr. Van Gasken was the only one of a large family to serve in the Civil war, and he has a record of which he may well be proud. He thinks it is the fighting blood he inherited from his Revolutionary ancestor, whom he honors for his patriotism, which induced him to go to the rescue of his country in the days of the Civil war.

At the end of the war Mr. Van Gasken returned to Pennsylvania, and settling at Shamokin followed his trade at the various collieries, continuing thus until his retirement, in 1890. In 1864 he married Nancy Lake, daughter of David N. and Sarah (Farrow) Lake, of Shamokin, the former of whom served many years as justice of the peace in that borough. Mr. and Mrs. Van Gasken had five children, all of whom married, and they have three great-grandchildren. Chantilly, their eldest child, married Elmer H. Price, of Shamokin, and has children: Nancy, Wesley, Edward, Dorothy and Sidney. Mary married Harry M. Dauser, now living at Providence, R. I., and they have two children, Frank and Harry. Harry, who died in Shamokin Dec. 16, 1909, at the age of thirty-nine years, married Cora S. Sweitzer and left two children, Milton and Rachel. Rachel is the wife of Sidney Yeager, resides in Norfolk, Va., and has two children, Carroll and Margaret. Sarah, wife of E. F. Harding, of Boston, Mass., has one daughter, Alice.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Gasken reside at No. 9½ Commerce street, Shamokin. He is a member of Lincoln Post, No. 140, G. A. R., at Shamokin, and one of its past officers; in religious matters he is identified with the Presbyterian Church. An intelligent, respected citizen, he is a credit to his family and a substantial member of the community.

JAMES F. GORDON, inside foreman at the Locust Spring section at Locust Gap, this county, is one of the best known men of that place and a miner of fifty years' experience, having begun work at the breaker when but eight years of age. He worked his way up from the humblest position by faithful and efficient services, and has been engaged in his present capacity for the past ten years.

Mr. Gordon was born at Pottsville, Schuylkill

Co., Pa., in 1852, son of James Gordon. The father was born in Ireland and left that country for America when a young man, settling in Pottsville, Pa., where he lived for some time. He also lived at St. Clair, in the same county, and later removed to Ashland, where he died at the age of forty-five years. He was a miner by occupation. His wife, Anna Corcoran, was also a native of Ireland, and sixteen children were born to them, only five of whom grew to maturity, namely: Michael, Patrick, James F., Nellie and Sarah.

James F. Gordon attended school at St. Clair and Ashland, in his native county. He began picking slate at the breaker before he was eight years old, and was thus employed for two years, after which he went into the mines, in which he has found his life work. He was engaged in the mines at Ashland until he came to Locust Gap, Northumberland county, in 1896. Here he was fire boss for two years, the next two years acting as assistant inside foreman, and in 1900 becoming inside foreman, the duties of which position he has since filled. He has a most creditable record as a careful miner and a good manager, having 450 men to look after. Mr. Gordon is popular with his men and with his fellow citizens of all degrees in Locust Gap, respected for his industrious and useful life and as a typical representative of the reliable and trustworthy workers engaged in the foremost industry of this part of the State.

Mr. Gordon married Mary O'Hara, who was born in Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., daughter of Patrick O'Hara, and they have had six children; Anna, now the wife of John I. Carr; Thomas; Margaret, married to John J. Brodrick; Nellie; James; and Edward, who died when four years old. Mr. Gordon and his family are members of the Catholic Church, and he is also a member of the Knights of Columbus and of the Holy Name Society. He is a Democrat in politics, and while a resident of Ashland served three years as a member of the borough council.

**RIVER CEMETERY,** Fisher's Ferry, Lower Augusta township. One of the earliest houses of worship in the territory now embraced in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, was located at Fisher's Ferry, Pa. At the upper railroad crossing immediately south of the public road stood a one-story log building 16x24 feet. The roof extended fully two feet over the walls. The building had an odd appearance and strongly resembled Swiss architecture. Information at this late day states the church was non-sectarian, and that the pioneer settlers gathered in this building dedicated to the "Glory of God" about once every month, or oftener if a minister chanced to come along who would preach the word to them. In 1902 the last services were held in the building

by one Rev. Mr. Alexander, a Baptist Minister. During the winter of 1909-10 the church was torn down but the foundation of it is still intact. This church stood distant about three city squares from the River cemetery, at Fisher's Ferry. Most of the settlers who worshipped there are buried in the River cemetery. Probably there are several hundred buried there who have no tombstones to record their names or the dates of their birth and departure from this life. Yet they did their share in the settlement of the district, and much for the good of their posterity, and they should not be forgotten.

**PETER C. KUZMICZ**, who is engaged in business at No. 127 North Shamokin street, in the borough of Shamokin, is making a substantial position for himself as a high-class tailor and has prospered by hard work and satisfactory service. He is a native of Galicia, Austria, born March 12, 1874, and his father, Stephen Kuzmicz, was a blacksmith in Austria where he lived and died. Only two of the family came to America, Peter C. and his sister Amelia, who lives at Bloomfield, New Jersey.

Mr. Kuzmicz attended school in his native land and there learned the trade of tailor. He landed at New York City in 1895 and came at once to Shamokin, Northumberland Co., Pa., where he was engaged in work at his trade as journeyman for a few years before opening an establishment of his own. He commenced business on his own account in 1901, at his present location, and has been successful from the start, his work at present keeping from ten to fifteen men busy. In addition to custom tailoring he does cleaning and pressing, and his patronage has been growing steadily, his customers including some of the best people in Shamokin. He has a high reputation for satisfactory work and is conscientious in filling orders of all kinds, his skill and neatness winning and holding custom and being his best recommendation. He is a good citizen of his adopted home, industrious and thrifty, and has good standing among his fellow countrymen in Shamokin.

Mr. Kuzmicz married Katie Anderson, of Shamokin, a daughter of Anthony Anderson, the latter a native of Germany. Two children have been born to this marriage: Rosie and Stephen. Mr. Kuzmicz is a member of the Ruthenian Catholic Church and active in its work and in the church societies. In politics he is a Republican.

**GEORGE C. MEISER**, who has the leading livery business in the borough of Sunbury, was born Sept. 18, 1884, in Snyder county, Pa., where the family has long been established. He came to Sunbury in 1903.

Henry Meiser, his grandfather, was born in or near Fremont, Snyder county, and was a lifelong



farmer, dying upon his farm, which is now owned by Charles Spoots. It consisted of about 120 acres. He was a member of Grubb's Lutheran Church, where he is buried, and his wife, Rebecca, who survived him, is also interred there. They had the following children: Henry, who lived and died at Fremont, Pa.; Alice, who married John Seiler and lives at McKee's Half Falls, Pa.; Fred, living out West; Joel, of Oriental, Pa.; Elizabeth, Mrs. Reinhart, who lived at Independence, Pa.; Benjamin, who lived and died out West; and Jonathan.

Jonathan Meiser, son of Henry, was born Feb. 25, 1849, on the homestead farm near Fremont, Snyder county, and like his father followed farming, until he met with a disastrous loss by fire, about twelve years before his death. His barn took fire and was burned with all the year's crops, implements and live stock, including nine horses, a number of cattle, sheep and poultry, and as there was no insurance on any of the property the loss was so heavy that Mr. Meiser never recovered financially. Afterward, until his death, he worked for others. He was a man who had by his industrious and upright life won the respect of all who knew him, and he had the sympathy of the entire community in his misfortune. He died four miles northeast of Fremont, June 28, 1901, aged fifty-two years, and is buried at Troutman's Evangelical Church, where he was a member. His wife, Sarah (Snyder), who survives him, and is still living near Fremont, was a daughter of David Snyder, of Herndon, Pa. Mrs. Meiser is now (1911) fifty-one years old. They were the parents of nine children: Mary, wife of Oliver Walter, of Middleburg, Pa.; Jennie, married to Dory Haupt, a butcher of Shamokin, Pa.; George C.; Edward, of Snyder-town, Pa.; Ammon, of Shamokin; Reilly, of Snyder county; Clarence, of Snyder county; a son that died in infancy, twin to Clarence; and Della, of Shamokin.

George C. Meiser attended the public schools of the home district and was reared to farming until he was twelve years old, at which time he went to Shamokin to begin learning the butcher trade. He followed that business for about ten years, being obliged to abandon it on account of ill health, and in 1903 he came to Sunbury, where he has since made his home. Upon settling in the borough he began draying, at which he was engaged for five years, in 1907 commencing the livery business, in which he has been very successful. He now has the leading establishment of the kind in the city, keeping twelve horses. Mr. Meiser has first-class equipment in every particular, owning fine teams and having all the facilities for giving excellent service to his patrons, and he provides vehicles for most of the local funerals. His business-like methods and reliable character have been the principal factors in the development of his business, which

has reached profitable proportions, and he is regarded as one of the most enterprising and honorable young business men in the city.

On April 7, 1910, Mr. Meiser married Sue Kerstetter, daughter of Reilly Kerstetter, of Sunbury. He is a member of Fire Company No. 1, of Sunbury.

THEODORE MINER, who lives at Sagon, in Mount Carmel township, Northumberland county, is employed as teamster at the Hickory Ridge colliery and has been there engaged in that capacity for over twenty years. He is an industrious, respected citizen of the neighborhood. Mr. Miner was born in Columbia county, Pa., May 27, 1847, son of Peter Miner. His grandfather was born in Germany and died in Columbia county.

Peter Miner was a cooper, and in his time flour was shipped in barrels. He followed his trade for quite a while, but later took up farming. He died at a ripe old age and was buried at Roaring Creek forty years ago. His wife, Rebecca (Marks), was also of that county, and they had a family of six children, Theodore being the only son. They were: Elizabeth married Joseph Gaumer, and resided in Catawissa township, Columbia county; Jane married Jacob Artley, who died several years ago, and resided in Franklin township, Columbia county; Caroline married John Mason, a Civil war veteran, and removed to Hazleton, Luzerne county; Theodore will be mentioned below; Alice and Emma were twins; Emma married Frank Magill, had a large family and moved to Luzerne county, where he died; Alice married Hon. W. C. Kerbaugh, who served as representative at Harrisburg.

Theodore Miner received his education in the public schools of Locust township, Columbia county. When he commenced to make his own way he worked at farming but later learned the milling trade at "Mendenhall's" mill, under the tutelage of the famous Moses McHenry. Getting a position with the Kulp, McWilliams & McConnell Company, he worked several years, going as farmer for the same company for three years, and as a six-mule driver for another year. He then secured a position as teamster at Hickory Ridge, in 1887, which position he still holds, being a faithful employee and a reliable worker. He is a charter member of Washington Camp No. 619, P. O. S. of A., also of the Commandery; a member of the Independent Order of Americans; an honored old soldier and a citizen who has always commanded the respect of his fellow men. He has always been a faithful worker for the Republican party.

On Jan. 6, 1870, Mr. Miner married Catherine Price, daughter of Jonas and Rebecca Price, of Columbia county, and they had the following children: (1) Charles E. married Ellen H. Long, and their children are Robert Leroy (a base ball pitcher of some note), Claude E., Walter Linton,



Emma Catherine, Edna May, Charles Albert and Lester Earl. (2) Mary A. married A. R. Rephardt, an engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad. (3) Florence M. married John Weind, an engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad, at Pottsville, and has three children, Mabel, Marvin L. and Ora. (4) Elmer E. married Elizabeth Moore and had children, Marion E., Mary A., and Lillian N. The father, Elmer E. Miner, was accidentally shot and killed at Maysville. (5) C. Estella married George Grinaway and had children, Marlin W., Helen Irene and Dorothy A. Mr. Grinaway is also an engineer by trade and is at present postmaster at Sagon. He enlisted in the army and served his term in the Philippines. (6) Lillian died when thirteen days old. (7) Bessie married Ira Snyder, of Sunbury. (8) Howard L. is at home.

**HARRY J. STRAUB**, of Shamokin, foreman of the Croninger Packing Company, was born at Trevorton, Pa., Feb. 16, 1873, son of Tobias Straub, and a descendant of good industrious German ancestry.

George Straub, his grandfather, was a farmer in the Mahantango Valley, in Schuylkill County, where he had 260 acres of excellent land. He died in Deep Creek Valley in 1858, aged fifty-three years, and is buried there. He married Bevyie Zerbe, daughter of John Zerbe, and she died aged ninety-nine years, and is buried at Williamstown, Dauphin county. They were the parents of ten children, as follows: John and George, who both died in Schuylkill county; Elias, who died at Shamokin; Joseph, who died at Girardville, Pa.; Daniel, living at Williamstown; Moses, who died young; Henry, who served in the Civil war and died one week after his release from Andersonville prison; Emanuel, born in the Mahantango Valley Nov. 5, 1843, who served in the Civil war in Company D, 48th Pa. V. I., and now lives at Shamokin; Harriet, who married David Crone, and died in Schuylkill county; and Tobias.

Tobias Straub, son of George and father of Harry J., was born in Schuylkill county, and for many years followed mining in Schuylkill and Northumberland counties. He is now living at Wiconisco, Dauphin county, where he is employed at day's labor. He married Ellen Schughart, who died in 1904. Their children, besides Harry J., were: Agnes, who married James Tschopp, a carpenter by trade; George A., who was killed in the mines when but fifteen years of age; and Sallie, who died in infancy.

Harry J. Straub attended the public schools of Williams Valley, and was only a lad of eight years when he began picking slate at the mines. Later he was engaged as a miner, being the youngest miner at that time in the Sterling colliery. He worked in the mines for eight years, and then became a driver for J. S. Reitz & Co., of Shamokin,

the predecessors of the Croninger Packing Company. He drove the team for seven years, and on April 5, 1899, was made foreman of the large plant. He is conscientious and thorough in all that he undertakes, and he well deserves all the credit for the position he has attained and for the place he holds in the estimation of his employers and his fellow employees.

Mr. Straub married Ada Hoffman, daughter of Thomas Hoffman, of Bear Gap. Their home has been blessed by children as follows: George A.; Charles W.; J. Ellsworth; Melvin G.; Alma N.; and Ruth, who died in infancy. In his political principles Mr. Straub is a Republican, but he has never taken much active part in party work. He is a charter member of Black Diamond Lodge, No. 1092, I. O. O. F., of Shamokin. With his family he attends the United Evangelical Church.

**PAUL KLINGER**, inside breaker boss at the Cameron colliery, Shamokin, has been engaged there since 1888, and his entire experience in the mines covers a period of forty-four years. He is a native of Barry township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., born Jan. 25, 1856, son of Edward B. Klinger and grandson of Jacob Klinger, and he comes of an old family of that county, his great-grandfather having lived in Deep Creek Valley, in Barry township, where he died.

Jacob Klinger followed farming on the homestead in Deep Creek Valley and died there at the age of seventy-one years. He is buried in the U. B. cemetery in that township. He was twice married, his second wife being a Bixler, and his children were: Benneville, Edward B., Isaac, Hannah (married David Knarr) and Lydia (married William Minnier, and residing in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county).

Edward B. Klinger, son of Jacob, was born in 1833 at the homestead in Schuylkill county, and died in October, 1902; he is buried at the same place as his father. For several years he followed saw-milling. During the Civil war he enlisted, at Pottsville, serving with Company E, 113th Regiment, and after the war, in April, 1866, he moved to Shamokin, where he found employment at the mines, doing outside work. He was a member of the G. A. R. post at Shamokin and of the Lodge of United American Mechanics. Seven children were born to him and his wife Elizabeth (Derr): Emanuel B., who is living in Coal township, Northumberland county; Daniel D., also living in Coal township; Edward D., deceased; Pierce F., who lives at Second and Walnut streets, Shamokin; Paul; Joseph, whose residence is at Second and Independence streets, Shamokin; and Hannah, wife of Henry Welker.

Paul Klinger attended school in his native township until the family came to Shamokin, during his boyhood. About that time he began work at

the mines, as a slate picker for Heim & Goodwill, and he has done this kind of work ever since, having been at the Cameron mine since 1888, the greater part of that time as boss over different gangs. Mr. Klinger also has a grocery store at No. 915 West Walnut street, Shamokin, where he resides. He is a thrifty, intelligent and substantial citizen. Outside of his work he takes great interest in the welfare of the United Brethren Church, of which he has long been a most active member, having served as chorister, trustee, class leader, Sunday school teacher, treasurer and superintendent; he was president of the board of trustees during the rebuilding of the church. All his family are active members of the Sunday school. Since 1880 Mr. Klinger has been a member of Camp No. 30, P. O. S. of A., and he is well known in the Knights of the Golden Eagle, in which he is a past chief.

In 1876 Mr. Klinger married Emma A. Cremer, daughter of George and Susan (Zimmerman) Cremer, and eight children have blessed this union, namely: James H., who is deceased; Charles W., who married Gertrude Menidol; Susan E., at home; F. Blanch, at home; Dora H., wife of Reginald Berkheiser; Herbert H.; Lillian M., deceased; and Hester L.

John R. Cremer, grandfather of Mrs. Paul Klinger, was a native of Lancaster county, Pa., and later settled at Bloomsburg, Pa., where he died. He served in the Revolutionary war. His children were: Reuben, Andrew, Lydia, Catharine, Susanna, George and Louisa.

George Cremer, father of Mrs. Klinger, lived at Bloomsburg, and followed boating, also doing day's work. He married Susan Zimmerman, and their children were: Emma A. (Mrs. Klinger), James (living at Shamokin), Margaret, Lenora and Rachel.

HOWARD BUYERS, of Sunbury, foreman of the construction gang for the Susquehanna Silk Mills, is a descendant of two of the oldest settled families of this section of the county, being a son of John and Mary Alice (Painter) Buyers.

The Buyers family in this country is traced back to John Buyers, who with his wife Letitia (Patton) emigrated from Monaghan, County Monaghan, in the North of Ireland, in 1735 or 1736, and settled in the Pequea valley, in Lancaster county, Pa. He was a farmer by occupation, and there passed the remainder of his days, being buried in Lancaster county. He had a large family, and his posterity is still numerous in that section.

John Buyers, son of John and Letitia (Patton) Buyers, was born in Lancaster county June 9, 1749, and learned the trade of carpenter. He removed to Sunbury, Northumberland county, shortly after that place was laid out, and was engaged upon the erection of many of the first houses, in-

cluding the old jail building on Market street. He first resided at the southeast corner of Race and Second streets, several years later removing to the southeast corner of Penn and Front streets, where he began merchandising. In 1796 he built a brick residence and store room on the opposite corner of Penn street, continuing business there until 1811 or 1815. At the time of his death he lived along the river below the site of Blank & Gottshall's mill, in the brick house which he had erected. He owned what was known as "Buyers Island" in the Susquehanna river, south of Sunbury, which contains about ninety-five acres of fertile land, this property remaining in the Buyers name for 115 years. Mr. Buyers was prominent as a local official for many years, his name in that connection first appearing in 1776, as overseer of the poor in Augusta township; on Sept. 28, 1780, he was commissioned justice of the peace, serving also as justice of the county court, and frequently presiding in the absence of the regularly commissioned president. On Sept. 1, 1791, he was commissioned justice of the peace for Sunbury and Augusta township, serving as such some years. On Dec. 31, 1781, and on Jan. 3, 1786, he was elected county treasurer, filling that office again later, in 1787-88. From 1800 to 1808, inclusive, he was county auditor. He died at Sunbury May 5, 1821. Mr. Buyers was a Presbyterian in religious faith.

John Buyers married Ann Fullerton, daughter of William Fullerton, and she died Oct. 30, 1808, in her fifty-ninth year. Mr. and Mrs. Buyers are buried in the South Fourth street cemetery at Sunbury. They had a family of ten children: Margaret, Letitia, John, William F., Sallie, Robert, Samuel, George P., Alexander F. and Jeremiah.

William F. Buyers, son of John and Ann (Fullerton) Buyers, was born Jan. 12, 1782, at Sunbury, and learned the printing business with Breyvogel. In Kennedy's *Gazette* of Oct. 26, 1801, the statement is made that "William Buyers has now established a printing office at Williamsport," from which it is evident that he entered upon his career as a newspaper publisher immediately after completing his apprenticeship. His paper was the *Williamsport Gazette*, the pioneer newspaper of Lycoming county, Pa., which he continued to publish, under many difficulties and often irregularly, until 1808. Returning to Sunbury, which had been without a paper since the suspension of its first journal, *Der Freiheitsvogel*, he started the second paper at that place, *The Times*, in the summer of 1812. It is said that he retired at the end of three years, but this seems improbable, as he certainly published the paper in 1816 and 1817. During the war of 1812 he commanded a company in the 37th Regiment of Pennsylvania militia. In 1815-18 he served as commissioner of Northumberland county. In 1816 he was a Federal Republican candidate for Congress, but



was defeated. The issue of his paper for Sept. 26, 1816, shows a four-column folio, 18 inches long and 11 inches wide, and as the Congressional election was to be held the following month the number was replete with political articles. It is likely Captain Buyers published *The Times* throughout the period it was continued under that name. His printing office was in the second story of the "state house," which occupied the site of the present courthouse, and he was also located in a small frame building on the west side of Second street, at the corner of Barberry alley, where the "Neff House" stable now stands. Mr. Buyers died June 27, 1821, at the comparatively early age of thirty-nine years. On Dec. 13, 1815, he married Martha Hunter, who was born Jan. 5, 1792, daughter of Alexander Hunter, and a descendant of Col. Samuel Hunter. Two children were born to them, Ann M., born Sept. 6, 1816, died May 9, 1853, and William D., born Jan. 5, 1819, who died March 25, 1853, neither of whom ever married, both dying after reaching maturity. George Patton Buyers, son of John and Ann (Fullerton) Buyers, was engaged in boating on the river before the construction of the canal. He then built a canal-boat, which he ran between Sunbury and Philadelphia. He married Mrs. Martha (Hunter) Buyers, widow of his brother William F. Buyers, and to them were born three children: John; Hunter, who lived at Sunbury and died unmarried; and Mary, who married Latrobe B. Reed and is buried at the South Fourth street cemetery in Sunbury. Mrs. Martha (Hunter) Buyers died June 6, 1854.

John Buyers, son of George Patton Buyers, was born in December, 1827, in Sunbury, and lived on Buyers Island for eighteen years, engaged in farming. He moved to the island in 1869 and thence in 1887 to Selinsgrove, where he spent the remainder of his days, dying in April, 1908, in his eighty-first year. He is buried in Pomfret Manor cemetery. In his earlier life Mr. Buyers was a merchant in Sunbury for a time, and later cultivated one of the Hunter farms, until the breaking out of the Civil war, when he raised Company I, 58th Pennsylvania Volunteers, for the Union service, becoming the first captain of that organization, which was known as the Augusta Rangers. He was in active service in command of this company from October, 1861, to the summer of 1863; his drummer boy, John Mullen, who managed to get into the service when fourteen years old, is still living. Mr. Buyers was a man of typical military appearance, weighed 160 pounds, and was of medium build and straight as an arrow. He was officially connected with the old state militia, and he was a member of Good Intent Fire Company. His neighbors and friends held him in high esteem, and he was called upon to fill township office. But for the last twenty-five

years of his life he spent most of his time reading, enjoying newspapers and books, and he became unusually well informed. In religion he was a strict Presbyterian.

Mr. Buyers married Mary Alice Painter, daughter of Jacob Painter, of Sunbury, and they became the parents of nine children: William, who died when a boy; John, who lives in Texas; Heber, who died at Fort Concho, Texas; Mary H., who married Rev. William P. Taylor, a Methodist minister, and died in Delaware, where her husband was then stationed; Howard; Kate R., unmarried, living at Selinsgrove; Harris P., of Sunbury; Rev. Frank C., a Methodist minister stationed at Lock Haven, Pa.; and Emily A., unmarried, who lives at Sunbury.

Howard Buyers was born March 25, 1862, and was reared at home to farm life. He never attended public school, as the family lived on Buyers Island during his youth and the father instructed the children himself. They kept regular school hours, and as the father was a man of remarkable intelligence and well informed the children did not suffer for the lack of public school advantages. Mr. Buyers continued at farm work until after he was grown, and he learned electrical work, at which he is occupied in the Silk Mills when not busy on construction work. He has charge of the construction gang at the Susquehanna Silk Mills, having from ten to sixty men under his direction as the necessities of the work demand. He has a high reputation for efficiency, and enjoys the confidence of his employers fully.

In 1889 Mr. Buyers married Sallie Cool, a daughter of William Henry and Jane (Leisenring) Cool, who for years lived at Montandon, Northumberland county. They have two children: Anna Painter, who is taking the classical course at Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y.; and John Howard, who is a student in the Sunbury high school. Mr. Buyers and his family are members of the Methodist Church at Sunbury.

Col. Samuel Hunter, one of the maternal ancestors of the Buyers family above referred to, was born in 1732 in the North of Ireland. His military career began in 1760, on May 2d of which year he was commissioned lieutenant in Capt. Joseph Scott's company, Col. Hugh Mercer's battalion, of the Pennsylvania regiment. On Nov. 10, 1763, he became captain in Col. Turbutt Francis's battalion. He was at Fort Augusta in June, 1763, when the first intelligence of Pontiac's conspiracy was received, and initiated the measure subsequently carried out by Colonel Burd, for the defense of that post. The following year he joined Colonel Bouquet's expedition, but was again at Fort Augusta in 1768, and doubtless earlier. His home was north of the town. Quoting from an historical sketch of Sunbury: "The most extensive



addition to the original town plat is that part of the borough popularly known as Caketown. This land also formed part of the manor of Pomfret; it embraced the site of Fort Augusta, and was the residence of Col. Samuel Hunter until his death, although it does not appear that he ever acquired a proprietary interest. On April 10, 1786, John Penn, Jr., and John Penn executed a conveyance to William Wilson for 342 acres of land, 'the same place and tract of land whereon the late Colonel Hunter dwelt and part of the manor of Pomfret,' the consideration being 1,026 pounds specie. The purchaser was an American officer during the Revolution and associate judge of Northumberland county, 1792-1813 . . . On the 20th of October, 1790, he sold one moiety or undivided half part of this tract to Alexander Hunter; the other moiety was deeded to Mary Scott, June 17, 1811, at a nominal consideration, and from this time (or possibly at an earlier date), the land was known as the Hunter and Scott farms. The latter, embracing 140 acres, adjoined the original northern boundary of Sunbury borough; the former comprised 153 acres."

Colonel Hunter was a prominent man at Fort Augusta until his death, which occurred there April 10, 1784. On March 24, 1772, he was commissioned one of the first justices for Northumberland county, was elected to the Assembly from this county for 1772-75, was a member of the Committee of Safety (1775-76), and of the Council of Censors (1783); when the militia was organized at the outbreak of the Revolution he was elected colonel of the 1st Battalion, Feb. 8, 1776, was appointed county lieutenant, March 21, 1777, and reappointed April 6, 1780. In this responsible position he directed the movements of the local militia during the Revolution, and his official correspondence is so highly prized for accuracy and historical importance that it is preserved in the Pennsylvania Archives.

Col. Samuel Hunter married Susanna Scott, who survived him with two daughters, Nancy and Mary, the former marrying Alexander Hunter, the latter Samuel Scott.

Of the family of Alexander and Nancy (Hunter) Hunter we have no record positively complete, but various scattered records show that he died in June, 1810, and that his widow, Ann (Nancy), died Sept. 25, 1834. Continuing the quotation above made, regarding the Scott and Hunter farms, "the upper division, taken in execution as the property of Alexander Hunter at the suit of John Cowden, was sold at sheriff's sale on the 22d of April, 1814, and purchased by Thomas Grant. In compliance with his will, his executors and executrix, George, William and Deborah Grant, deeded it to Mrs. Nancy Hunter, widow of Alexander Hunter, October 16, 1817." Her will, made July 26, 1833, gave the farm to her son

Samuel, who was born Dec. 25, 1807, and died July 3, 1852, leaving the farm to his sisters Mary (born Nov. 14, 1798, died April 22, 1886) and Nancy (born July 16, 1803, died Feb. 21, 1859) and Elizabeth (wife of Henry Billington). Mary Hunter eventually acquired 106 acres of the tract, selling it to Benjamin Hendricks Aug. 9, 1859. On June 25, 1863, it was purchased from Mr. Hendricks by Joseph W. Cake. Mrs. Martha (Hunter) Buyers, who married William F. Buyers and later his brother, George Patton Buyers, was also a daughter of Alexander and Ann (Hunter) Hunter.

The other daughter of Colonel Hunter, Mrs. Mary Scott, died intestate, and her property was divided among her children, Samuel H., Sarah (Mrs. Gobin, wife of Charles Gobin) and Susan. Samuel H. Scott also died intestate, his property going to his two sisters, who sold the farm to David Longenecker, of Lancaster, Pa., Feb. 4, 1854. It was acquired by Joseph W. Cake Aug. 23, 1859, and he founded Caketown on these two historic pieces of property.

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THOMAS M. MILES, of Milton, has been identified with the business life of that borough throughout the period of his residence there as general superintendent of the Milton Manufacturing Company, one of the most important industrial concerns of this section. Mr. Miles is a native of Howard, Center Co., Pa., born in 1858. His family is an old one in that part of the State, his grandfather, Alexander Miles, having also been born at Howard, where he died when Thomas M. Miles was a small boy. He was employed in the iron mills. His family consisted of the following children: Thomas, William, Robert, Kate (married Peter Tipple) and Rebecca (married H. Lucas).

Thomas Miles, son of Alexander, was born in 1828 at Howard, Center county, and followed iron working all his active life, becoming well known in his time in that connection. He died in 1904. His wife, Mary (McKenny), died in 1902, and they are buried at Bellefonte, Center county. They were the parents of children as follows: William, of Johnstown, Pa.; Thomas M.; John, of Milesburg, Pa.; Mary, wife of A. W. Rishel; Clara, wife of E. K. Adams; and Frank, who died in 1898.

Thomas M. Miles attended school at Howard and Milesburg. He has always been identified with the iron business since he began work, having first found employment in a rolling mill at Milesburg, Center county, where he remained until he reached the age of eighteen. He then went to Berwick, Pa., where he remained until his removal

to Milton, in 1887, to take the position of general superintendent of the Milton Manufacturing Company, an incumbency in which he is still serving. His long experience in the business and at this particular plant has made him a valuable man in the place, and his work is highly appreciated. Mr. Miles has seven hundred employees to look after, and his responsibilities are well managed. He has kept up with the growth of the plant, and, indeed, has furthered it by his efficient management, so that he may justly be said to have had a part in the upbuilding of one of Milton's most extensive manufacturing establishments, one which vitally affects her general welfare. He is well

known in the local fraternal bodies, holding membership in the I. O. O. F., the Encampment, the K. G. E. and the Royal Arcanum.

On Dec. 25, 1879, Mr. Miles was married to Clara Gensel, daughter of Samuel and Mary J. Gensel, of Berwick, Pa., and they have had three sons: Oscar, who is employed by the Milton Manufacturing Company; Frank, who is now a student at State College; and Charles, a student at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. The family home is a beautiful residence at No. 342 Front street, Milton. Mr. Miles is a member of the Methodist Church, of which he was an official for ten years.













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